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Order of Events



Drinks Reception

Welcome from tonight's host

Arlene Stuart

Address by Scottish Gymnastics chair

Brian G Ewing OBE



Starter

Roasted red pepper & tomato soup

with basil oil and baked croutons

Main course

Lemon and tarragon chicken breast

*on a bed of spring onions mash, chargrilled
vegetables and grain mustard sauce*

Grilled sesame seed & ginger tofu

*on a bed of stir-fried greens, wholemeal noodles,
with a chilli and coriander dressing (v)*

Dessert

Salted chocolate & caramel tart

with a duo of sauces and whipped cream



Awards Ceremony

Volunteer of the year

Inclusion award

Official of the year

Wellbeing champion award

Spirit of gymnastics award

Young coach of the year

Community club coach of the year

Coach of the year

Club of the year

Junior gymnast of the year

Senior gymnast of the year

Lifetime achievement



Tonight's Host

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Volunteer of the Year



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RHUARI CAMPBELL

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club

Rhuari balances volunteering weekly in his club's disability section with his school and training schedule. He is mature, and quick to spot and act on opportunities to support gymnasts needing encouragement or extra help. He has time for every gymnast and has nurtured one particularly anxious gymnast, keeping him engaged and anticipating when he might struggle. As well as inventing fun, purposeful games, Rhuari has built excellent relationships within the class, encouraging gymnasts to not put limits on their goals.

JOHN HUMPHRIES

Inverness Gymnastics Club

John volunteers as team manager at domestic residential camps and international competitions. He treats everyone equally, so they feel safe and can focus on gymnastics without worrying about other things during their trip away from home. John goes above and beyond to make sure nutritional needs are met and spends his own money if planned food options are not available, to make sure gymnasts are fuelled for performance. His commitment and professionalism were evident when dealing calmly with a medical situation at a recent international event.

LYNSEY MANSON

Alloa Gymnastics Club

As club secretary, Lynsey goes above and beyond to ensure all aspects of the club are working together. She has been instrumental in navigating change during a rapid rise in membership after Alloa secured the lease for their facility. As well as forming strong relationships, her understanding of opportunities and needs means she finds solutions, resources and support to help progress plans. Lynsey leads with warmth, putting people at ease. She listens and ensures everyone feels included, resulting in the whole club pulling in one direction.

EVA WILLIAMSON

Innovate Gymnastics Club

Eva's dedication and enthusiasm has helped create a positive and supportive environment for members in her club. She shows commitment, hard work, and a positive attitude in working to her level one award. Eva absorbs different coaching styles and approaches, eagerly wanting to continuously improve and enhance her coaching abilities. The former gymnast's bubbly and energetic personality has contributed to the gymnasts' love for her. She brings a sense of excitement, maintains a high level of professionalism and sets a strong example for everyone.



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Inclusion Award



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CITY OF GLASGOW GYMNASTICS CLUB

The City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club disability section is the recipient of our first Scottish Gymnastics inclusion award. Their coaching team, with lead coach Angela Turner at the helm, has been highlighted for their determination and commitment to inclusion for all. They create an empowering environment with no barriers for the gymnasts to aim to succeed. Gymnasts and their families are welcomed, supported and inspired from the start.

Their coaches have worked with Scottish Gymnastics and British Gymnastics to ensure disability gymnasts in artistic, rhythmic and acrobatic have equal opportunities to compete in competitions. This summer, they ran a three-day camp for gymnasts with a range of disabilities who all felt empowered and included, and they were buzzing when they left **sportscotland** Inverclyde National Sports Training Centre. City of Glasgow gymnasts also competed for Special Olympics Great Britain at the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, returning with an impressive haul of 16 medals.

Official of the Year



FINALISTS

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AMANDA BOUCHER

Irvine Bay Gymnastics Club

Amanda has been a driving force in TeamGym as chair of the technical committee, helping put Scottish TeamGym on the European map. She supports Scottish Gymnastics with event organisation, site visits and judging panels, as well as the performance pathway programme. Her passion and love shines through everything, helping gymnasts progress to international competitions and events. In the past year, she became the only TeamGym category 1 Brevet judge in Scotland, passing with flying colours. Amanda embodies the gymnastics vision by truly creating an uplifting experience for all.

