

Athlete Development Committee
Minutes
October 8, 2008

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Coaches Representation	Valeri Liukin
	Mary Lee Tracy
	Chris Burdett
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Elite Athlete Development Pipeline

The committee discussed ways in which the TOPS and HOPES and Pre- Elite Program can be improved with enhanced educational opportunities. The following recommendations were made and further discussion will take place at the November Meeting.

Recommendation to lower the Qualifying Scores for the 2009 season for the Pre-Elite Division is 47.00 and HOPES division is 45.00.

Motion Valeri Liukin
Second Mary Lee Tracy
PASSED

Recommendation that for the HOPES Division of the Pre-Elite Program, the final All Around placements be determined by combining the compulsory and optional scores on an equal basis. (50%-50%)

Motion Mary Lee Tracy
Second Chris Burdette
PASSED

Composition Requirements for the 2009 Season for the HOPES Division will follow FIG Requirements with the following changes:

Uneven Bars

- 180 turn
- 2 releases (each release counts as a requirement)
- A minimum of one Front, Back and Close circle element (missing one will mean losing the entire requirement.
- B Dismount

Beam

- Dance Connection with 2 different Elements (one with 180 cross split)
- Full turn on one foot
- Acro Series (one element must be salto)
- Acro in different direction (Fwd, Bwd, Sdwd)
- C Dismount

Floor

- Passage of min of 3 different dance elements, one leap or hop with 180 cross split
- Acro Series with 2 different saltos
- 2 saltos in different directions (Fwd, Bwd, Sdwd)
- Double salto & minimum of a Full Twisting LA salto
- C Dismount

Pre-Elite Junior Division will compete straight FIG rules with the final All Around rand determined by counting compulsory weighted at 30% and optionals weighted at 70%.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 12th.