

## Women's Technical Committee Conference Call March 9, 2004

The meeting commenced at 8:15 PM Eastern time.

### I. Roll Call:

#### *Present:*

Chairman: Cheryl Hamilton  
NETC: Audrey Schweyer  
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  
WOPM: Connie Maloney  
SDWP: Kathy Kelly

#### *Absent:*

NJOCC: Tom Koll  
NECC: Gary Anderson  
NACC: Jan Greenhawk

### II. Purpose of the Call

The Technical Committee is charged with the organization and format for the National Judges' courses to be conducted in the summer of 2005. The call was to determine the expected number of participants, the length of the course and whether exams would be administered at both courses (one for current nationally rated officials and the other for first-time National course attendees).

### III. Recommendation that all judges invited to take their first National Judges' Course are required to take a graded "Written and Practical" exam.

Motion: C. Bunge  
Second: M. Dykes  
PASSED

### Recommendation that current National-rated judges attending the 2005 National Judges' Course will NOT be required to take a graded "Practical" exam.

Motion: M. Dykes  
Second: C. Bunge  
PASSED (8 in favor, 1 opposed)

### Recommendation that current National-rated judges attending the 2005 National Judges' Course be required to take a written exam.

Motion: C. Bunge  
Second: L. Thorberg  
PASSED (6 in favor, 3 opposed)

### Recommendation that the Written exam for the National Judges' Course consist of one-concept questions and some visual (via video) skill and connection identification, emphasizing new changes in rules and element values.

Motion: A. Schweyer  
Second: M. Elfenbein  
PASSED unanimously

### ~~Recommendation that one re-test opportunity be provided within the timeframe of the National Course.~~

Motion: A. Schweyer  
Second: S. Graff  
DEFEATED

### Recommendation that all National Course participants be allowed one re-test opportunity (per part-written and/or practical) to be administered by a member of the Technical Committee at a Regional or National USA Gymnastics event. Each region will offer a re-test opportunity, if necessary. All re-tests must be completed by December 31, 2005.

Motion: C. Bunge  
Second: C. Christensen  
PASSED

**Recommendation that the current National-rated judges be required to score a minimum of 80% on the written exam to retain their National rating (with one re-test by a WTC member allowed).**

Motion: C. Christensen  
Second: C. Bunge  
PASSED

**Recommendation that the first-time participants at the National Judges' Course be required to score a minimum of 80% on both the written and practical exams to achieve a National rating. One re-test opportunity by a WTC member will be allowed.**

Motion: C. Bunge  
Second: C. Christensen  
PASSED

Since the Level 10 Re-certification Courses will once again be offered (with self-testing only), any individual who fails to meet the minimum standard to pass the National Course will automatically receive a Level 10 rating.

*\* USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi asked for clarification and input from the JO Committee on the Level 10 Re-certification.*

#### **IV. Course Eligibility and Dates**

##### **A. Eligibility**

First National Course: All current National or Brevet-rated judges are eligible.

Second National Course: Individuals who have held a Level 10 rating for two 4-yr cycles (since at least Dec. 31, 1997).

Level 10 Re-certification Courses: Any individual who has passed the Level 10 exam two times (once in the current 2001 – 2005 cycle and once in the previous cycle).

##### **B. Dates**

**The proposed dates** of the two National Courses are:

July 27-30, 2005 or Aug. 14 – 17      1<sup>st</sup> course - for current National-rated judges:  
July 31-Aug. 3, 2005 or Aug. 18-21      2<sup>nd</sup> course- for individuals invited for the first time to a National Course

The site is to be determined, but it tentatively will be conducted in Indianapolis.

The Level 10 Re-certification Courses will be offered at the WTC Symposiums held in conjunction with the Master Compulsory Workshops (first two weekends in June, 2005), the NAWGJ National Symposium July 14-17 and the USA Gymnastics National Congress Aug. 11-13, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

*Approved by President Robert V. Colarossi  
April 2004*