KIRSTY BURT

Zippy's Gymnastics Academy

Kirsty may have judged at the World Championships and a World Cup this year, but she treats club routines as she does an international FIG event. She gives the same critiques and positive feedback to a regional grade gymnast as she would to an Olympian. Her knowledge has helped Zippy's competitive gymnasts develop to place in the top half of their grade in Scotland for the first time. Kirsty coaches the girls in a gentle manner and supports coaches through code of point changes, sharing her learning from the international stage.

LYNN SIMPSON

Flyers Trampoline Club

Lynn lives and breathes trampolining. Not a day goes by where she is not involved with her club or the Scottish Gymnastics technical committee. She supports club members in reaching their goals in judging or coaching qualifications and guides gymnasts to achieve new heights. Lynn helps organise and support trampoline and DMT competitions as floor manager or judging panel chair, ensuring everyone understands their roles. She also puts her judging qualifications to use nationally and internationally. Lynn is always learning, adding to her vast knowledge of technical information and guidelines.



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Wellbeing Champion of the Year



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CHARLOTTE CHAMBERS

Scotia Trampoline Academy

Charlotte has been voluntarily contributing to the mental health and wellbeing of acro performance programme gymnasts and coaches as part of her final year at university. Her sports psychology workshops are age appropriate, gaining gymnasts' trust enabling them to speak openly in front of their peers. They have also benefitted from her coping strategies ahead of qualifier competitions. The Scotia trampoline coach has also delivered one-to-one sessions, helping one gymnast reduce her anxiety. Charlotte has a friendly nature and shows compassion and understanding to everyone.

FAITH MACLEOD

Fyrish Gymnastics Club

Faith isn't just a coach, she treats gymnasts like her own family. She is supporting and encouraging, helping them build their skills in and out of the gym. She helps in every way possible whether inside or outside the gym, taking time out of her day whenever she is needed. Faith believes in everyone no matter at what level they participate. She spends her spare time giving gymnasts what they need, whether in tumbling, floor, or vault, or simply giving them reassurance or extra support during difficult times.

JEMMA ROLLO

Fyrish Gymnastics Club

Starting as a young coach, Jemma is now the lead for recreational gymnastics. She has improved coaching levels with clear lesson plans, so gymnasts have the best opportunity to improve their skills. Jemma has always adapted lessons for children who struggle, with regular check ins so they feel that the gym is a safe space. She has also tailored sessions for a child with additional support needs. Jemma's love for the sport and the gymnasts is clear, making sure everyone is welcome and has an amazing time.

Spirit of Gymnastics Award



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STEVEN MCKINNEL

Dumfries Y Gymnastics Club

Steven is a welcoming, positive person who supports gymnasts from all clubs at training and competitions. He has cemented himself in the artistic community and lives by the gymnastics values of inclusive, supportive and aspirational. Originally a parent helper, he became so involved that he wound down his business to focus on coaching and leading Dumfries Y. He attends all CPD workshops to develop himself, the coaching team and the club. Steven has been an instrumental in Dumfries Y's growth and opening a satellite club in Annan.

ELAINE MUIR

Kilmarnock Acrobatic Gymnastics Club

Elaine always considers others before herself and has had a lifelong commitment to gymnastics. She has been an inspiration for over 40 years as a gymnast, parent, coach and trustee, thinking of others ahead of herself in her voluntary role. Elaine gifts the fees of children who could not participate due to socio-economic barriers and family illness. She also assists with classes for adults with additional learning needs. Her approachability and willingness to listen to gymnasts' concerns creates an environment where every gymnast feels valued and empowered.

