

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE  
OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER  
February 26, 2013

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**I. TOPS**

In reviewing the TOPS testing program, the following changes are for the October national testing. No changes were made for the state testing.

- a. Replace the following under 9 year old bar skills test -*3 tap swings with ½ turn on each swing* – with “From front support, cast (minimum horizontal) to 3 tap swings with ½ turn on each swing”
- b. Replace the following section within the second bar sequence under 10 year old bar skills test -*jump to high bar to 3 consecutive tap swings with ½ turn on each swing. Must be above horizontal* – with “jump to high bar with glide kip cast (minimum horizontal) to 3 consecutive ½ turns”
- c. The national flexibility testing will be a kick and hold sequence. Details of that testing will be available by April 1<sup>st</sup>. State flexibility test will not change.

Motion - Mary Lee Tracy  
Second - Valeri Liukin  
Passed

**II. Judges selection for 2013**

- a. Reviewed the judges’ selection committee’s 2013 panel selections & recommendations for the video review panel. Tatiana Perskaia and Tammy Biggs will be the video panel for 2013 season.
- b. Approval for the pool of judges for elite compulsory be widened to include former U.S. & American Classic judges. These judges must be approved by the national office and paired with a current Classic level judge.

Motion - Liang Qiao  
Second - Valeri Liukin  
Passed

### **III Foreign Athlete Participation**

In reviewing the *Rules and Policies*, more details are needed in regards to foreign athlete participation within the elite and pre elite programs.

- a. Foreign athletes without a green card may **not** participate in the following: TOPS National Teams, TOPS National Testing, National Elite Qualifier Competitions, Classic & National Championship competitions, Developmental and National Team training camps.
- b. Foreign athletes that retain an U.S. green card **may** participate in the following: TOPS National Camp, TOPS National Testing, Developmental camp, National Elite Qualifier and Classic competitions if they are a junior age athlete.
- c. Any foreign athlete, with or without a U. S. green card, that have represented their home country in competition or as a member of a national team must be released in writing from their previous federation before their participation in any elite levels will be considered.

Motion - Mary Lee Tracy

Second - Liang Qiao

Passed

### **V. Developmental program review**

Valeri gave an update on the developmental camps. Everything is going as planned.

There was discussion on how to keep the young talented athletes on the elite track and how to increase participation in the HOPES competition program.

Meeting adjourned – 2:45 pm