



Queenstown Gymnastics Club Update

Hi All

Happy New Year to those of you we have not seen and we trust you all had a great summer holiday break.

For some it may seem like a distant memory and for those of us who are in the tourist/hospo industry then

we say “what break?”

We would ask if you could take 5 minutes to read through the below as there is some important info there.

As always, if you need to contact the club, please do so via email at qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

Important Term Dates

Term 1 commenced last Monday February 2nd and finishes on Thursday April 2nd .

Otago Day – this falls and will be observed on Monday 23rd March. Classes will still run as some people observe this at Easter.

Easter – Good Friday April 3rd - no training

Easter Monday April 6th - no training

School Holidays - no training

Term 2 commences from Monday 20th April

Registration

All gymnasts must be registered to the club. This is so we can ensure Gymsport NZ affiliation for all children.

Please take the time to visit our club website www.qtgymnastics.co.nz and on the top right hand of the menu bar you will see the registration link. Click on this and follow the instructions.

We need all gymnasts registered by 1st March please.

If you do not have access to a computer or are unable to register please contact the club.

Term Fees

Once you have registered you will sent a confirmation e-mail that will include the term fees and payment information.

Term fees need to be paid by the end of the third week of term and are due Friday February 20th latest.

Coaches

Over the summer break we have been searching for a Recreational Head Coach. We have talked to a number of interested parties and were quite a way down the path with one particular coach before they decided to reassess their interest in the role.

Being a small club we have limited hours available and this would mean prospective parties having to take up secondary employment which as we all know is not that easy to find so that it does not conflict with the clubs timetable.

We are continuing to advertise and will keep searching and will advise once progress is being made.

In the meantime our coaching staff for this term is once again headed up by Gio who is ably assisted by Milena, Sophie, Cory, Brehna and Erik.

Erik is only with us until March when he takes up a Gymnastics coaching position in Wanganui.

We are also welcoming Jackie onto the coaching roster during this term. Jackie hails from Canada and has many years experience in both competing and coaching gymnastics.

Committee

A reminder of the clubs elected officers for 2015

President – Mike Byers

Vice-President (incorporating Equipment & Funding) – Monica Carran

Secretary – Maria Wikstrom

Treasurer –Fabiola Letieri

Competition Secretary – Amy Barlow

Membership Secretary – Emily Nelson

Payroll / Uniform Co-Ordinator – Crys Lozano

Fundraising Coordinator – Belinda Crichton

Coaching Coordinator – Gio Santos

Recreational Parent Liaison – Emily Nelson

Website Coordinator - Gitti Tapper

To contact the committee please do so via e-mail qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz

Club Apparel

If any children would like personalised Queenstown Gymnastic Club hoodies we are now taking orders. These are deep blue with the club logo on the front/back and the child's name on the back. Sizing is below.

If you wish to wish to purchase one please contact the club through e-mail with Hoodie as the subject line outlining how many, size and the name of the child to be printed on it.

The cutoff for orders will be Friday February 27th so we can collate orders and get them printed. The cost is \$49(inc GST) for each hoodie.

S youth= 4-6 yrs

M youth= 6-8 yrs

L youth= 8-10 yrs

XL youth= 10-12 yrs

If you miss the order deadline we will be taking orders again in Term 2. Our pricing is based on bulk orders so one-off productions will not be considered.

We also have some training leotards on order that we expect towards mid march. Again if you would like information on these please contact the club via e-mail.

Club Fundraising

The Gibbston Valley Concert recently presented the club with a fundraising opportunity that we decided was too good to turn down. Thanks to Belinda Crichton who organised all of us, Fabiola and Queenstown Resort College for the extra manpower and those parents who assisted on the day as we ran one of the bars. The club for it's efforts received \$3000 which will certainly assist in equipment regeneration. It was a busy but fun day with some great music and entertainment (especially in the bar the latter part of the day)

Competition Parents

Soon you should get notification about a meeting outlining how the competition squad works, expectations and competitions. We are excited this year about continuing the progress made last year.

Communication

Gio has asked that if your child is unable to attend a scheduled class to please call/text or e-mail her prior. This ensures she is aware of any non-attendees but also means we are not potentially holding up classes with waiting and that all children have safely arrived.

General News

As you will see upon entering the gym there has been a safety fence erected that separates the high school gym equipment from our equipment. This is a result of siblings not being controlled in keeping off the equipment and after a few near misses it is the only way to keep everyone safe. This has however congested the holding area at the entrance to the gym and negated any seating that was available. Unfortunately this is not open for further discussion so I would ask all parents and children to be respectful to each other when entering and exiting the gym.

Please be reminded that.....

No jewellery is to be worn when training and all children must have tight fitting clothes to minimise the risk of loose clothing being snagged on equipment.

Water bottles are a must for each child, especially at this time of the year.

Parents and siblings need to be respectful of the coaches ensuring minimal noise when taking classes.

We have unprecedented enrolments with all classes now full including a fun gym/ badge 1 and a badge 3/4 on Saturday mornings. Classes are arranged by age and ability and are working towards badge assessment towards the end of term 2.

On December 21st the club placed an order for a new sprung floor that we hope to take possession of in April. This is a result of 6 months of hard work raising the funding needed for this purchase. The total cost of this was \$24000 with 75% being funded by various funding providers with the final 25% being funded by the club with the proceeds of the clubs sale of it's trampoline 2 years ago. The new floor is 12m x 12m, compliant for competitions and will eventually replace the current floor which is aged and continues to require investment into it's upkeep. Although our restricted space will not allow us to fully install the new floor it will certainly be an improvement on what we currently use. The purchase of the floor takes the clubs reinvestment into equipment to over \$40K during 2014 and 90% of which was funded by outside funding providers. This is a great achievement for the club and it's future.

A reminder that we ask for parents and caregivers to drop off and pick up their children in person. Safety is a primary concern and as the days start to get shorter we want to ensure all children are not put into a situation where that safety could be compromised.

We will continue to keep you all updated as to further news and developments

Enjoy the remainder of summer

Cheers

Mike Byers

Club President

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