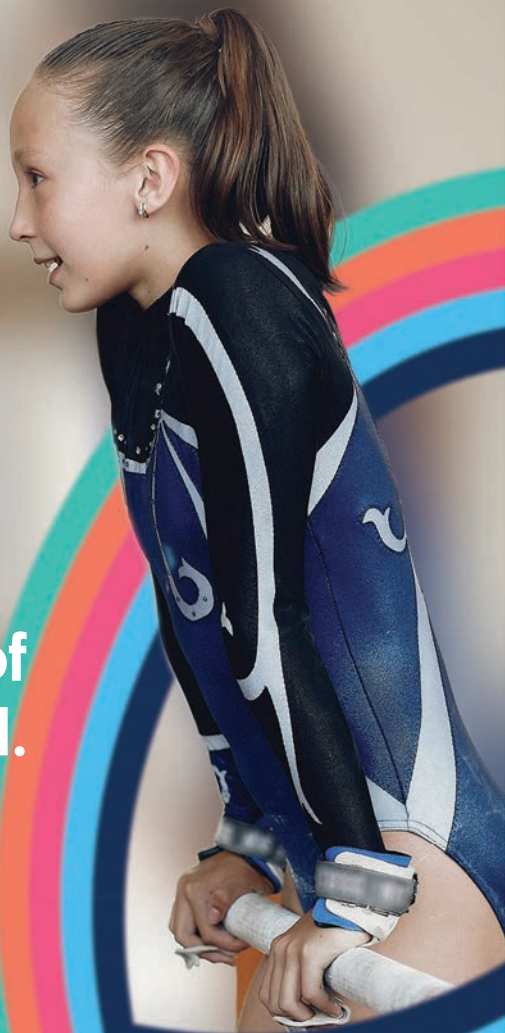
JEMMA ROLLO

Fyrish Gymnastics Club

Jemma has progressed from a young coach to the lead for recreational gymnastics at Fyrish. She ensures all participants are welcome and that they have an amazing time. She also helps improve the level of coaching giving gymnasts the best opportunity to improve their skills. Jemma adapts lessons for those who struggle or have additional support needs. She has mentored new coaches to achieve Saltire Awards and progress to level one, so everyone shares her passion for the sport and has the best time in the gym.

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INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

September 2022 - August 2023



Representing Scotland

ELLA GRACIE, SCARLETT HALDANE & EMMA NELSON

Coaches: Maria Roache
& Suzanne Fraser

Discipline: Acrobatic

Budapest International Acro Cup

★ 11-16 WG 1st

GEMMA RUSSELL & EMMA LOGAN

Coach: Michelle Diniz

Discipline: Acrobatic

Budapest International Acro Cup

★ 12-18 WP 2nd

DAISY CAMPBELL & NEPHELE IDEHEN

Coach: Suzanne Fraser

Discipline: Acrobatic

Budapest International Acro Cup

★ 12-18 WP 3rd

AVA CURTIS & GRACE CRAWFORD

Coach: Suzanne Fraser

Discipline: Acrobatic

Budapest International Acro Cup

★ 11-16 WP 3rd

LUCY LARG

Coach: Euan McIntosh

Discipline: Tumbling

Loulé Cup

★ FIG 13-14yrs 1st

HEATHER HUGHES

Coaches: Danielle
& Jasmine Lessani

Discipline: Tumbling

Loulé Cup

★ FIG 13-14yrs 3rd

BEN MASTERTON

Coach: Eilidh Grant

Discipline: Tumbling

Loulé Cup

★ FIG 13-14yrs 3rd

RILEY SUMMERS

Coach: Stuart Langan

Discipline: Tumbling

Loulé Cup

★ FIG Junior 2nd

CAMERON LYNN

Coach: John Campbell

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Pommel horse 1st

★ Parallel bars 3rd

★ Team 2nd

DAVID WEIR

Coach: Marius Gherman

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

Floor 3rd

★ Team 2nd

EUAN MCLELLAN

Coach: John Campbell

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Rings 3rd

★ Team 2nd

KYLE MILLAR

Coaches: Stephen Tonge
& John Campbell

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Team 2nd

CONNOR SULLIVAN

Coach: Adam Paterson

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Team 2nd

ETHAN YATES

Coach: Marius Gherman

Discipline: Men's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Team 2nd

AVA MACFARLANE

Coaches: Rod Smith
& Pauline Smith

Discipline: Women's artistic

**Northern European
Championships**

★ Beam 3rd

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

September 2022 - August 2023



Representing Great Britain

KIM BEATTIE

Coach: Melanie Stewart-Wills

Discipline: DMT

World Championships

- 🏆 Women's Team 3rd

AARON STEELE

Coach: Dan Lannigan

Discipline: tumbling

World Age Group Competitions

Men's 13-14 3rd

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U17 Men's team 1st

KEIR DAVIDSON

Coach: James Davidson

Discipline: Trampoline

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U21 Men's team 1st

SARAH GALLACHER

Coaches: Brian Scott & Frances Murray

Discipline: Trampoline

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U21 Women's team 2nd

AVA FETTES

Coach: Melanie Stewart-Wills

Discipline: DMT

Scalabis Cup

Senior Women's team 1st

ETHAN CUNNINGHAM

Coach: Debi McPhee

Discipline: DMT

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U21 Men 2nd
- 🏆 U21 Men's team 1st

