

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE
National Team Training Center
Nov. 22, 2013

Meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

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

I. 2014 World Championship selection procedures

The committee worked on the 2014 World Championships selection procedures and will present them to the USA Gymnastics office for approval.

II. The elite compulsory competitions

There was a motion regarding the elite compulsory competitions and judges.

Compulsory meets are to use a two-judge panel per event. 50% of the judges for each panel must be on the list of judges used at a classic or championships competition no later than Jan. 1 of the previous year and or a judge on the video panel. The other 50% of each event panel can be from a list of judges created by the judges selection committee (see below). The host club is responsible for all costs of judges' travel and fees.

Additional Judges list	Classic/Championships
Piper White, - Reg 1	Tamara Biggs
Neela Nelson – Reg 1	Silvia Brestyan
Jennifer Krause –Reg 1	Carole Bunge
Cori Rizzo – Reg 3	Elisabeth Crandall Howell
Linda Thorberg –Reg 4	Maria DeCristoforo

Mary Ann West – Reg 4	Susan Graff
Char Christensen – Reg 5	Cheryl Hamilton
Kathryn Geddert Reg 5	Anna Li
Judy Dobransky – Reg 5	Connie Maloney
Sandy Oldham Reg 5	Shari Mann
Kathy Ostberg - Reg 6	Chellsie Memmell
Myra Efenbein – Reg 7	Linda Mulvihill
Audrey Schweyer – Reg 7	Rene Niccollai
Lynn Perrott – Reg 7	Pat Panichas
Marian Dykes – Reg 8	Tatiana Perskaia
Joan Moore – Reg 8	Kristie Phillips-Bannister
Toni Rand – Reg 8	Jenny Ester Rowland
Kittia Carpenter Reg 5	Judy Schalk
	Chelle Stack
	Sharon Weber
	Tabitha Yim

Anyone interested in hosting an elite compulsory competition should contact Steve Rybacki at SRybacki@usagym.org who can provide you with a list of eligible judges.

Also, the host club will be responsible for all registrations and entry fees. This process will no longer go through the office.

Motion: Mary Lee Tracy
Seconded: Kim Zmeskal Burdette
Motion approved

III. TOPS program

IEC reviewed the TOPs rules and made a few clarifications and changes. The new updated version will go on the website by Jan. 1, 2014. Below are the specifics.

For all state and national level testing the physical abilities rope climb for the 8 year olds will be the same as all of the other age groups. 12 feet.

For all state and national testing the flexibility test will be the series of kicks and holds. 12 judgments. There is a video link showing this test online.
<http://usagym.org/pages/women/video/tops.html>

The following are changes to the National Skills Test.

On vault, 8 year olds may do round off rebound to stacked mats (115 centimeters) landing on a flat back or a handspring vault.

Beam

It is no longer permissible to have stacked up mats – either use the low beam or high beam.

8” mats can be used under bars and beam.

IV. Elite Compulsories

The IEC reviewed the Elite compulsories and made a few clarifications and changes. The new updated version will go on the website by Dec. 1, 2013.

A few items specifically discussed were as follows:

On floor, the round off to one-and-a-half rebound to forward motion (gymnast can do a cartwheel or round off out of the skill if she likes)

On the whip pass – it is strongly recommended that the coach stand behind the gymnast for safety.

Discussion about the front giant on bars and the group felt that the front giant should stay in the routine.

Regarding judging – The compulsories are set up as a pass or fail system. The IEC committee believes we should rely on our expert judges to evaluate the routines and determine if the athletes should advance. An upcoming project would be to put together a base score videos.

The IEC also plans to add and update videos to show the elite compulsories. They will be available at <http://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/index.html>

V. HOPES program

The IEC reviewed the HOPES program and made a few clarifications and changes. The new updated version will go on the website by Dec. 1, 2013.

At the HOPES level, coaches may be on the podium to stand in for vault, bars and beam.

For HOPES floor exercise corner deductions – the gymnasts can stand in the corner with both feet (but not more than 1 second).

VI. Junior International Elite

The committee discussed the floor exercise corner deductions. Junior international athletes will follow the same rules as the seniors – FIG rules without modifications.

VII. Funding

The committee discussed the last funding spot available on the national team.

Kim Zmeskal Burdette made a motion for Madison Desch to receive funding.

Chow second

Motion passed.

VIII. Proposal to FIG to prohibit use of current athletes in pre competition video review

Liang Qiao made a motion that the IEC would request that USA Gymnastics propose to the FIG executive committee that athletes who are registered to compete in a particular competition not be used as an example in pre competition judges' videos for that competition.

Kim Zmeskal Burdette seconded

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.

