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DISTRICT QUALIFYING EVENTS & PROCEDURES 2019

DISTRICT COMPETITION FORMATS FOR 2019

The competitive format for all competitive gymnasts will be slightly different for this year. The **club competitions** are still available to all competitive gymnasts (Cat A, C and E registered gymnasts).

District competitions are available to competitive gymnasts who are registered Cat A and C. Gymnasts who meet the minimum requirements will then be awarded their district gymnastics federation colours plus District colours for gymnasts in Level 4 upwards.

Provincial competitions are available to gymnasts who receive their District gymnastics federation colours - having met the minimum requirements.

Gymnasts compete for the district in which the Club is registered.

Summary

All competitive gymnasts wishing to compete at a KZN Provincial selection competition will need to first compete at a Club competition, then at their District competition, and will need to meet the minimum selection criteria, before being eligible to compete at the KZN competition.

1. HOW WILL THESE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS WORK?

The responsibility to coordinate the District competition lies with the District Gymnastics Federation, in close cooperation with the KZNGU office (admin support) and the relevant discipline technical person.

Competition entries will be done on-line on the SAGF Management System (like all Provincial entries are done).

The competition format can be done in several ways, as a “one size fits all” approach will not work, due to the differences in gymnast numbers in the smaller districts.

Below are some options that have been put forward. Each district will determine the best format for them. There may be other formats that we have not yet thought of!

A: Club competition doubling up as a district selection competition

In this instance, a club that was already hosting a club competition will open the competition to all children wishing to qualify for a KZN selection competition.

The entry process (and fee) for the Club competition remains the prerogative of the host Club, and this is submitted to the club directly.

The entry fee for the district part is determined by the District and the entry process is online entries. Entry fee is submitted to KZNGU.

Each child only competes ONCE. Only 1 competition that takes place, and the scores are recorded according to which component of the event the gymnast has entered.

As an example: John can enter either the Club competition component (and receive the medal/certificate/other of that Club), OR the District competition component (and receive the award from the District ONLY) OR can enter both components (and receive the awards from BOTH).

B: Stand-alone event

As the name suggests this is a separate competition, the sole purpose of which is to allow gymnasts to qualify to compete at a KZNGU selection competition.

Entry fee is determined by the District and payable to KZNGU and the entry process is online.

The district appoints the club/person that will host the District event and needs to approve the format of the competition.

C: Smaller district options

Smaller districts that may only have 1 or 2 clubs may find it difficult to host a district event – venue and equipment restrictions, judge availability, event manpower.

So, there are a few more options available to these districts:

- A competition hosted by a club and/or district from outside of their district can be used as their district selection event.
- For example, if PMB Gymnastics Academy is hosting a Club competition (which is in uMgungundlovu district), the Amajuba district could ask to use this competition as their selection competition.
- For example, if eThekweni District is hosting a selection competition, then uGu district can ask to use this competition as their selection competition.

This does require a bit more organisation and needs scorers who are wide awake!!!
But it is doable.

- Where there is only 1 club in the district, that club could host the district selection event during a normal training session at the Club – provided a suitably qualified judge is available.

For any of the above options, the entries still need to be done online and the entry fee paid to KZNGU.

2. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS

A: Club doubling up as the District event

Gymnasts entering BOTH the Club and district components will pay the regular Club entry (to the Club) and District entry fee (to KZNGU).

Gymnasts entering ONLY the District component pay the District entry fee to KZNGU.

The Club then claims the costs associated with the district entries from KZNGU, after the event. The costs MUST be determined and agreed upon BEFORE the event is approved.

B: Standalone event

The entry fee is paid to KZNGU.

The club/person hosting the competition will claim the costs associated with event from KZNGU, after the event. The costs MUST be determined and agreed upon BEFORE the event is approved

C: Smaller district options

Where a club or a district hosts gymnast's from outside of their district, or a club holds an internal event, the club or district then claims the costs associated from the event from KZNGU after the event. The costs MUST be determined and agreed upon BEFORE the event is approved

3. District entry fees and reward system

For 2019, we are suggesting that the cost associated with the holding of District competitions is kept to a minimum.

The entry fees that will be paid to KZNGU will be posted to separate district accounts and managed from the office, until such time that each District structure is well enough established to manage their own financial affairs. All costs associated with each district's event will be paid from their account.

Gymnasts that enter a district competition will receive a certificate of participation and an "award" for the gymnasts that meet the criteria for district colours (which will be at the discretion of the District). It has been suggested that the award is a pin, which gymnasts can pin onto their club shirts or tracksuits or KZN tracksuits. It should be something that gymnasts can "show" that they have achieved district status.

Kind regards

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