



**JOINT MEETING
JR. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ONTARIO, CA
MAY 15, 2005**

**I. ROLL CALL - MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY
CHAIRMAN TOM KOLL AT 9:00 a.m.**

Region 1	Dan Witenstein – Sue Graff
Region 2	Laurie Reid – Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Cheryl Jarrett – Carole Bunge
Region 4	Don Houlton – Linda Thorberg
Region 5	John Geddert – Char Christensen
Region 6	Larry Goldsmith – Pat Panichas
Region 7	Mike Milchanowski – Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Paul Padron – Marian Dykes
NJOCC	Tom Koll
JOPM	Connie Maloney arrived at 10 a.m.
NTCC	Cheryl Hamilton
SDWP	Kathy Kelly

II. ELITE GK

Tom introduced Sallie Weaver, President of Elite GK. Sallie addressed the committee regarding GK's sponsorship of the JO Program. Sallie welcomes all comments regarding the apparel for the athletes and the regions. Reminder: The regions will have the same color leotard for the entire quad. 2005 is the first year of the quad.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Tom asked the committee members to speak with their Regional Administrative Chairman about the Regional Meetings that might be needed at Congress and forward the information to Kathy Kelly or Kathy Feldmann. Tom reminded the committee members that the Women's Program Summit (Appreciation Dinner) is on Wednesday night before Congress. Tom encouraged everyone to attend.

The committee discussed the formats for the State and Regional Meets. The following recommendation was made.

Recommendation that for State and Regional competitions, the RJOCC and RTCC will have approval for the formats and numbers with suggested guidelines. This does not apply to Invitational Meets.

Motion: C. Christensen

Second: J. Geddert

PASSED

Recommendation that a minimum of 2:00 minutes of timed warm-up is required in the Modified Traditional Format for Level 7 through 10.

Motion: L. Reid

Second: L. Mulvihill

PASSED

The committee discussed the issue of "standardizing" the dimensions of the sting mat.

Tom requested that the committee members poll their regions and communicate with the manufacturers before a final decision is made. The issue was tabled until more information is available.

Clarification: The sting mat cannot be placed on the board on vault. The mat must be on the runway only.

Level 9 East/West Meet

Next year's format for the Level 9 East/West Championships will be 3 sessions on Friday and Saturday and two sessions on Sunday.

Compulsory Uneven Bars

Recommendation for the compulsory exercises, to allow the coach to stand between the bars for the entire routine.

Motion: L. Goldsmith

Second: J. Geddert

PASSED

Evaluation of new Elements performed at the 2005 JO Nationals:

- Low Bar Geinger in tuck position–C (Turchin)
- Giant Circles (Front or Back) with straight body/legs performed on the low bar are the same value as those performed on the high bar.
- Beam–Aerial Cartwheel with an additional 1/4 turn out (tinisica) (Perry)–D
- Beam–Front Aerial land on two feet (Davidson)–D
- Floor–Khorkina with an additional 1/1 twist (Toussaint)–D

Recommendation that all age divisions may use the beam at any height, regardless of age division; however, the height must be within a minimum of 100 cm. (+ or-1cm.) and 125 cm. (+ or-1 cm.).

Motion: C. Jarrett

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

~~**Recommendation that each gymnast is guaranteed a maximum of two vaults in the 30-sec. touch for JO optional.**~~

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: D. Houlton

FAILED

Clarification: For those states who host sectional meets independently from invitational meets, the State Committee in conjunction with the meet director will determine by draw the placement of teams within sessions.

IV. BIDS FOR JO NATIONALS

Connie apprised the committee of bids that have been received for JO Nationals and East/West Meets. Connie would like to have the bids set for the quad by this fall. Committee input is appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Region 5 John Geddert
 Region 6 Larry Goldsmith
 Region 7 Mike Milchanowski
 Region 8 Paul Padron
 Chairman Tom Koll
 SDWP Kathy Kelly

II. FUND RAISING

The committee discussed philosophies and opportunities for fundraising.

III. LEVEL 2 & 3

Recommendation to allow each state to conduct a State Meet for Level 1, 2 or 3.

Motion: C. Jarrett

Second: P. Padron

PASSED

IV. MOBILITY LEVELS

The committee discussed mobility and the entry requirements and felt there was no change needed to what is currently in the R&P for the compulsory levels and made the following recommendations for optional levels.

Recommendation to allow optional level athletes (8,9,10) to drop back one level without petitioning to do so.

