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## **Participation 2021/01 – Event Planning 2021**

Dear Provincial Federations and Clubs

Attention: Provincial Admin  
Provincial Leadership  
Club Leaders

### **2021 – Zone Festivals and Gym Games update**

Following the meeting on Thursday 18 February with DMC Participation portfolio holders, as well as the EXCO meeting on Thursday 11 February, we are able to advise on the decisions taken at these meetings, relating to Zone Festivals and Gym Games for 2021

#### **Zone Festivals**

The proposal below is based on the assumption that Lockdown level 3 will still be in place at the time of the Zone Festival. Should we have moved to a more relaxed level, the number of people in the venue will increase and some of the restrictions may not apply. The host and DMC will prepare groupings according to the restrictions in place at the time of the event. Zones could be held from June through to November 2021.

- This is a participation event and as such we are encouraging the opportunity for all gymnasts to take part.
- Gymnastics SA encourages club and inter club competitions (a simplified testing/scoring system can be used).
- The Provincial event should be the highest level of competition for Level 1-3 gymnasts (the provincial can also serve as the Zone event). The Provincial could even take place after a Zone Festival.
- Gymnasts are encouraged to wear Club leotards and tracksuits – reduces costs to parents.
- Preferably no Provincial colours awarded to Zone Level 1-3 gymnasts.

In principle the following will apply for 2021:

1. There will be **more Zones hosts** – to reduce numbers at each event (COVID requirements) and to reduce the travelling required by participants.
2. There will be at least 1 **online option** for each discipline – for members or clubs that do not wish to travel / compete in person.
3. There will be **reduced judges' panels** and/or easier judging requirements.
4. Competition format will allow for gymnasts to warm up, compete, receive their results and medal and leave in the shortest possible time – **rotational competition**. Gymnasts can be grouped by Club to reduce contact with other gymnasts.



5. **No spectators** will be permitted at any time.

Each discipline is in contact with the Provinces to discuss hosting possibilities. Dates for the ones for each discipline will be distributed as soon as they are finalized, also taking into consideration the updated school holidays. Each Discipline will also communicate their updated technical regulations for Zones in due course.

### **Gym Games 2021**

- Will take place in Gauteng – Pretoria between **1-9 October 2021**.
- **WAG, MAG and PARK will take place at Matsport Centre**
- **RG, ACRO, TRA, TUM, (and RS and AER – depending on numbers) will take place at Heartfelt Arena**
- **#Perfect10** will take place at Heartfelt Arena
- **No spectators** will be permitted.
- There will be **reduced number** of participants for the 2021 version of the event.
- DMC's will determine the numbers permitted by each Province to attend – Provinces will have to **declare an intention to compete**, around 3 months before Gym Games, and any spots not taken up by the Provinces can be redistributed.
- DMC's will prepare programs based on maximum 50 persons in the venue at any one time to ensure we host regardless of the alert level. Should we be allowed more people in the venue, this will allow for more participation.
- There will be reduced judging panels for some competitions.
- Award Ceremonies will not be done inside – possibly in the car park under a gazebo.
- Due to reduced numbers to Gym Games, Provinces can host an additional Provincial event for gymnasts who don't make the team.

The DMCs will work out the provincial allocations and proposed programs in March and this will be circulated to all Provinces and Clubs in due course.

We hope this clarifies that Gymnastics SA's DMCs and Provinces are committed to hosting events this year in a safe manner and to provide as much opportunity to our gymnasts, coaches and judges as possible.

Updated calendars and technical regulations will be circulated as soon as possible.

Good luck with the planning

Warm regards

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