

Thanks again for inviting me to support this competition.

The venue was familiar.

I managed to secure a small number of physiotherapist volunteers to assist Simon Whitehead and I.

We managed with 5 on day one and three and 6 on today two.

Unfortunately I was unable to garner support from other medical practitioners.

Thanks to the support of Luis Val, we were able to set up a covered triage area mat-side. This allowed us to use our medical staff more efficiently.

The injury risk rate was not dissimilar to other competitions.

Comment: One of the concussed competitors had had three previous concussions.

There was an unusual case to a posterior sternoclavicular dislocation which required surgical interventions. Despite his injury being opportunistically assessed at a local hospital the diagnosis did not become evident until a few days post his return home.

Injury stats:

There were 835 competitors and a total of 1088 bouts.

19 blood contacts (1.7% bout risk)

50 Injury contacts (4.5% bout risk)

3 fractures (2 distal radius and one thumb) (0.3% bout risk)

5 concussion events (0.4% bout risk)

8 Shoulder (including AC joint) (0.7% bout risk)

5 Elbow

5 Knee

4 Finger

4 Rib

3 Soft tissue neck injuries

3 Ankle injuries

2 Thigh soft tissue injuries

Other minor

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