RILEY SUMMERS

Coach: Stuart Langan

Discipline: DMT

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U16 Men's team 2nd

PAIGE RUSSELL

Coach: Debi McPhee

Discipline: DMT

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U14 Women's team 1st

LOIS ANDERSON

Coaches: Danielle Lessani & Jasmine Lessani

Discipline: Tumbling

Scalabis Cup

- 🏆 U17 Women's team 1st

CAMERON LYNN

Coach: John Campbell

Discipline: Men's artistic

FIG World Challenge Cup, Turkey

- 🏆 Floor 2nd

EMMA THOMSON

Coaches: Angela Turner & Amy Meiklem

Discipline: Disability artistic

Special Olympics World Games

- 🏆 Floor 1st
- 🏆 Beam 1st
- 🏆 All-around 2nd
- 🏆 Vault 3rd
- 🏆 Bars 3rd

AMY CLARK

Coach: Jaime Robb

Discipline: Disability rhythmic

Special Olympics World Games

- 🏆 All-around 1st
- 🏆 Clubs 2nd
- 🏆 Group floor 2nd
- 🏆 Ribbon 3rd

CRAIG MCGARRITY

Coaches: Ramsay Meiklem & Emma Johnstone

Discipline: Disability artistic

Special Olympics World Games

- 🏆 Parallel bar 1st
- 🏆 All-around 2nd
- 🏆 Floor 2nd
- 🏆 Pommel horse 2nd
- 🏆 Rings 2nd
- 🏆 Vault 2nd
- 🏆 High bar 2nd



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Young Coach of the Year



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AILIE BROWN

Linlithgow School of Gymnastics

Ailie is highly committed to coaching, giving constructive feedback to help gymnasts improve. A welcoming face at the gym, she motivates by suggesting ways to make a movement or choreography neater and by listening to gymnasts' ideas. Ailie passed her level three this year and stepped up from being a Gymfest team member to become their main coach. She always has a positive attitude, encouraging everyone to do their best. This allows gymnasts to thrive and improve, creating a positive environment in the gym.

DYLAN CAMPBELL

Saltire Team Gymnastics

Dylan has achieved results in his first year of coaching a competitive team at the Scottish Championships and British qualifier. He gained his level three qualification and became the first Scottish master gymnast in TeamGym. Dylan uses his competitive experience and different coaching techniques to encourage and support gymnasts. He thrives in the gym, makes everyone smile, and makes sure they are happy and progressing. He knows it is not just about learning skills, but also about social activity so the girls can bond and have fun.

AMY MEIKLEM

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club

Amy coaches disability women's and development classes and helps run adult sessions. Her positive and fair attitude encourages gymnasts to take responsibility for their training. She finds solutions for challenges presented by ordinary equipment and skills made more difficult by disability. Amy has undertaken other coaching qualifications to expand her skillset and knowledge, also mentoring younger gymnasts wanting to become coaches. She was a coach for the Special Olympics Great Britain team at the World Games, looking after her club's gymnasts and others from across the UK.

Community Club Coach of the Year



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ALICE BOUCHER

Irvine Bay Gymnastics Club

Alice takes everything in her stride and strives to get the very best out of every gymnast in her fun, inclusive sessions. She develops well thought-out ideas and delivers these in home school classes, adult gymnastics, the under-11 junior display team, and in competitive acrobatics which she leads. Alice communicates well with everyone, whatever their age or level, keeping parents and carers informed and involved, and cementing links between the club and community groups. She is always cheery and laughing, encouraging and motivating, creating a positive and supportive environment for coaches and gymnasts alike.

CLAIRE DOUGLAS

Stirling City Gymnastics Club

Claire is passionate about keeping young people in sport, especially teenage girls, providing a safe space to be themselves and participate with friends. She creates an environment that's not about winning but about being present and enjoying themselves. Claire has provided fun, progressive and inclusive recreational, preschool and club level classes for over 20 years. She allows gymnasts to work to their strengths while encouraging them to work to improve their weaknesses. Claire has given space and time to gymnasts to develop at their own pace who would otherwise drop out through lack of progression.

