Spring 2025 Membership Memo

Having been with Gymnastics Saskatchewan since May 2024, it has been a pleasure to be part of the Gymnastics world for the past ten months. I am very thankful to the board, staff, and members for answering my questions and being open to educating me during calls or a coffee. Connecting daily with colleagues and sports professionals dedicated to helping athletes, coaches, and judges, reach their individual goals is energizing.

In this memo an update on some important information is provided. In the follow-up Summer Membership Memo, we will communicate more in depth regarding future strategies. The sports world continues to evolve, and our Governing bodies are sharing their increased expectations and expected outputs. Therefore, we will be adapting and evolving some of our operations to ensure we comply.

Below, a brief outline of some pertinent information is provided. Please feel free to contact me at any time for additional conversation and/or follow-up.

Thanks for all you do for Gymnastics.

Sincerely,
Terrol Russell
Gym Sask CEO

Membership Numbers

After reviewing the recent Q2 financial reports, a drop in membership was reported. Resultantly, over the past two weeks we have been digging into the registration numbers.

Firstly, we have discovered there is an issue with our registration platform, which will be expanded upon in the next point. Secondly, and most important, we are down between 600 and 900 provincial registrations in Q1/Q2.

- What this means is that either:
    - There are fewer registrations
    - There is an issue with our registration platform
    - A block of participant registrations has not been uploaded into Amilia
    - All of the above

We will be communicating with specific members soon, to confirm registration numbers and cross reference with our internal files.

Registration Platform Update

Due to the registration issues mentioned previously and that many of our members have been bringing to our attention, we have decided to forego renewing our Amilia contract and will be switching to Uplifter in August 2025.

We understand this may cause interim disruption for some of our members. With the added benefits, options, support, and service Uplifter provides however, it is the best option for our members and for Gymnastics Saskatchewan going forward.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Adeena will be going through training on the Uplifter platform shortly and more information will be provided soon.

High Performance Coach Capacity (HPCC) Update

The HPCC program has been revised by Sask Sport. All interested sports were required to go through a three-stage process to outline a future plan & strategy to achieve their defined performance outputs. As of last week, we were notified that our proposal resulted in four years of HPCC funding. We are very thankful for the support and are excited to share more information in the coming weeks.

Performance Planning

In response to Gym Sask's new Strategic Plan and the requirements of our governing (funding) bodies (e.g., HPCC requirements), a Gym Sask provincial performance plan will be formulated and distributed this fall. Please note that feedback from integral members of the Gymnastics community will be enlisted.

Pilot Program

As part of our HPCC proposal and in preparation of our performance plan, we have been conducting a pilot performance program with our Rhythmic Sask First team since January 2025. As part of this plan, a coordinated approach with a set team of Sport Science content experts and our Rhythmic Staff was implemented. At the end of May, we will review the program and use the findings to help outline our Provincial Performance Plan (mentioned above).

Town Hall

In June we are planning to hold three Town Halls with our members. One Town Hall is planned for Saskatoon, a second for Regina, and a third for our rural members. More information (including dates) will be forthcoming.

AGM & Awards Banquet

For 2025, the AGM and Awards Banquet have been separated and will be held on separate weekends.

- The Awards Banquet will be held in Saskatoon at TCU Place on the evening of October 18th.
- The AGM will be held in Regina on Nov 22 (location TBA), with a virtual option for our rural members to join.





