Hi everyone,

I am sending this email on behalf of Eileen and with her consent. I hope this finds you all well and staying safe.

As per the last email on the 14th of July, Eileen has asked that I send you the following information. We understand you have lots of questions and hopefully this will clear up some of those questions.

Eileen has not heard from Pontins as yet regarding the dates for next year’s nationals, she had hoped she would hear from them before sending this out but it is not to be, therefore this what she intends to do.

Below is her plan, it is as follows…….

**National Championships 2020**

This will be held around the normal time next year, 2021.

This will be our “Bubble Nationals” and it will be for everyone who qualified in the season 2019-2020 and entered their paperwork for Nationals 2020.

Therefore Nationals 2020 **will** take place…..just a year later. Eileen will let everyone know as soon as she has a date.

Because it is a Bubble, nothing can be removed from the Bubble and nothing can be added.

The competition entry fees for Nationals 2020 will be held over and will cover all the competitions, the contestants were entered for, now taking place as our Bubble Nationals.

The contestants will stay in the same age group or category they entered in, in 2019-20.

The contestants will use the music from season 2019-20 that they had been practicing too.

All the one off competitions that were to be announced at Nationals 2020, will be announced as normal at our Bubble Nationals in 2021, giving the winners the chance to go up on stage to collect their trophies.

**Season 2020-2021**

Eileen's aim is to have a ‘Special Season’. We are looking to have only one competition in each area.

Because we have to wait to hear from the schools, when and how this can be done, we cannot give you dates at the moment. Eileen doesn’t think there will be any one off comps.

When we do have the competitions, the set up may be very different to normal. We may have to look at having the younger contestants in the morning, presentation and leave the hall and then the same for the older age groups in the afternoon. We will be looking to cut spectators down to a minimum.

But all this will be looked at as it comes nearer to the time and depending on the Government guidelines and the changes made.

The contestants entry fees will be the same as normal but we will be asking the troupe leaders to help both Eileen and Sue, by making sure the paperwork and the fees are received at least one month in advance to help them know how many are coming to each comp and therefore help with how it can be planned.

Late submission of entries maybe disappointed.

Just to clarify, one copy of your troupes entries must be sent to Sue Bright and at the same time, one copy with the entry fees must sent to Eileen. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, Sue Bright and Denise Ray ( after 6pm) have the bank details but you must mark this clearly on the entry form you are sending to Eileen with the date, you paid it.

U.K.F.M officials will also help by sending in their availability to both Eileen and Sue , at least one month in advanced, to help with the planning.

There will only be Solo’s and Duo’s, there will be NO GROUPS.

The contestants will move up to their next age group as they would normally do BUT they MUST stay in the standard they were in for 2019-20. I have attached a copy of the new age groups.

It will be prize on the day only, 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

The competitions Eileen is looking to run are: ( there may be changes but we need to still work on the time schedules.)

Pom Pom Solo & Duos

Wheel Solos & Duos

1 Flag Solos & Duos

2 Flag Solos & Duos

1 Ribbon Solos & Duos

2/3 Ribbon Solos & Duos

Mace Solos & Duos

The following competitions will **NOT** take place in the Special Season:

All solo marches

All graded Solos & Duos

Aerials Solos & Duos

Rifle Solos or Quads

Feature Solos or Duos

2 Baton Solos & Duos

Bronze / Silver or Golden Baton

P & P

Prince & Princess on Parade

Nursery Rhyme

No Groups of any kind

The music for the ‘Special Season’ will be the new music. I have attached Number 1, 2 and the one minute music as this is all you need at the moment. I am sure the CD’s will be available form Robin once the special competition season begins.

Please be aware this will be a fun season and no points will be awarded for sashes or overall trophies.

**Grades**

Eileen has decided all grades are to be suspended for this year, as they cannot physically be done and will resumed through the U.K.F.M Academy of Twirl in the summer of 2021. Therefore all contestants must remain in their standard for now.

The process for grading and seminars will be reviewed in Summer 2021, as we understand the majority of twirlers will be ready for more grades than normal.

**Season 2021-2022**

When we start our competitions in the new season around September 2021, hopefully everything will be back to normal.

We understand it has been extremely hard for the boys and girls as they are used to twirling together as a team.

Also with most of the troupes training in schools and halls, which are still not open, it’s difficult to know what to do for the best. Fingers crossed, come September, we will have moved on a little more and it won’t be too long till the U.K.F.M are back together again.

**Registration 2020-2021**

To join the U.K.F.M for the season ahead, please find the forms on the U.K.F.M website and send to Eileen with your payment, as soon as possible. Again if you wish to pay by bank transfer, speak to Sue or Denise , (after 6pm) for the details and mark on your forms, when posting to Eileen, the date you paid it in the bank.

**Insurance**

The insurance renewal will be due on the 1st of September and the forms are now also on the U.K.F.M website. If you have any questions, please speak to Denise Ray, her details are on the website.

**Rule Book**

There are no changes to the rule book this year.

If I have missed anyone off this email, please pass it on and ask them to let me know, in case I haven’t got their email details for future information.

Please continue to follow the government guidelines and stay safe.

Thank you for bearing with us at this difficult time.

**U.K.F.M**

**2020-2021 COMPETITION SEASON**

**AGE GROUPS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **AGE GROUP** |  | **YEAR OF BIRTH** |  |  |
| **A+** |  | **1999 & OLDER** |  | **SENIOR** |
| **A** |  | **2003/ 2002/ 2001/ 2000** |  | **SENIOR** |
| **B** |  | **2005 & 2004** |  | **SENIOR** |
| **C** |  | **2006** |  | **JUNIOR** |
| **D** |  | **2007** |  | **JUNIOR** |
| **E** |  | **2008** |  | **JUNIOR** |
| **F** |  | **2009** |  | **JUNIOR** |
| **G** |  | **2010** |  | **JUVENILE** |
| **H** |  | **2011** |  | **JUVENILE** |
| **I** |  | **2012** |  | **JUVENILE** |
| **J** |  | **2013** |  | **PEE-WEE** |
| **K** |  | **2014** |  | **PEE-WEE** |
| **L** |  | **2015** |  | **PEE-WEE** |