



New Trampoline Competition Structure



Where do I start in the new system?

In October, competitors currently competing Grades 1-4 will have the opportunity to choose which grade they wish to map across into using the table below.

Current Grade	Highest Level to Map Into
Mens and Ladies	FIG A
Grade 1	FIG B
Grade 2	NAT C (National C)
Grade 3	REG D (Regional D)
Grade 4	REG E (Regional E)



Where do I start in the new system?

Each competitor will be able to opt to go into any tier equal or below their current level.

Anyone who is not already in the system (i.e. competing Grade 5-7) will have to start the new system in Regional G.

Anyone competing in any regional level will have to be 9 years old in the year of competition.



What about validation?

Grade 1 and Grade 2 competitors currently have to achieve a qualification score to enter the new system at the equivalent tier.

Those currently at Grade 2 who wish to move to Grade 1 must validate in the usual manner. If a competitor achieves 52.0 in the validation group (equivalent to the FIG B retain score) they will be considered to have qualified to FIG B.

This qualification can be held over and the competitor will be able to continue in Grade 2 and compete nationals. If the competitor competes at Grade 1 and fails to achieve a national finals score, the competitor will be permitted to compete FIG B in 2009 but not attend national finals at either Grade 1 or Grade 2.



What is the value in competing Grade 3?

Anyone who has competed Grade 3 this year and achieved a Grade 2 qualification but chooses not to compete at Grade 2 this season, will be able to start the new system on +1.

This will permit anyone with a Grade 2 qualification to qualify into National C by finishing in the top X% within the region in October.

This will allow competitors the advantage of only requiring 1 regional competition to be promoted into National C



Routines



More Information on the Routines

The arm set in layman's terms means any arm movement that puts the arms above the head at full depression of the bed prior to the first move.

Failure to perform this arm set will be met with a deduction of 0.3 from the total or 0.3 from each judge (Decision to be made shortly). This can be easily inputted into Swescore (if from the total) and must be indicated by the chair of judges.

Where the routines specify a limited number of body landings or somersaults, any exceedance of these maximum voluntary requirements will result in the routine being terminated prior to the move that caused the exceedance (Body landings include all front, back and seat landings. Somersaults are moves between 270° and 360° of somersault rotation inclusively).



Logbooks



What's the deal with the Logbooks?

The competition Logbook is designed to be a comprehensive guide to the competition structure including all the routines, coaching tips on unusual skills included in routines and explanations behind the terminology and routine constructions.

The logbook, although not yet compulsory, is an excellent guide that every coach and competitor should read through and use alongside any logbook currently implemented in club sessions.

There are plans to make the logbook a compulsory part of the competition system. The logbook would need to have the relevant sections completed prior to entering a particular event and be brought to the event.



Qualification through the system (BG numbers)



How do we qualify to the next level?

Competitors new to the system will have to enter the system at Regional G and progress through the system.

It is thought that introducing a competitive edge at the development stage is not productive and therefore, in order to progress through Regional G – Regional D, you must achieve a form score of 45.0 plus any tariff requirements.

In time, you will also be required to achieve a time mark. This time score can be recorded by either an official designated by the regional competition organiser or can be confirmed by anyone with an official BG coaching qualification.

The time mark will be introduced in due course but it is recommended that you introduce this as early as possible



How do we qualify to the next level?

Competitors who compete at FIG A – Regional D will be required to acquire 2 points. At Regional D, you will only be able to accrue points as there is no relegation from Regional D.

Anyone achieving 2 points will have the opportunity to compete at the next level of competition and enter the trial phase. At this next level, the competitor will start on -1 that will be set to 0 if the competitor avoids finishing in the relegation zone. No points can be gained during this trial event but the competitor can qualify to the national finals.

If the competitor fails to avoid the relegation zone in the trial, they will be required to compete at the previous level but will start on +1 for one competition.



How do we qualify to the next level?

If the competitor achieves a place in the promotion zone, the competitor will then continue the trial by having the opportunity to compete at the next level.

This process will continue until the competitor either fails to achieve a promotion zone at the previous level or avoids the relegation zone at the next level.

Any nationals qualification gained during a season will be valid for the entire season irrespective of how many promotions/relegations the competitor passes through providing that the competitor has finished the season in the tier that the qualification was achieved.



How do we qualify to the next level?

It is possible for a performer to voluntarily request to relegate from the current level into a previous level.

This could be for a variety of reasons of which the following are expected to be the most common;

- 1) Loss of moves
- 2) Not competitive at the higher level
- 3) Has achieved a qualification to national finals at a previous level and wishes to compete at that level but moved up a level during the season

If a voluntary relegation is opted for, the competitor will start at the previous level instantaneously on 0 points and will be eligible to compete at the previous level at the point of notifying the competition working party of the request.