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Trampoline Technical Committee “Report”

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This report covers the work of the Trampoline Technical Committee between the last Congress in Tokio, JPN, until August 2018.

World Games 2017 Wroclaw, POL

Organized at the very best in the wonderful Centennial Hall by the Polish Gymnastics Federation. A great opportunity for our gymnast on Tumbling, Double Minitramp and Trampolin Synchronised to get their four years highlight. Performance was of highest quality and the medals were well spread out between the participating federations. The World Games were televised at international and national TV, streaming on YouTube and were a good advertising for Trampoline Gymnastics.

32nd World Championships in Trampoline 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria

One of the highlights of the year happened in Sofia Bulgaria. Bulgarian Trampoline Federation formed an active and efficient LOC, holding a trustable experience in running FIG events in Trampoline Gymnastics during the last decade. This derived into an excellent internal organization of the 32nd World Championships and 25th World Age Group Competitions. Arena Armenec is an exceptional venue for any sport, and so it proved for Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Minitrampoline.

Participation

287 gymnasts representing 34 NF participated at these World Championships, being 161 of them men (56,1%) and 126 women (43,9%). Distribution per apparatus of this participation was as follows:

EVENT	WOMEN			MEN		
	Individual	Pairs	Teams	Individual	Pairs	Teams
Individual Trampoline	68		14	87		18
Synchronised Trampoline		25			36	
Tumbling	34		7	36		8
Double Mini Trampoline	29		7	40		9

These figures are in line with the first year of the Olympic cycle, tending to constantly rise during the following years, as the Olympic selection processes is taking place. After a long break after Olympic Games, international competition for the new cycle starts during the autumn, so these World Championships were one of the first chances to test the modifications included in the new Code of Points. 55 judges were registered at these World Championships, being 30 of them men (54,5%) and 25 women (45,5%). These figures regarding athletes and judges prove that Trampoline Gymnastics keep on working hard on gender equality. Gathered participation data prove that there is balance between men and women in our Sport.



World Age Group Competitions

These competitions held after each World Championships proved to be our greatest success. Here all the upcoming federations can test their young athletes, if they will have the ability, to contest with the established countries in the future. It is an outstanding experience for these young athletes to train and compete with friends from all over the World, who have once in common, the love for the wonderful Trampoline sport. Many federation and athletes started here and later were part of our competition program at World Cups and World Championships.

World Cups 2017/18

The World Cups of the series in 2017 took part in Baku, AZE, Minsk, BLR, Loule, POR and Valladolid, ESP. In 2018 there were Brescia, ITA, Arosa, SUI, Maebashi, JPN and still to come Loule, POR: All organisers had to be congratulated for their efforts to make these World Cups a success. With around 160 athletes they had to handle something like small World Championships. Almost all top ranked athletes from all continents were present at the events. Although the events took place in smaller halls, everywhere the great atmosphere helped the competitors to perform to their highest levels. All World Cups were televised at regional and national TV, streaming on YouTube and were a good advertising for Trampoline Gymnastics.

Intercontinental and Continental Judges Courses.

The new concept seemed very good in theory and would have worked fine, if there wouldn't have been human errors and even more mistakes in the database. This in some courses led to almost disaster. The TC's had to work their heads off to correct all these mistakes and to finally come to fair results, so that no judge had to suffer at the end. Sure that this has to be much better for the next cycle and together with the Sports Administrator the TC Presidents work on this.

TC Meetings

TC meetings in 2017 were held in Lausanne, SUI in February one item on the agenda the review of the judges courses, then Frankfurt, GER in May and Valladolid, ESP in October.

In 2018 we met again in Lausanne, February and start to work on a reform of our competition program and the future COP and Judges Rules, followed by a meeting in Lafayette, USA and Paris will come in October.

I would like to thank all my TC colleagues, who not only worked at and for the TC meetings, but also acted as Technical Delegates at the different World Cups, as the Superior Jury at all main events and lectured all Judges Courses for their tremendous work and time they put into the functioning of our wonderful gymnastic disciplines and for the benefit of all athletes in our great family. More so I like to thank all members of this team for their friendship.

And of course I thank all federations around the world for their support and efforts to develop Trampoline disciplines and especially the organisers of all events.

The TC TRA is glad and thankful to have the full support of the FIG President, the EC members, the Secretary General, our Sport Managers and all the office staff in Lausanne.

Respectfully submitted



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