



## Rhythmic JOPC Minutes

April 22-23, 2004

San Rafael, Calif.

### I. Roll Call

Jody Hurlburt	Region 1
Joyce Chaplin	Region 2
Beth Halloran	Region 3
Suzie DiTullio	Region 4 (Chair)
Nancy Martin	Region 5
Michelle Larson	Region 6
Tyana Marlowe	Judges Rep.
Caroline Hunt	Athletes Rep.
Ivanka Kirov	Coaches Rep.
Lucy Kerznerman	Coaches Rep.(no attendance)

### II. Office Update

The JOPC discussed the concern of declining athlete enrollment and brainstormed ideas for increasing participation at all levels of the sport.

Club and Program Directory

Request for Regional Directors to send an updated Regional Club/coach directory by email in a word format to all JOPC members.

Future Stars Report

The JOPC committee is willing to offer organizational support to get the Future Stars testing program back on line for this summer.

- Recommendation 1 - to have test sites at Level 5/6 Championships (Boston), Olympic Trials (San Jose), and additional sites in Houston or Chicago.
- Recommendation 2- that for the following test period the responsible individual select 1 tester from each Region to test in conjunction regional championships each year and that it be incorporated into the event.

### II. Competition Dates

August 10-13 National Championships

May 13-15, 2005 Junior Olympic Championships, Region 4

April 9,10 Region 1&5 Championships

April 16, 17 Region 3&6 Championships

April 23, 24 Region 2&4 Championships

March 27 (Easter)

### IV. J.O. Program/ JO Championships

The Junior Olympic Regional Team will be made up of 6 athletes plus 2 alternates at both level 7 & 8. The score for the Regional team will be chosen from the top 6 qualifying athletes at each level and alternates are eligible for individual awards.

**The RPC has modified this proposal to read:**

**The Regional Team will consist of the top 6 athletes and two alternates for Level 7&8. The alternates will compete for individual awards only unless they replace an injured team member. A non-citizen will be invited to compete at JO Championships should she place among the top six places in the All-Around at Regional Championships. Non-citizens are eligible for duplicate individual awards only.**

No change to the apparatus schedule for Junior Olympic Program.

### V. Rules and Policies (by section)

**Motion to add under Section 6 III Meet Directors Responsibilities.**

**F. Scoring formula and score form questions should be directed to your respective Regional Chair or Regional Judging Coordinator.**

Motion: Hurlburt  
Second: Kirov  
PASSED

**Change Section 7**

**II. A. Competitive Age-** a gymnast's age is determined by how old they are on August 1 of the competitive season. This is for the JO Program Only-Level 9,10 and Elite Age Divisions are determined by FIG rules

**II B. Age divisions (changes):** Revised and approved by both the JOPC & RPC.

**1. Novice division ages 6-8**

- delete Ages 6-8
- delete Ages 7-8

**2. Children's Division Ages**

- Child A: 9 & 10 years of age
- Child B: 11 & 12 years of age
- Junior Division Ages 13-15: a gymnast **MUST** compete at age 12 in the junior division if she will turn 13 by August 1st of the competitive year.
- Senior Division- ages 16 and over: a gymnast **MUST** compete at age 15 in the Senior Division if she will turn 16 by August 1st of the competitive year.

**III. D. Change the word compulsory to optional.**

**VI. B. Change level 8 program to Junior Olympic Program.**

Motion:DiTullio  
Second: Kirov  
PASSED

**Remove Section 8 IV. C. (remove entire section)**

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Chaplin  
PASSED

**Section 10 Changes**

**Remove Section 10: 1. Age division (remove entire section)**

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Marlowe  
PASSED

**Remove Section 10: II. C. Level 8-9 Mobility: including 1.**

Motion: Chaplin  
Second: Halloran  
PASSED

**Section 10 V**

**E. 1. Should read State and Regional (remove and Zone)**

- a. remove &6
- b. insert - The maximum entry fee for Level 6 individual competition is \$60.
3. Remove the word local in the first sentence and the entire second sentence that begins "The one exception"

Motion: Hurlburt  
Second: DiTullio  
PASSED

**Section 10 VI Meet Format**

- B. add 9. Any changes to the structuring of a session or event are up to the discretion of the meet director up through State Competitions and can warrant a financial penalty.
- C. delete 8
- D. delete 6
- E. delete 1 and change 5. to read - The award ceremony must be held in a timely manner.

Motion: Martin  
Second: Halloran  
PASSED

**Add at the end Section 10 VII Presentation of Awards B. 1 second sentence should read Non-**

**citizens receive duplicate awards which will be announced after the U.S. Citizens receive their awards.**

Motion: Chaplin  
Second: Martin  
PASSED

#### **Section 10 (cont.)**

**IX. C. change end of sentence to read judges assigned to judge execution may carry a Level 8 rating.**

**D. 2. delete /8, sentence should begin Level 7 compulsories**

**3. Correct to read, Level 8 – Optional- three to six judges per panel with one acting as head judge. Questions regarding panel assignments or scoring forms should be directed to your Regional Director or Regional Judges Coordinator.**

**5. Level 9 and 10**

**A. For State and Regional competitions please contact your Regional Director or Regional Judges Coordinator for information about judging panels and scoring formulas.**

#### **Delete Scoring Formulas chart**

**X. Delete F.**

Motion: Halloran  
Second: Hurlburt  
PASSED

**Remove Section 10 Chart of JO Forms required.**

**Add a line in the AWARD CHART separating 5,6,7,8,9,10 All-around and Out of State or / Out of Region Guests. The row line should be below up to 12th place in the third column.**

Motion: Halloran  
Second: DiTullio  
PASSED

#### **Section 11 Changes**

**Insert in Section 11 V. Replace F with: For the J.O. Program the length of each club must be a minimum of 25 cm and appropriate to the size of the athlete.**

Motion: Halloran  
Second: Chaplin  
PASSED

#### **Sections 12 and 13 Changes**

Add to Section 12 III E and Section 13 III E.

All TV and AV forms must be received 3 days prior to competition. A late penalty of \$25 per athlete will be required prior to an athletes' participation for any forms received after the deadline.

Motion: Chaplin  
Second: Hurlburt  
PASSED

#### **Section 14**

**1. Change A. to read, The top 8 level 7 and the top 8 level 8 individual athletes (regardless of age division) from each Regional competition will qualify to the Junior Olympic Championships. The top 6 comprise the regional team athletes ranked, 7 & 8TH are designated alternates and are eligible for individual awards only.**

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Martin  
PASSED

#### **VI. Nomination**

**Motion to nominate Suzie DiTullio for JOPC Chair.**

Motion: Jody Hurlburt  
Second: Nancy Martin  
PASSED

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Caroline Hunt  
Second: Michelle Larson  
PASSED



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