

JOPC Minutes
June 7, 2007
Embassy Suites Dublin, OH

Junior Olympic Development Program
Region 1- Jody Hurlburt
Region 2- Joyce Chaplin
Region 3- Lauren Garvey
Region 4- Suzi DiTullio, Chair
Region 5- Nancy Martin
Region 6- Vita Bachman
RTC Representative- Tyana Marlowe
Coaches Representative- Ivanka Kirov
Coaches Representative- Lucy Kerznermann
RTC Chair- Nadine Davies (Guest, non-voting)

The JOPC welcomed all re-elected RC's and newly elected RC, Lauren Garvey for Region 3 and awarded a USAG Service Star Award to RC, Jody Hurlburt from Region 1. Jody has contributed tirelessly to Region 1's success and shared her administrative wisdom to help improve all aspects of the sport. The board recognized the newly hired Program Director, Caroline Hunt and thanked the retiring Director, Jan Exner, for all her hard work. The JOPC discussed of all aspects of the Jr. Olympic Competitive Program and all submitted proposals.

Level 4:

Proposal- add a fourth apparatus event to the level 4 competitive program to facilitate a more uniform meet format.
MM-DiTullio/SC-Chaplin/Failed
Proposal - require a panel of two judges and averaging of scores at all State and Regional Championships-
MM-Martin/SC-DiTullio/Passed
Proposal - mandate that all State and Regional Championships have a meet referee-
MM-Hurlburt/SC-Bachman/Passed
Proposal - mandate that a meet referee be contracted in addition to the full panel of judges for all Regional Championships-
MM-Hurlburt/SC-Lauren/Passed

R&P correction: rename State & Regional meet to read Championships

Level 5/6:

Proposal- revamp the JO Championships competitive structure, divide the levels into compulsory and optional Championships and continue to rotate meet sites annually, when viable bids are received from the prospective Region.
Combine Level 4, 5, 6 into a JO Compulsory Championships
Combine Levels 7, 8, 9 into a JO Optional Championships event.
MM-DiTullio/SC-Hurlburt/Passed

Level 7/8:

	Hoop Ball Ribbon	Hoop Ball Clubs	Hoop Ball Ribbon	Hoop Ball Clubs	Rope Ball Ribbon	Rope Hoop Clubs	Hoop Ball Ribbon
7	Floor Rope Hoop Ribbon	Floor Rope Hoop Clubs	Floor Rope Hoop Ribbon	Floor Rope Hoop Ball Clubs	Floor Rope Hoop Ribbon	Floor Rope Hoop Ball Clubs	Floor Hoop Ball Ribbon
8	Floor Rope Ball Clubs	Floor Rope Ball Ribbon	Floor Rope Ball Clubs	Floor Rope Ball Ribbon	Floor Hoop Ball Clubs	Floor Rope Hoop Ribbon	Floor Rope Ball Ribbon
Beginner Group	Floor Ball	Floor Ball	Floor Ball	Floor Hoop	Floor TBA	Floor TBA	Floor TBA
Intermediate Group	Floor Rope	Floor Hoop	Floor Hoop	Floor Ball	Floor TBA	Floor TBA	Floor TBA
Advanced Group	Floor Hoop	Floor Hoop/Ball	Floor Hoop/Ball	Floor Ribbon	Floor TBA	Floor TBA	Floor TBA

Fee Structure

Proposal to revamp meet fees reminding meet directors these are the maximum allowed:

Level 4 State meet \$45 Regional \$65

Level 5/6 State meet \$65 Regional \$85

Level 7/8/9 State meet \$85 Regional \$105

MM-Chaplin/SC-Hurlburt/Passed

Recommendations for RTC:

Execution Panels:

When possible use the highest ranked officials on execution panels for FIG meets. Level 8 judges assigned to level 9/10 competitions, will always judge paired with a fully rated national or brevet official.

Judges selection:

- The JOPC requests that the RTC make a list of judges from which each region can select a contracted meet referee for their Championships.
- This is complied of recommendations from the Regional boards and national level coaches.
- Once the meet referee is selected the Regional board should collaborate to find the most qualified judges panels for their Regional Championships.

Competition structure:

The Regional board should post the meet format as early in the season as possible.

- a two day split event or a single day competition by level.

Award Policy:

Proposal - the award policy for competing out of age group, session or day- athletes are only eligible for the events scheduled for that original day or session.-

MM-Hurlburt/SC-Martin/Passed

Timed warm-ups

Proposal to eliminate the use of timed warm-ups for all levels–
MM-DiTullio/Failed

Recommendation: Meet directors MUST post the warm-up format in their Pre-Meet information.

Team and Individual Championships:

Clarification: Team Tie breaking

The tie will be broken by the highest team individual event total.

Judging Representation for JO Championship events:

Proposal: to adopt a system for selecting officials for JO Championships.

The final selection of officials at JO Championships will come from a pool of officials representing each region. Region board will recommend four judges to be placed in the selection pool.

MM-Hurlburt/SC-Chaplin/Passed

Officiating Panels for Championships:

- Level 4 – a two judge panel, averaging the scores
- Level 5/6 – a four judge panel, throw out the high and low- average the two middle scores.

MM-Garvey/SC-Bachman/Passed

Judges Fees: Honorariums are acceptable for all JO Championship events.

Awards:

- All Championship events will present 12 Places for Individual Event and AA.
- Improve the achievement award to a card backed ribbon with rivet.
- Level 9 Championships 1-12 AA & participant trophies. 1-12 Individual Event Awards
- Presentation of awards should always be given by an adult or pro-member/judge or meet director.

MM-Hurlburt/SC-Martin/Passed

Music:

The Jr. Olympic program will no longer accept tapes to be used at any competition as of June 30, 2007.

MM-DiTullio/SC-Chaplin/Passed

Group Championships:

Recommendation: move Group Championship date to the weekend before Thanksgiving (November 17, 2007), run an invitational meet in conjunction with this event.

Gymnasts, Coaches and Judges Attire-

Meet Referee will enforce the meet attire policy.

All gymnasts must be dressed for awards ceremonies as outlined in the Meet Information.

Code of Ethics/Responsibilities-

Recommendation: that each region send a reminder and a copy of section #10 of the R&P to coaches before attending any sanctioned event.

9:49pm adjourned

Reconvene at breakfast meeting: 8:18am

Administrative Recommendations:

Boards:

- State Directors: are responsible for the running of their state Championships along with promoting the sport within their state.

- Regional Boards: should designate a coach's representative to serve.
To avoid a voting tie, regional boards should have an odd number of members.

Bid process:

- All bids should be reviewed by the Regional board and a decision should be made based on previous experience, quality of administration, facility and cost effectiveness.
- Use Region 6's form for additional information and resources- appendix (#d)

Rebates:

- Regions may allocate funds for educational services for judges and coaches....
- Regions may allocate stipends for state directors to cover internet and phone expenses.

MM-Hurlburt/SC-Chaplin/Passed

Old Business:

Future Stars Team:

All JOPC suggestions will be discussed with the Future Stars Coordinator.

New Business:

1. Promote and market a "earn a badge" curriculum for the Girl Scouts of America, which will help clubs offering the program as a community service.
2. Meet directors are encouraged to include the Gala event at State and Regional meets.

Adjourned at 10:23am

Respectfully submitted:

Suzi DiTullio, JOPC Chair