Motion: M. Milchanowski

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

V. JO CALENDAR

Tom reviewed future State, Regional and National Meet dates.

State Meets—March 11-12 or March 18-19, 2006

Regional 9/10 Meets—April 1 & 2, 2006

East/West—April 21–23, 2006

JO National—April 28–30, 2006

State Meets—March 24-25 or March 31-April 1, 2007

Regional Meets—April 21 & 22, 2007

JO Nationals—May 11–13, 2007

East/West—May 18–20, 2007

State Meets March 29-30 or Apr. 5-6, 2008

Regional 9/10 Meets—April 18-20, 2008

East/West —May 9–11, 2008

JO National—May 16–18, 2008

VI. REPLACEMENT POLICIES

Recommendation to the Administrative Committee that Meet Directors of all Sanctioned events allow entry to replacement athletes without any additional fee.

Motion: D. Houlton

Second: J. Geddert

PASSED

(See Administrative Committee minutes from August 2005)

VII. FOREIGN ATHLETES

The committee discussed the issue of foreign athlete participation at National Meets. It was decided that an impact study should be done.

VIII. JO COMPULSORY WORKSHOPS

Tom went over the schedule and responsibilities for the committee at Compulsory Workshops.

Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
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Meeting Commenced at 2:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Cheryl Hamilton
 Region I Sue Graff
 Region II Linda Mulvihill
 Region III Carole Bunge
 Region IV Linda Thorberg
 Region V Char Christensen
 Region VI Pat Panichas
 Region VII Myra Elfenbein
 Region VIII Marian Dykes
 Assistant Chair Audrey Schweyer

Concerning Test Administrators:

- Those individuals that the TC have deemed eligible to be considered for a position as a Test Administrator (TA) have received a letter asking for acceptance.
- The USA Gymnastics National office should send a follow up letter with specific information for TAs to be aware of before accepting the TA position and giving the test.
 - TAs must pass all ratings they wish to achieve prior to receiving their testing packet and giving the test.
 - Failure to take and pass the appropriate levels prior to giving the test waives the TAs right to achieve a rating for 8 years.
 - Registration for Judging Accreditation will be done on-line at the USA Gymnastics web site. TAs will be required to obtain all information on-line.
 - TAs will be given a \$100 honorarium provided ten test parts are given. Pre-approved expenses will be reimbursed.

TA Workshops

Current TA Workshops are scheduled at the NAWGJ Symposium in Portland, Oregon and the USA Gymnastics Congress in Indianapolis, IN.

Recommendation to the USA Gymnastics Accreditation Coordinator to offer additional TA Workshops at the Compulsory Workshop & Technical Symposium in Region 3 and Region 6/7.

Motion: C. Bunge

Second: M. Dykes

PASSED

After communicating these opportunities to those eligible to attend a TA Workshop, these additional TA sessions will not be conducted due to lack of interest.

The TC maintains the policy, as in the past, to allow judges to attend only one judging course. Judges should attend the course for the highest rating for which they are eligible and wish to achieve.

Recommendation that International Brevets from another country that have been actively judging in the JO Program during the last four years and will not recertify at the International Brevet level will be eligible to attend the JO National Course #2 for new national ratings.

Recommendation that members of the Technical Committee and the Junior Olympic Committee who currently hold USA Brevet or

National ratings be exempt from attending and testing at the USA Brevet Course or the National Course.

Motion: A. Schweyer

Second: L. Mulvihill

PASSED

The committee continued working on the presentations for the National Technical Symposiums.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL AUGUST 25, 2005

I. ROLL CALL

Coaches Representatives:

Al Fong
Valery Liukin
Donna Strauss
Mary Lee Tracy
Larrissa Fontaine
Martha Karolyi (absent)
Steve Rybacki
Gary Warren
Kathy Kelly

Athlete Representative
National Team Coordinator
Chairman
Elite Program Manager
Vice President Program

II. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

The committee discussed the position of the Athlete Representative on the Selection Committee for the process of the selection of the 2005 World Championships team.

Recommendation to accept the Athlete Council recommendation for Kim Zmeskal-Burdette to act as the Athlete Representative for the Selection Committee for the 2005 World Championships.

Motion: D. Strauss

Second: A. Fong

PASSED

The committee discussed the difficulties of obtaining an athlete representative who is available to attend selection camps and competitions. The committee asked Larissa to provide them with a job description for the Athlete Representative so that the committee can seek out former athletes who might wish to serve.

Steve and Larissa will discuss the issue again with Steve Penny at the Board Meeting in November.