

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE

National Team Training Center

November 8, 2017

Meeting began at 12:35pm

Chairman	Steve Rybacki
Coaches Representatives	Donna Strauss
	Kim Zmeskal-Burdette
	Jiani Wu

National Team Coordinator	Valeri Liukin
Athlete Representative	Terin Humphrey
Sr Vice President of Program	Rhonda Faehn

I. Qualification scores

Discussion regarding change of qualification scores for the 2018 year. The committee felt the senior qualification scores should remain the same. For juniors, the qualification score into the 2018 American Classic and U.S. Classic will now be raised to 50.5 All around and the qualification score into the U.S. Championships will now be a 51.00 All Around.

Hopes qualification scores for 12-13 year olds will remain the same for optional qualification scores to the Classic. For 10-11 year olds, the qualifying score will raise from a 45.00 to a 46.00.

The updated 2018 qualification chart will be on the USA Gymnastics website

Motion Donna Strauss
Second Terin Humphrey
PASSED

II. Review of 2 and 3 event scores and rule verbiage clarification

Committee clarified that a senior athlete can compete on 2, 3 or 4 events at a National Qualifier or the 2017 (fall) or 2018 National Team training camps MAY qualify with a 2 or 3 event score (they do not have to compete on all 4 events) and they will be allowed to compete on 4 events at the Classic competitions.

Also for Seniors that competed at 2017 P&G Championships on 2 or 3 events, if they received a 39.0 (or above) on 3 event or a 26.5(or above) on 2 event (regardless of total number events competed) at Championships, those scores would qualify the athletes into the 2018 American/US Classic on those events only. If the athlete wishes to compete All around or other events they did not (receive the qualifying score on at 2017 Championships), they must qualify through the 2018 National qualifier competitions.

Motion Kim Zmeskal-Burdette
Second Jiani Wu
PASSED

III. Clarification of qualification from a training camp

Based on the needs of the country, specified National team training camps, as selected by the Selection committee and the National team coordinator, can be utilized for qualification into Classic meets and the U.S. Championships. All selection specified National team training camps will be judged by 2 FIG Brevet rated judges.

For Developmental camp qualification into (Hopes, American & US Classics meets)

Athletes must participate in at least 2 developmental camps (Fall 2017/Spring 2018) to be eligible to attempt to qualify to Classics by performing full sets on competition surfaces at selected developmental training camps in 2018. These select camps will also be judged by 2 FIG Brevet rated judges.

Motion **Kim Zmeskal-Burdette**
Second **Donna Strauss**
PASSED

VI. Judges Selection Committee

Recommendation for Cheryl Hamilton to continue as the representative judge on the Judges Selection Committee

Motion **Donna Strauss**
Second **Jiani Wu**
PASSED

VII. Funding

National team handbook states that additional athletes MAY be named to the National team by the Athlete Selection Committee at any time during the year including at the US Championships. Amount and duration of funding (if any) will be determined by the IEC and will be communicated to the athlete.

Gabby Perea was added to the National team at 2017 P&G Championships.
The IEC unanimously voted to continue funding Junior National team member Gabby Perea

Abstain from vote **Jiani Wu**

Discussion of 2018 Elite Calendar

Decision to no longer host the July 6, 2018 National Qualifier at the NTTTC and instead ask a private club to host the qualifier on a date 2 weeks prior to the American Classic, preferably June 23, 2018 weekend. Host forms will be distributed to the elite community and will need to be received by National office by Dec 31, 2017. If no bids are received, there will not be a 6th National qualifier in the year of 2018.

Committee determined rules the 2018 season. Non-FIG rules implemented

Vault value adjustments will remain the same
Keep stick bonus
Keep rotation event change implemented at Championships last year

Hopes Rule Change for 2018

For 10-11 year old Hopes bars:

Gymnasts will be permitted to jump from low bar to high bar without incurring the 0.5 deduction. However, deductions for the cast and sole circle prior to the jump to high bar will all still apply. Straight-legged, pike or straddle sole circles to stand are permitted.

This rule change does NOT pertain to Hopes 12-13

Motion **Kim Zmeskal-Burdette**
Second **Donna Strauss**
PASSED

Discussion about vaulting table height for the younger athletes. Valeri will consult with TOPS and Developmental staff and elite coaches to best determine the direction of equipment settings

Discussion of 2018 World Selection Procedures

Discussion regarding Inquires for E score allowable range was tabled and will continue discussion at January 2018 National team camp.

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm