

## ISLE OF MAN AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Selection Sub Committee held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

### Present

Steve Cooil (Chair)	(SC)
John Mudge	(JM)
Alison Harvey	(AH)
Jayne Evett	(JE)
Helen Duggan	(HD)
Manoj Patel	(MP)
Gennady Tsyganov	(GT)
Clare Schreuder	(CS)

There were no apologies for absence.

### Purpose of Meeting

To rank contenders for the Commonwealth Youth Games and to recommend team selections to the IOMAGA Committee and the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA).

The Chair stated that it was vital that the Sub Committee select the best possible team for the Isle of Man and in this process take into account:

- Consideration scores
- Other competition scores
- Consistency in competitions
- Ability to improve start value
- Ability to improve E score
- Ability to perform at the highest level of competition
- Sound competitor-ability to carry on if things go wrong
- Ranking of gymnasts when they have competed at same competition
- Fitness and injury concerns

MP added that it is also important to focus on current results and abilities and not what may be achieved in the future

### Boys

It was noted that Anand Patel was the only gymnast to have achieved the required consideration scores to date, but that Brandon Garrett was hoping to achieve his off Island score at the Pegasus Open Competition to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. No other gymnast was in a position to qualify.

MP declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from discussions on this issue.

It was therefore agreed that the following recommendations be made to the IOMAGA and CGA, and that the gymnasts be ranked accordingly:

- 1) Anand Patel
- 2) Brandon Garrett (subject to achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration score on 18<sup>th</sup> June)

GT confirmed that he had no objection to the male gymnasts competing in the alternate Island Games in Jersey as the rules were almost identical.

### Girls

CS and HD presented analyses to the meeting showing all contenders' results, and wide ranging discussions took place over the range of the criteria.

It was noted that a total of 5 gymnasts had achieved the required consideration scores, and SC requested all coaches to individually give their initial rankings on the basis of the discussions and noted that all four were in agreement.

A detailed discussion took place regarding Tara Donnelly, who is recovering from breaks to both arms. It was noted that Mr & Mrs Donnelly had been requested to provide IOMAGA and the CGA with a consent letter allowing Tara's medical specialists to divulge their opinion as to her potential to compete at the CYG in September. Although this had not been forthcoming, the contents of Mr Donnelly's e-mail to JM, GT, and HD of 13 June were also noted.

It was agreed that had she been fit, Tara would have been ranked number 1. HD confirmed to the meeting that a maximum of 3 gymnasts were allowed in the team and that the CGA had allowed gymnastics to name a reserve as an exceptional case. In the absence of any medical input, SC asked GT if, in his opinion and given his experience with gymnasts with past similar injuries, whether Tara would likely be fit to compete. GT confided that although it was possible, he felt that it was 90% likely that she would not be competition ready.

After consideration, it was felt that it would be in Tara's best interests to ensure that she was 100% fit for competition with a view to working toward the full Commonwealth Games in 2014.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that the gymnasts be ranked in the following order and selection recommendations made accordingly:

- 1) Rebecca Johnson
- 2) Emily Dale-Beeton
- 3) Kaitlin Kneen
- 4) Holly Black (reserve)
- 5) Tara Donnelly (2<sup>nd</sup> reserve)

It was further agreed that a recommendation be made that the appointed reserve should not compete at the alternate Island Games in Jersey, but should continue training with the squad. CS reported that it was possible that some parents may not be happy with the selection and after further discussion it was unanimously agreed that SC contact the gymnasts by e-mail, giving them 24 hours to agree with their position. In the case of any gymnast withdrawing, Tara Donnelly would be appointed reserve.

In light of the sensitivities involved and the time and effort put in by all the gymnasts considering a place on the team, the Committee nominated Mr Cooil as the sole person to whom any queries on this matter should be referred to."

It was agreed that a copy of this minute should be placed on the IOMAGA website together with the final team selection after the CGA selection meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.