Rhythmic Program Commitee Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2015, 12:15 pm

Roll Call:

Suzi DiTullio – Rhythmic Administrative Committee Chair  
Natalia Kozitskaya – International Elite Committee Chair  
Stefanie Korepin – National Judges Representative  
Sydney Sachs – Athlete Representative  
Brooke Toohey – USA Gymnastics Board Representative  
Caroline Hunt – Rhythmic Program Director (non-voting)

Agenda:

1. Rhythmic Program Committee Chair Nominations  
   a. Motion to nominate Stefanie Korepin as the RPC Chair  
      i. Motion: Brooke Toohey  
      ii. Seconded: Sydney Sachs  
      iii. Unanimously elected

2. Review and approve 2015 RAC Meeting Minutes  
   a. Implement additions, deletions, and corrections to R&P proposed by the RAC.  
   b. R&P Chapter 3 – Proposed Changes  
      i. Level 3 competition may be held at State Meets  
         1. Awards will be given according to achievement and not rank order. PASSED  
      ii. Each state must conduct a State Championship. State events may be hosted:  
         1. As a stand alone event  
         2. As a dual or tri-state event  
         3. In conjunction with an invitational competition  
            a. In the case that a state meet is held in conjunction with an invitational, State Meet rules and policies must hold for in-State athletes.  
               i. The minimum required State judging panel must be assigned. If there is a foreign sanction, those judges may judge Execution for Levels 7-10. PASSED  
            ii. In-state competitors will pay State Meet entry fees. If out-of-state athletes are invited to participate as an invitational, the host may set the invitational entry fee. In-state athletes may be charged an additional fee in order to be awarded at the invitational in addition to the state meet. PASSED
iii. Difficulty forms
   1. A late fee on Difficulty forms cannot be assessed more than 1 week in advance of a competition PASSED
iv. Eliminate injury petitions to JO Championships PASSED
v. Meet Format of National Qualifier
   1. Individuals will compete in a one or two day, all-around competition. PASSED
   2. 2016 Format: National Qualifier to be held over 3 days: JRs compete 2 days (2 events each day); SRs compete 4 events in 1 day.
   3. Proposed 2017 Format:
      a. Separate Level 9 Championships held prior to National Qualifier
      b. Gymnasts must qualify to the National Qualifier from Level 9 Championships
   4. Qualification to Level 10
      a. Top 20% of Juniors and top 20% of Seniors from the Qualifier after those who advance to the Championships will become Level 10. PASSED
      b. Athletes that qualify to National Championships will become Elite Level 10. PASSED
c. R&P Chapter 4 – Proposed Changes
   i. National Judge Selection Committee will assign meet referees for Level 7-10 Regional Championships PASSED
   ii. USA Gymnastics can conduct verification tests when there are rule changes to FIG Code of Points or JO Handbook PASSED
   iii. Regional Judging Coordinator (RJC)
      1. RJC must be unaffiliated PASSED
      2. RJC must have 4 years experience judging PASSED
   iv. Allow judges who have been unable to fulfill the requirements to maintain a rating due to extenuating circumstances to submit a petition the National Judges Representative PASSED
d. Operating Code – Proposed Changes
   i. National Judges Representative to hold a 4 year term PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm, Thursday, December 17, 2015

3. Review and Approve IEC Proposal, effective 2017
   a. R&P Chapter 3: Rhythmic Challenge
      i. The Top 12 Juniors from National Championships and the top 12 Seniors from National Championships are eligible to compete at the Rhythmic Challenge. PASSED

IEC Proposal reviewed December 18, 2015.