

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE
National Team Training Center
February 23, 2014

Meeting began at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman	Mihai Brestyan
Coaches Representatives	Mary Lee Tracy
	Liang Qiao
	Kim Zmeskal Burdette
	Donna Strauss
National Team Coordinator	Martha Karolyi
Developmental Team Coord.	Valeri Liukin
Director of Elite Program	Steve Rybacki
Athlete Representative	Terin Humphrey
Vice President of Program	Luan Peszek

Secret U.S. Classic Qualifiers

There was discussion about the number of athletes who could participate in the Secret U.S. Classic in Hoffman Estates, Ill., August 1-2. The committee discussed putting a cap on the number of gymnasts who could compete in the event due to space and time limitations. It was decided that there would be a cap of 40 HOPES gymnasts qualified to the Challenge portion of the Secret U.S. Classic, but we would not put a cap on the number of juniors and seniors to qualify. Instead, if we have more juniors earn the qualification score than we can accommodate in one session then we will place the top ranked juniors in the senior session to make more room for the juniors. For junior awards, all of the juniors will be combined for the awards presentation at the end of the senior competition.

Mary Lee Tracy made a motion for a maximum of 40 HOPES gymnasts to compete in the U.S. Challenge on Friday, Aug. 1 in Hoffman Estates, Ill. If more than 40 qualify to the event, USA Gymnastics will determine by rank order the percentage of 10-11 year olds and the percentage of 12-13 year olds who will advance to the U.S. Challenge based on the number of athletes qualified in each of the age groups.

Chow seconded

Motion passed

HOPES division - compulsories

There was discussion about eliminating compulsories for the HOPES division from the 2014 U.S. Challenge competition to be held in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Aug. 1-2, due to lack of space and time at this event and the increased number of athletes involved in this program. The committee wanted to make sure everyone in the HOPES program is clear that they still MUST reach the qualifying score for compulsories at National Qualifiers. There was a great deal of discussion about the importance of

these compulsories and the athletes should still work the compulsory routines for their overall development.

Kim Zmeskal Burdette made a motion to eliminate the compulsory competition at the 2014 U.S. Challenge competition held in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Chow – seconded

Motion Passed

AAI Uneven Bar Rails

The AAI Graphite X Rails, which are FIG approved, will be the rails used at the 2014 World Championships in China. Therefore, the IEC committee discussed using the AAI Graphite X Rails at the 2014 American Classic, Secret U.S. Classic and the P&G Championships competitions, so that our gymnasts are training on the same set of rails they will compete on at the World Championships. There was discussion about using one set of rails for all elites – Hopes, Junior and Senior, making it easier for clubs having athletes in all three divisions.

The IEC committee members discussed that from their experience and observation, the gymnasts seem to easily adapt to either set of rails.

Chow made a motion that the AAI Graphite X Rails be used at the 2014 American Classic, Secret U.S. Classic and the P&G Championships competitions, for HOPES, Junior and Senior competitors.

Mary Lee Tracy seconded

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.