



Women' Technical Committee

Kissimmee, Fla.

May 4, 2004

I. Roll Call

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| Chairman | Cheryl Hamilton |
| Region 1 | Sue Graff |
| Region 2 | Linda Mulvihill |
| Region 3 | Carole Bunge |
| Region 4 | Linda Thorberg |
| Region 5 | Char Christensen |
| Region 6 | Pat Panichas |
| Region 7 | Myra Elfenbein |
| Region 8 | Marian Dykes |
| NETCC | Audrey Schweyer |
| WJOPM | Connie Maloney |
| Absent: | |
| NACC | Jan Greenhawk |
| NECC | Gary Anderson |
| SDWP | Kathy Kelly |
| NJOCC | Tom Koll |

II. GENERAL CONCERNS

Sanction procedures for reporting violations: Reminder that the Meet Referee should indicate on the sanction form any violations so that both the National office and the Regional Chairman are aware of such violations and may take appropriate action.

III. MEET RESULTS

Reminder that according to the *Rules and Policies*, the official result score sheets do not have to be signed by the judges.

IV. RATINGS REQUIRED FOR EACH LEVEL

Judging assignors are reminded that all judges assigned to a USA Gymnastics sanctioned meet must have the correct rating for the Level of the gymnasts competing. Meet Directors must work with the assignors to insure that the properly rated officials are judging each Level. Sometimes this involves being creative with the meet format so that the higher rated judges rotate with the higher level gymnasts.

If the format of a particular local or sectional meet cannot be adjusted to allow the gymnasts to be judged by properly rated officials, and in the event that all local judges with the proper rating have been asked and none are available to judge, then a judge certified at the next lower level may be assigned (preferably to Vault), provided that the RTCC has been notified and has given approval.

V. EMERGENCY CANCELLATION BY A JUDGE

As a professional courtesy, a judge with a non-refundable airline ticket who has to come off a meet due to personal emergency should work with the airlines to try to recoup the airfare either through a refund or paying a change fee to use the ticket for themselves at a later date. If any money is recouped, the Meet Director should be refunded.

VI. VAULT – NEW CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTION

Recommendation that the Chief Judge be responsible for taking the 1.00 deduction for performance of a one-arm vault from the average if at least half of the vault panel saw that only one hand touched the vault table.

Motion: M. Dykes
Second: A. Schweyer
PASSED

VII. UNEVEN BAR ELEMENT CLARIFICATION

For all levels that are allowed to perform "C" elements (Levels 8-10):

#3.304 Uprise backward to immediate clear hip to handstand is listed in the *FIG Code* as one "C" element (provided it finishes within 10° of vertical).

If the clear hip circle does not attain the handstand phase, the skill will be evaluated as two "B" elements (back uprise and clear hip circle)

Since Level 7 is not allowed to perform "C", if this element is performed, it will still be considered two "B" elements, regardless of whether or not the clear hip circle attained the handstand phase.

VIII. SURVEY RESULTS

The committee members requested that their respective JOCC share the information of the survey results with them in order for them to be prepared to decide the new Optional rules at the Fall meeting.

IX. FLOOR EXERCISE - SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Clarification: There are only three Special Requirements relating to Acrobatic (tumbling) elements:

1. Must have a series (consisting of a minimum of three flight elements directly connected-one of which is a salto)
2. Must have a second series that includes two saltos
3. Must have three different saltos within the exercise

Example: If a gymnast performs:

1. RO, FF, Double back
2. Front Layout, Front Layout
3. RO, 1/1 twist

She has fulfilled two Special Requirements: three different saltos and an acro series. She is missing a series with two saltos.

X. ELITE JUDGING CONCERNS

Discussion was held in regards to the previous recommendation of having 50% of the judges assigned to the Regional/National qualifiers consist of judges who were also assigned to Classics.

It is still a recommendation to insure some consistency, but it is not a hard-fast rule.

National Qualifiers: Meet Directors hosting a National Qualifier with an invitational should present Audrey Schweyer and Kathy Kelly with a list of their proposed judges for approval.

Elite Active status: The committee discussed problems with judges being unable to fulfill these requirements due to lack of opportunities. Audrey requested that the RTCCs keep a list of all Brevet judges who attend any Elite clinics or practice judge and/or assist at a Regional/National qualifier.

The dates of 2005 Brevet Courses:

Intercontinental Brevet Course: January 15-22 Osaka, Japan

Continental Brevet Course: February 2-5 Indianapolis, IN

USAG Brevet Course: February 6-9 Indianapolis, IN

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.



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