

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE
National Team Training Center
March 15, 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
Director of Elite Program	Steve Rybacki
Athlete Representative	Terin Humphrey (absent)
Vice President of Program	Luan Peszek

U.S. Challenge Qualifiers – clarification

As was stated in the last set of IEC minutes, there is a maximum number of 40 gymnasts to compete in the U.S. Challenge. USA Gymnastics will post the list of qualifiers on the USA Gymnastics elite website so that coaches of HOPES athletes can see their ranking leading up to the U.S. Challenge. If more than 40 qualify to the event, USA Gymnastics will determine by rank order of optional scores 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.

If an athlete tries to qualify Junior International Elite and does not reach the qualification score, she may use her Junior International score for the HOPES division as long as she is age eligible and reaches the HOPES qualification score. The gymnasts' highest score will be used in the ranking – either HOPES or Junior Elite.

Stick Bonus System

The IEC discussed a bonus system for a stuck landing that they will incorporate at the 2014 American Classic, U.S. Classic/Challenge and P&G Championships. International and HOPES Gymnasts can earn one tenth on each of the four events. If earned, the one tenth bonus will be added to the start value. The D panel judges will determine if the bonus is awarded. To be eligible for the bonus see the following event requirements.

Vault: Junior & senior international athletes .1 for sticking if the start value is 5.8 or greater.
HOPES athletes at the Challenge meet .1 for sticking if the start value is 5.0 or greater.

If a senior athlete is competing two different 5.8 or higher value vaults she is eligible for a .10 on each vault if she sticks. To clarify, the first vault score is used for the all-around competition.

Bars: .1 for sticking D dismount

Beam: .1 for sticking D dismount

Floor: .1 for sticking any tumbling pass ending with a D acro skill one time (a maximum of .1 per

routine).

For example: If an athlete does a 1.5 to a 2.5 this tumbling pass ends with a D skill so could be given a .10 bonus if she sticks. A double Arabian to a stag jump would not receive .10 bonus since the stag jump is not a D acro skill. A 2.5 to punch front full is not eligible for a .10 bonus since the punch front full is not a D acro skill.

Mary Lee Tracy made the motion to begin the bonus system for sticks (awarding .10 per event for sticks) at the 2014 American Classic, U.S. Classic/Challenge and P&G Championships.

Liang Qiao Seconded

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.