



Gymnastics End of Term 3 Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Members

Another term has almost passed by. Hope you took advantage of the great snow season and got a few turns in. The days are getting longer and warmer and that must mean summer is on the way. Here's a brief update of what's happening.....

School Holidays

A reminder that the current term finishes on Thursday 24th September. There will be no competition training on Friday 25th September due to Gio's commitment with the Southland Team and travelling to Nationals in Auckland. Over the school holidays there will be no Recreational or Competition gym classes.

Term 4 2015 class Enrolments are now open.

Please contact the club via e-mail gtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz to confirm your child placement for term 4.

Term 4 will start on Monday 12th October. The club will be in contact with you as to class placements prior to this.

Term Fee Payments

If your child has been confirmed for Term 4, payment of Term 4 fees can now be made. You can deposit straight into the club's bank account.

QT Gymnastics Club account - 03 1355 0621257 00. IMPORTANT: State your child's name and term4 in the reference. Should you require a GST invoice from the club for the payment of club fees, please contact us.

We have a number of children whose term 2&3 fees have still not yet been paid. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept them into term 4 classes until all arrears have been paid in full. We will be contacting those parents directly for follow up. The club works very hard to breakeven and any shortfall in fees means we are unable to meet the club's financial commitments, putting it at risk of operating effectively. Term fees are the club's only source of operating income.

Term 4 Badge Assessment

Badge Assessments will take place in Term 4 again. The dates will be confirmed at the beginning of term 4.

Club Prizegiving & AGM

The club will hold its' annual Prizegiving and AGM on Wednesday December 2nd at 17.30pm at the gym. This will be around 45 minutes to be followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Training Leotards for sale

We have a small number of the blue training leotards in sizes 6 & 8 available at a cost of \$ 40 each. Please contact the club via e-mail at qtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz if you wish to purchase one. They make great xmas presents.

Club Apparel

We will no longer be taking orders for club hoodies this year. We will advise early in Term 1 2016 the process for ordering.

Southland Team for Nationals.

The club has had 3 of our STEP 5 competitive girls selected for the Southland Team to compete at the NZ Gymsports Nationals in Auckland in 2 weeks time. This is a fantastic result for the club and a just reward for the girls which recognizes their commitment to training and competing. Well done Ana, Carol and Liana and do your best. Gio has been selected to coach the Womens Artistic (WAG) Southland Team to Nationals this year which again is an endorsement on her abilities and recognition of her achievements with the Queenstown girls over the past 3 years. As a club we are very proud of these accomplishments given our size and resources.

Recent Competition Results

At the South Island Champs in Timaru 5 girls represented the Queenstown club in the STEP 5 & 3 competitions. The STEP 5 girls (Ana, Carol, Liana, Sophie) took out individual apparatus placings, a 2nd place overall and 3rd place as a team, and Kirsten took out a 3rd place apparatus placing and placed just out of the top 10 overall. This competition had 18 clubs from around the South Island. The STEP 3 competition alone had over 70 girls competing. We also must acknowledge the great results from the recent Southland Champs in Invercargill in August. A large Queenstown contingent competed strongly taking out numerous individual, overall and team placings across all STEP's and our juniors showing they will be a threat in the future. Great results all round.

General Update

The Club attended a risk management workshop recently to further review and strengthen its' RM policy. This was informative and although it did highlight a couple of areas to consider overall our structure is quite robust. Like any sport, injuries can and do occur but we work to minimize them.

For competitions where we do not provide a judge, a \$10 levy per competitor is passed to the club which in turn is passed onto entry fees. We are lucky we have one parent who is an

accredited Judge and judges at local competitions (Dunedin, Invercargill, Balclutha) during the season and also oversees our badge assessments. As a club we would like to build our judging stocks which not only safeguards the club against being levied but gives us personnel that can assist Gio in the coaching of our kids if and when needed (especially badge assessments).

We are looking for 1-2 parents who would be interested in attending a judging course next year (term 1) for a weekend and would be available to judge at occasional competitions over terms 2 & 3 next year and beyond. The most likely candidate would be a parent whose child is competing, however we are open to discussing with anyone interested. The club covers the training cost however all other costs associated are like the committees time – voluntary.

As we head into term 4 and towards the end of year, our attention turns to 2016.

After three years as Club President I am stepping down at the upcoming AGM due to personal and business commitments. I will still seek to be involved with the club as we work towards a long term occupancy solution. As I have noted during the year we are looking for parents to get involved with the club on the committee. At this stage we have no identified successor however I am sure someone will step up. If you want any information on what it entails please contact me via the club e-mail gtgymnastics@hotmail.co.nz to discuss further. We are also looking for a couple more volunteers to help our membership Secretary in managing the classlists and database. As somebody famous once said.....

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, volunteer.

Enjoy the upcoming break and look forward to seeing you all again in term 4.

Thanks for your support of the club.

Cheers

Mike Byers

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Queenstown Gymnastics