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Dear League Supporters,

VIRTUAL TEST EVENT UPDATE

Apologies for the delay in posting results from the event. We were amazed that with so little time available to film we had nearly 300 entries. Thank you for your enthusiasm for this venture.

We have had to delay the judging because in recent testing it was acknowledged that we needed to create greater protection for the judging system. So we hope to have perfected this in another week, and to have results posted late May.

NB Some video submitted was filmed at competition prior to our announcement. Filming was required to be unique to this event and routines/passes can not be judged twice. So any video obviously filmed at a competition will not be judged. Apologies for any disappointment.

2020 PLANS FOR THE LEAGUE

The League is a non profit making voluntary organisation. Our process has been since our inception in 2014 to make profit from the qualifying events in order to fund a grand finals at big venues at the end of each year. Unfortunately our first two qualification events at Burgess Hill and Cardiff were cancelled due to Covid19, and the bulk of any profit made for the year would have come from these two events.

Initially we were unaware of the seriousness of the pandemic and thought we may be able to resurrect our competition provision with additional events in the autumn leading to the finals. However as the situation has developed it is now clear that pursuing an event in early September (South Shields) would be ill advised. So as a result we have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel this qualifier too. We believe that even if clubs are up and running in the summer, people may still not want to travel early autumn, or there may be government restrictions on mass participation. This would leave too much uncertainty and financial risk should we host the event.

Hence our position regarding the finals in London is that it is financially impossible to run without profit from the three qualifiers, and unfortunately this too has had to be cancelled. We are hoping to have the same venues and approximate dates next year, and are currently negotiating with the venues to this end.

We want to assure you that these decisions have not been taken lightly and we are very aware of the disappointment these cancellations will cause. We are however exploring some other options for 2020 outside of the published League events.

Please stay safe and we look forward to your continued support.

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