JACKIE FOWLER

West Lothian Artistic Gymnastics Club

Jackie is dedicated to ensuring children and young people have fun and the best experience in her recreational and preschool classes. She passionately believes they should have access to gymnastics irrespective of ability or background. The level two women's artistic coach creates an open and honest environment and communicates well with parents and carers. Jackie continues to develop professionally and personally, focussing her coaching on the individual's needs to give them the confidence and skills to be the best they can be. She influences younger coaches and is involved in all club activities.

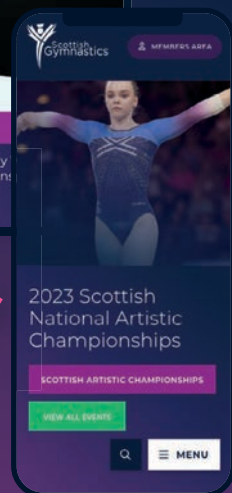
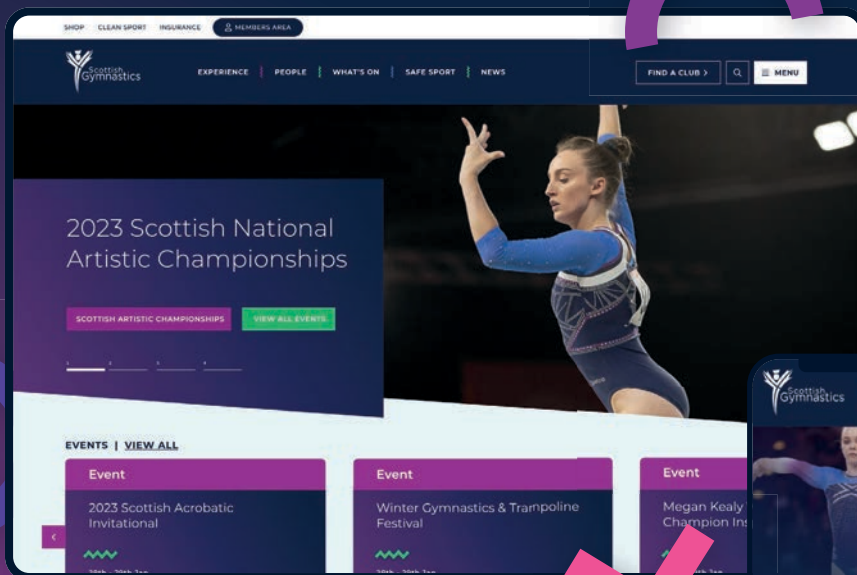
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Coach of the Year



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HEIDI BAVNHØJ

Fyrish Gymnastics Club

Heidi established TeamGym at Fyrish, coaching four days a week, bringing her enthusiasm and passion to her minis, junior and youth teams. She gets to know every gymnast and gets the very best out of them by believing in them when they do not believe in themselves. Heidi's commitment to providing the highest coaching standards is unwavering; planning and shaping her coaching sessions to ensure she delivers key elements. She helped organise workshops with coaches from Denmark to further build coach and gymnast skills, confidence and ability. The rewards came in June when Fyrish teams became Scottish youth and junior champions.

MICHELLE DINIZ

Dynamic Gymnastics Academy

Michelle is an inspiration to all around her. Her fierce determination and positive attitude is infectious. She has created a culture which builds confident and strong-minded athletes, helping them achieve in their sport and in life. Michelle strives for what is best for them, attending acrobatic camps and development days. This year she completed her level five qualification to become a high-performance coach. She mentors others to deliver the same high-quality coaching, so the club can grow at all levels. Having coached partnerships to British championships success, one of her winning pairs this year was selected for the Junior European Championships.

MELANIE STEWART-WILLS

Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club

Melanie has coached double mini-trampoline gymnasts to national and international success, including European and world championships. The high-performance coach is national technical lead for DMT in Scotland. She coached the successful Scotland team at the Loulé cup in October 2022 and GB junior team at the Scalabis Cup 2023. Melanie shows the same respect to recreational and competitive gymnasts, giving the highest care, attention and encouragement. Driven by integrity and fairness, her holistic athlete-centred approach includes goal setting, visualisation and relaxation techniques. She continues to update her learning, mentors club coaches and is an encouraging assessor complimented by candidates for her support.

