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To: Members of the Junior Men's Coaching Community
From: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director
Re: 2010 Future Stars Update #1

The updated 2010 Future Stars Program Manual has been posted on the men's page of the USA Gymnastics web site. The direct link to the web site is: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/pages/post.html?PostID=5553&prog=m>

Questions concerning the Future Stars Routines or program should be directed to the Junior National Coaching staff member(s) in your region. The men's program directory can be found at: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/PDFs/Men/Contacts/m-programdirectory.pdf>

Please contact your State or Regional Chairman concerning the date and schedule for your respective State or Regional Future Stars evaluations.

Qualifying Scores:

1. The qualifying scores for the 2010 Future Stars National Championships will be:

- 10 Year Old Division: 68.00 AA (8 events) plus trampoline routine*
- 11 Year Old Division: 68.00 AA (8 events) plus trampoline routine*
- 12 & 13 Year Old Division: 64.00 AA (8 events) plus trampoline routine*

* All athletes must demonstrate one of the trampoline routines at the Regional Evaluation in addition to achieving the 8 event qualifying score in order to qualify to the Future Stars National Championships

2. The score at the Future Stars National Championships that must be achieved for 10 year old athletes to be able to compete in the Level 9 Division in the 2010 – 2011 Age Group Competition Program is 72.00 (8 events).

National Development Team

The members of the National Development Team will be determined at the Future Stars National Championships using the final all around score which will include trampoline.

2010 Future Stars National Championships

The site for the 2010 Future Stars National Championships is once again the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The tentative date is November 4 to 7, but the date has not yet been confirmed by the USOC. Updated information regarding the Future Stars Championships will be posted on the men's page of the USA Gymnastics web site as soon as possible.

2010 Future Stars Manual Replacement Pages: 2 replacement pages attached with highlighted changes.

II. Judging Rules and Regulations

The Future Stars Program will make use of all current Age Group Competition Program rules and regulations as they apply to the compulsory divisions with regard to uniform, required spotting, and equipment specifications. The Future Stars Program is based on a 10.0 system. The judging guidelines used in the Age Group Competition Program are modified and have the following exceptions:

Execution	
Small Error	.1
Medium Error	.2
Large Error	.3
Fall	.5

- A. Each sequence consists of 8-10 numbered parts. Each numbered part has a value of 1 point regardless of how many total numbered parts the sequence may have. The sequence may not exceed a total start value of more than 10.0.
- B. Omitting a numbered part will result in a 1.0 deduction for each with the exception of the Strength Sequences. The numbered parts in the strength sequences have a value of 2.0.
- C. Each numbered part may have 2-3 skills that make up that numbered part. In the event a portion of the numbered part is omitted the evaluator should use a form of mitigation and assign value to the completed skills within the numbered part.
- D. Repetition or added parts is acceptable – **except where specifically noted** - however all applicable execution deductions will apply.
- E. Evaluations at the State and Regional level, for all age divisions (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 year olds) will all start from a 10.0 base. There will be no use of Virtuosity Bonus.
- F. The Future Stars National Championships will begin with a base score of 9.7 for the 10, 11, 12 and 13 year old divisions with up to an additional 0.3 to be awarded for Virtuosity Bonus. Virtuosity Bonus may only be awarded for skills having a maximum of .1 in execution error and clearly exceed the required amplitude and performance criteria.

III. Regional Level Evaluation

The following guidelines should be used in the running of the Regional Future Stars Evaluation.

- A. The Regional Chairman is responsible for:
 - 1. Setting the date, site, and format of the Regional Evaluation as well as securing all officials pending assigned Junior National Staff Member approval. The Regional Evaluation should be held in conjunction with the Regional Clinic and no less than 21 days prior to the beginning of the Future Stars National Championships, unless approved by USA Gymnastics.

2. Informing the gymnastics community in that region of all pertinent information regarding the Regional Evaluation for the 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 year old divisions in a timely manner.
 3. Perform all administrative duties with regards to securing a USAG Sanction, entries, score keeping, results and awards for the Regional Evaluation.
 4. Reporting of the results to the USA Gymnastics Men's Program Manager within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Regional Evaluation.
 5. Submission of a digital photo of each six member age 8 and age 9 Regional Team respectively and sent to USA Gymnastics for inclusion in the USA Gymnastics Magazine.
- B. The Junior National Staff Member (or designee) serves as the Technical Director for the event with responsibilities to include the following:
1. Conduct and a brief orientation meeting for coaches and evaluators.
 2. Make event assignments for evaluators.
 3. Approval of facilities, format, and officials.
- C. Evaluation to be a one-day event with a maximum entry fee of \$50.00.
- D. Athletes from the 10, 11, 12 and 13 year old divisions must obtain a minimum all around qualifying score (for nine events) to advance to the National Evaluation. This qualifying score will be set by the Junior National Coaching Staff and published by September 1 of each year. Note: The Junior National Coaching Staff Member directing the Regional Evaluation and the Regional Chairmen, with unanimous agreement, may recommend that an athlete attend the Future Stars National Championships even if that athlete has not obtained the qualifying score.

IV. Future Stars National Championships

The following guidelines will be followed in the conduct of the Future Stars National Championships.

- A. The USAG Men's Program Director will have the following responsibilities:
1. Set the date, site and format for the Future Stars Championships.
 2. Secure a USAG Sanction for the event and secure all officials.
 3. Insure that all pertinent details of the event are well publicized to the gymnastics community.
 4. Act as the Future Stars Championships Meet Director and perform all administrative duties with regard to entries, scoring, results and awards.
 5. Communicate the results of the Future Stars Championships to the gymnastics community.