

RHYTHMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
September 11, 2017 (Update Nov. 29, 2017, Approved Dec. 8, 2017)

Roll Call:

National Judges Representative:	Stefanie Korepin (RPC Chair)
National Administrative Committee Chair:	Suzi DiTullio
International Elite Committee Chair:	Natalya Kozitskaya
Athlete Representative:	Sydney Sachs – ABSENT
Rhythmic Program Coordinator:	Jayne Vincent – NON-VOTING
Rhythmic Program Director:	Caroline Hunt – NON-VOTING

I. Review National Administrative Committee Recommendations

- a. **PASSED:** Recommendation to set the 2018 maximum entry fees for State and Regional events:

Level 3-4	\$75
Level 5-6	\$100
Level 7-10	\$125
- b. **DID NOT PASS:** Recommendation to require the use of Level 9 D forms at Regional qualifying events when using a single panel of four judges. (2D, 2A/T) The Regional Committee can eliminate the use of D forms at the Regional qualifying event only when using a full single panel of eight judges and all parts of the score are averaged. (2-D 1/2, 2-D 3/4, 2-A, 2-T)
 - i. **PASSED:** The Regional Committee may choose to require the use of Level 9 D forms at Regional Championships. When D forms are used, a single panel of minimum four judges (2-D, 2-A/T) is required. The Regional Committee may alternatively choose to eliminate the use of D forms. In this case, a single panel of minimum six (eight preferred) judges is required (1-D1/2, 1-D3/4, 2-A, 2-T.)
- c. **PASSED with form return protocol as described below:**

Recommendation for all sanctioned events leading up to and including the Regional Championships, score forms for Levels 3-6 and D forms for Level 7-10 will be given to the coach at the conclusion of each meet.

 - i. Forms must be sorted by club, sealed in an envelope, and given to the registered coach (only) at the end of the final awards ceremony. If the coach is not present, it is up to the meet director how and if the forms will be returned to the coach provided that it is no sooner than after the final awards ceremony.
- d. **DID NOT PASS:** Recommendation to allow the Regional Committees to set the annual invitational rebate prior to the start of each season. The percentage derived from the total entry fees will be determined by a vote of the Regional Committee. Each region will take into consideration its own financial commitments and initiatives for the year. This rebate can range between 5% and 10% with a cap of \$5000. This information should be posted for meet directors by November 1st.
 - i. **PASSED:** The rebate for all invitationals will be 7% of entry fees with a cap of \$3,500. Regional Chairs must distribute financial

reports by December 1st of each year documenting rebate income and uses of these funds.

- e. **PASSED:** Recommendation to set the regulations for Foreign Brevet judges when judging domestic U.S. events. A foreign brevet judge will not be allowed to judge Levels 3-6 of the Junior Olympic Program. They may judge execution for Levels 7-8. Exception: A Foreign Brevet will be allowed to judge Level 3-6 and/or Level 7/8 Difficulty, if they have taken the USA JO Judging Course and passed all applicable judging exams and verifications.
- f. **PASSED:** Recommendation regarding a Foreign Brevet Judge (without a competitive athlete representing their club). A meet director will be allowed to invite a foreign brevet only when approved by the Rhythmic Program Director and the initial invitation and contact is made directly through USA Gymnastics.
- g. **PASSED:** Recommendation for all unaffiliated judges to be given the opportunity to judge the minimum number/level of competitions within her region to fulfill her requirements for mobility.
- h. **PASSED:** Annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements will be implemented for all USA judges starting in the 2018 competitive season.
- i. **PASSED:** Recommendation to require all judges regardless of Level or ranking to submit their judges log to the National Judges Representative on or before December 1st of each year.

II. Operating Code Modifications

- a. **PASSED:** Operating Code and Organizational Chart to be modified to include new Rhythmic Xcel Committee.
- b. **PASSED:** Regional Judge Coordinators will serve a 4-year term and will be elected by all Professional Members in their respective regions. RJC elections will follow the same election procedures as outlined in paragraph 12.06 of the Operating Code and will be held every 4 years starting in Fall 2021.

III. National Qualifier

- a. **PASSED:** A level 9 athlete must achieve a minimum all-around score at her regional championship in order to be eligible to compete at the National Qualifier. This minimum score will be determined by the Rhythmic Program Committee. All level 10 athletes are eligible to compete at the National Qualifier.
- b. **PASSED:** The top 40 JRs at the National Qualifier will qualify to Level 10. The top 30 SRs at the National Qualifier will qualify to Level 10.

IV. Judges

- a. **PASSED:** All Brevet judges will be allowed to judge level 7-8 execution provided they participate in all applicable JO Courses and Update Courses.