Club of the Year



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ACROBAY GYMNASTICS CLUB

Acrobay caters for preschool children through to senior performance athletes and everyone is equally valued as a member. Gymnasts can progress through the levels whether competitive or display, with the same opportunity to perform at international level. The club promotes the sport on social media and celebrates achievement whether within the club or at international level. Their acrobatic partnerships are regularly selected and win medals for Scottish and GB teams. Acrobay is a big part of the community, attending local galas to encourage more participants. Their annual two-night display in the Alhambra Theatre showcasing different levels of gymnastics attracts thousands of spectators and most of their 1300 gymnasts take part in the show.

DYGC@ANNAN

Since opening its dedicated facility in November 2017, Dumfries Y extended two years later to accommodate a waiting list of 250 children. However, with the demand for places from across Dumfries and Galloway and Cumbria remaining at that level, they opened a satellite club in nearby Annan in September 2022. They worked tirelessly in the challenging economic climate on grant applications and fundraising which has enhanced friendships and standing in the community. They have 260 members with classes for babies, preschool, intermediate, teens and adults. DYGC@Annan has provided job and education opportunities through modern apprenticeships, coach education and the Saltire Awards. They've also provided training in first aid, mental health first aid and disability awareness.

SCOTIA TRAMPOLINE ACADEMY

Scotia's team has worked to create a community of young people who feel included, motivated and inspired in their first year as a club. They support gymnasts to be successful, confident and reach their goals. They nurture those who identify as having a disability, working closely with parents to cater for their unique needs. Coaches and judges have completed qualifications and are supported through a mentoring programme. Scotia works with national technical leads to help gymnasts work towards targets, resulting in GB squad selections. The club has grown their presence through social media and local partnerships in Paisley to widen access through sessions and camps to those who cannot afford to participate regularly.



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Junior Gymnast of the Year



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SARAH GALLACHER

Sparta Trampoline Club

Sarah has worked hard to handle the increase in difficulty, improve her execution, time of flight and horizontal displacement in her new age category. She attends Scottish performance camps, GB squads and travels across England for further training including with her synchro partner Ellie, all while achieving five As in her Highers. Her achievements include becoming Scottish champion in September 2022, also winning the form award for the highest execution score. Sarah won the silver individual medal and synchro bronze in the FIG junior women category at the British championships. She competed at her first World Age Group Competitions and in the Scalabis Cup. Sarah is an inspiration and role model to everyone around her.

ELLA GRACIE, EMMA NELSON AND SCARLETT HALDANE

Acrobay Gymnastics Club

The acrobatic partnership of Ella, Emma and Scarlett has transitioned smoothly to the 12-18 years category and increased difficulty across three routines. They are dedicated and demonstrate the benefits of team working, taking on board coaching points and guidance in club training and national performance camps. The girls show other gymnasts you can train hard and compete well whilst having fun and enjoying your sport. They have achieved a podium finish in every competition, including gold for Scotland at the International Acro Cup and becoming 11-16 years British champions. Success followed in their new category, with first place at the Scottish Invitational, Scottish Championships and Rzeszow International Acro Cup, and bronze at the British Championships.

BEN MASTERTON

Two Foot Higher Trampoline and DMT Club

Ben is determined, hardworking, and ambitious. Although his diabetes sometimes impacts training, he manages it well, so it doesn't hold him back. Ben has improved his execution and learned new skills, showing resilience in his successful admission to the Scottish national performance programme on his third attempt. He competed for Scotland in the Loulé Cup, producing his highest ever score in the final to win bronze in the trampoline 13-14 age category. Ben is an inspiration and good role model, qualifying as a judge to help his club at competitions. He volunteers every week with recreational gymnasts, keeping them busy with conditioning exercises and games while they are waiting for their turn on the trampoline.

Senior Gymnast of the Year

FINALISTS

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KIM BEATTIE

Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club

Kim is one of the highest achievers in gymnastics in Scotland having excelled in double mini-trampoline for seven years. Now working full time, she remains dedicated to her technical training and strength and conditioning, travelling 40 minutes each way to train five or six times a week. Kim became Scottish senior champion for the fifth time in September 2022 before representing GB at her fourth World Championships. In the individual event, she finished with a combined score of 50.000. In the team event, her score of 26.200 was the second highest of the final and contributed to the bronze medal. Kim is always happy to talk with and help any gymnast on their journey by sharing her own experiences.

AMY CLARK

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club

Amy has been involved in rhythmic gymnastics for over 18 years, remaining dedicated to training throughout. She continually improves her performances and has achieved her best career results in the past year which began with gold medals for hoop and clubs in level three senior disability class one at the open apparatus competition in Aberdeen. Amy's year ended with her third Great Britain selection for the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin. She was crowned level four open all-around champion securing GB's first medal of the Games and her first Worlds gold, before adding two silvers and a bronze. Amy also encourages and supports her training partners, is positive and caring, and a joy and role model in her club.



