

Rhythmic Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2006

Time: 9:08am

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Nadine Davies, Chair

Andrea Schmid, Rhythmic Vice Chair

Pauline Bolte, Region 1

Wuling Stephenson, Region 2

Perryne Thompson, Region 3

Suzi DiTullio, JOPC Chair

Elena Savenkova, Region 4 (telephone)

Ellen Nyemcsik, Region 5

Tyana Marlowe, Region 6

Welcome to the new RTC from Region 1, Pauline Bolte

II. Election – Rhythmic Technical Committee Chair

Jan Exner, Rhythmic Program Director called for nominations for the Chair position. Perryne Thompson nominated Nadine Davies, Seconded by Ellen Nyemcsik, Nadine Davies was elected chair of the Rhythmic Technical Committee by acclamation.

The election process has been clarified and updated in the Operating Code by the RPC.

III. Assignment of Sub-Committees

Elite Sub-Committee – Nadine Davies

JOPC Rep & JO Sub Committee – Tyana Marlowe (Rep), Elena Savenkova

Judge's Education/Evaluation – Perryne Thompson, Pauline Bolte, Ellen Nyemcsik

IV. Regional Reports

Region 1

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4	3	4
5-6	6	2
7-8	11	3
National	2	2
Brevet	7	n/a
Total	29	11

- 2 judges courses were conducted in California
- 18 Competitive Clubs & 4 Recreational Clubs

Region 2

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4	8	
5-6	4	
7-8	7	
National	0	
Brevet	1	
Total	20	

- 2 judges courses were conducted, one in WA and one in OR
- 14 Competitive Clubs (WA-7, OR-4, ND-1, NE-1, AS-1)

Region 3

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4		
5-6		1
7-8	5	3

National	3	
Brevet	4	
Total	16	

- 2 judges courses were conducted
- 8 Competitive Clubs (IL-3, MI-2, MN-3)

Region 4

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4	0	
5-6		
7-8	3	
National	5	
Brevet	3	
Total	11	

- 1 judges courses were conducted in MA
- Competitive Clubs (NY-15, MA-4, RI-0, CT-1, NH-0, VT-0)

Region 5

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4	2	
5-6	2	
7-8	3	
National		3
Brevet	3	
Total	13	

- 3 judges courses were conducted – 2 NJ, 1-MD

Region 6

of Judges

Level	Certified	Provisional
3-4	2	
5-6	1	
7-8	1	
National		1
Brevet	8	
Total	13	

- 1 judge courses were conducted.
- 20 Competitive Clubs -7 of which are strictly USAIGC

V. Junior Olympic Program Clarifications

- Pre-A Difficulties are valid for Level 3 only.
- Additional Difficulties in the JO Handbook are valid for Level 4-6.
- Level 7/8 may only use FIG Code of Point Difficulties, the Additional JO Handbook skills are not valid for Level 7/8.

Region 3 presented a list of Questions to the Technical Committee regarding clarifications. It was decided to attach a document to the minutes with the answers to all questions. This will be put on the USAG website.

VI. Rules and Policy Changes

Motion: The judges uniform is Navy or BLACK blazer, skirt, pants and a white shirt.

Moved by Tyana Marlowe
 Seconded by Pauline Bolte
 Motion Carried

VII. "How to Run a Judge's Course"

This section on the USA Gymnastics website still needs to be updated.

Action: Tonya to send the material to Perryne & Ellen for revision.

VIII. Invitational Meets

It is recommended that Meet Directors contract enough judges for Invitational meets so that the scores on a single panel may be averaged.

It is the responsibility of the Meet Director to work with the Meet Referee regarding judging panels and assist in conducting judging practical exams.

IX. New Business

A. Level 3-8 Judge's Exam Revisions

Perryne, Ellen & Pauline will review and revise the JO Program Judge's Exams for the upcoming judge's courses in Fall 2006.

B. Recommendations to the JOPC:

1. Awards for the Level 3-6 Junior Olympic Program be revised from the achievement awards to Ranking in all events and All Around Competition. Awards should be given in all age categories up to 12 places in the Events and All Around. Additionally in the All Around, after 12th Place the gymnasts should be awarded a participation ribbon. Therefore all gymnasts will be awarded at the competition.
This is a recommendation to the JOPC for the 2007 Season
2. Compulsory Level 4 Routine: For the 2007 season, the acro (front walkover) be changed to allow the gymnast to perform a front walkover or cartwheel.