CRAIG MCGARRITY

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club

Craig has grown into one of the most promising talents in Glasgow's disability section. He was out for an extended period through illness, missing the British Championships. However, his determination to return to training and skill level earned him his first international selection for Great Britain at the Special Olympics World Games. Competing at level three, Craig won the gold medal on parallel bars and a silver medal in the all-round, which he earned by also coming second in the remaining five pieces of apparatus. His Games experience has boosted his confidence beyond gymnastics. A role model in the gym, Craig supports and encourages his peers, also showing that no matter how hard things are, you can overcome them.

EMMA THOMSON

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club

Emma began gymnastics in 2016 and has worked her way through competition levels, overcoming injury and exam stress along the way. Still new to senior level, she earned her first international selection for GB at the Special Olympics World Games. A dislocated knee kept her out of training, but she was driven and committed to rehab, rebuilding skills in the months leading to the competition. She won gold on floor and beam, silver in all-around and bronze on vault and bars. Emma is working towards her Saltire Award and Duke of Edinburgh by coaching her club's development group. She plans to complete her level one alongside Highers and Advanced Highers this year while continuing to train and inspire the younger generation.

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MAGGIE BISSET

Meadowbank Gymnastics Club

Maggie has introduced thousands of children and adults to gymnastics in the last 52 years since founding Meadowbank in 1971. She has volunteered at least 20 hours a week since, coaching and in organisational roles which include the Scottish Gymnastics technical committee, executive committee and team manager for the World Gymnaestrada. A former Scottish champion, Maggie's coaching has always been athlete centred, with success at club, regional, national and international level. She values each with the same enthusiasm and kindness, sharing their joy or supporting them through struggles. You can genuinely see her face light up with the same excitement as children when they achieve a new skill. Maggie continues to mentor countless coaches, many of whom are former gymnasts, in a kind and constructive way, advocating her philosophy that every child is equally important.

ELIZABETH DANBY

Inverness Gymnastics Club

Liz has been pivotal in the development of gymnastics in Inverness, initially as a dance coach then head coach between 1990 and 2003. She is credited with the foundation of the club as it is today, with over 700 members. Liz introduced participation in Gymfest and World Gymnaestrada and widened the club's involvement in artistic programmes, while she judged regularly across Scotland and served on the north district committee. After stepping back, Liz focused on schools gymnastics, working with clubs to developing a delivery and competition network across the region including the Highland Schools Heats. She remains highly involved as a judge and lifetime member of the club's board. Her contribution over the last 37 years has shaped gymnastics in the Highlands and developed a strong, passionate group of individuals to take the sport forward through her mentorship.

Lifetime Achievement Award



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MARGARET KERR

Saltire Team Gymnastics

Margaret has impacted significantly on the number of participants in TeamGym over the past four decades, from complete beginners to British internationals. Her achievements in coaching, developing and managing performance gymnasts, as well being a highly qualified judge, she continues to develop the sport at local and national level as a volunteer coach and judge. Margaret is responsible for the first Scottish women's team to represent GB at the 2010 European Championships. Following that experience, she focused on building the club and junior section resulting in gymnasts being selected for four subsequent championships. She is also passionate about and has delivered disability and adult gymnastics. Margaret's compassion for everyone she meets is exceptional. She is selfless beyond the call of duty donating coaching fees to a hardship fund to help those who could not otherwise afford to participate.

JOHN WILLS

Banchory Trampoline & DMT Club

John dedicates almost his entire life to the sport he loves. He has been a coach, judge, tutor and assessor, friend, and support to countless coaches, gymnasts and parents in the past 60 years. There is not a double mini-trampoline coach in Scotland who has not been advised, mentored or befriended by John on their journey. A high-performance coach in trampoline and DMT, he is still coaching at Banchory which he founded in 1999. He previously started and developed other clubs in the north east, notably Mastrick Springbox where he coached for 30 years. He is credited with Banchory's growth which has seen gymnasts compete at world championships and age group competitions in each of the past seven years. John is also a trustee of Aberdeenshire Club Sport and passes his knowledge to coaches in all sports, encouraging them and nurturing new clubs.

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