

Jr. Olympic & Technical Committee Joint Meeting

Oct. 22-24, 2004

Adam's Mark Hotel- Indianapolis, IN

I. Roll Call

Chairmen Tom Koll and Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Region 1	Neela Nelson, for Sue Graff	Dan Witenstein, Fri. only
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Carole Bunge	Cheryl Jarrett
Region 4	Linda Thorberg	Don Houlton
Region 5	Char Christensen	John Geddert
Region 6	Pat Panichas	Larry Goldsmith
Region 7	Myra Effenbein	Mike Milchanowski
Region 8	Marian Dykes	Paul Padron
TC Asst. Chairman	Audrey Schweyer	
NACGC/W	Mark Cook	
NJOPM	Connie Maloney	

II. FIG Update

The committee reviewed possible changes from FIG; however, since the International FIG Judging Courses will not be held until late 2005, the JO and Technical Committees will continue their work on new rules for the JO program, regardless of what will transpire for the Elite program. All judges currently holding a Brevet rating will be invited to re-certify at that level and will be notified of the exact date as soon as FIG has confirmed the date of the Intercontinental Course. The US National Judges' Courses, scheduled for August of 2005, will be held as scheduled. All judges currently holding a National rating will be invited to re-certify at the first National Course August 14-16, 2005.

III. Level 7

Tom Koll reviewed the original philosophy of this level. The committee discussed whether to consider changing the concept of a compulsory/optional level to more of a beginner optional level. It was the unanimous opinion of the committees that Level 7 be considered as the first optional level, effective August 1, 2005. The primary emphasis at Level 7 will continue to be on execution and amplitude; therefore, the committees agreed that composition deductions would still not be used at this level.

IV. Special Requirements for the New Cycle

Recommendation that, for Bars, Beam and Floor Exercise at all optional levels (7-10), there be only three Special Requirements per event, each worth 0.50, effective August 1, 2005.

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: P. Padron

PASSED, 13 in favor, 3 opposed

V. Vault

Recommendation to allow a slight arm bend of the lead (first) arm for all Group 3 vaults (Tsukahara entry-that is, any vault that involves a ¼ to ½ turn on, regardless of the direction of the salto off) with no penalty, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2005.

Motion: D. Houlton

Second: M. Milchanowski

PASSED

The committees discussed the number of vaults allowed for the 30-second touch warm-ups for optional athletes. Presently the gymnasts are allowed to go over the vault table three times, but there was discussion as to limiting it to only two vaults. This item was tabled in order to get feedback at meets this year.

VI. Mounts on Bars and Beam

~~Recommendation for Levels 7-10 to allow the use of a ½ inch thick piece of plywood under the springboard for uneven bar and balance beam mounts. The meet director must supply the plywood board. EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2005.~~

~~Motion: M. Milchanowski~~

~~Second: L. Reid~~

~~PASSED~~

~~It is recommended that:~~

~~a. the dimension of the board be 2' x 4';~~

~~b. a rope line be attached to the board for easy, quick removal of the board, and~~

~~c. a non-slip surface, such as 3m tape, be placed on top of the plywood to keep the springboard from slipping~~

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USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi requested that this item be sent back to the committee for further discussion. The use of any apparatus, mat or other item for competition that is not manufactured by a gymnastics equipment company **cannot**

be approved by USA Gymnastics.

VII. Optional Rules for the Cycle Beginning August 1, 2005

The committees worked on all aspects of optional rules/deductions and finalized the changes for the next cycle. The basic changes will be published in the 2005 April *Technique* and posted on the USAG web site after the 2005 optional season is completed, up to and including the State Championships. The *Jr. Olympic Code of Points* will be first available at the two National compulsory Workshops and Technical Symposiums.

VIII. Compulsory Program for 2005-2013

The committees finalized the deductions for all events and continued to make improvements on the text and illustrations. A preliminary version of the DVD showing the Level 1 exercises and supplementary skills was shown to the committee for approval of the format.

Tom Koll gave the Jr. Olympic committee information regarding their role and responsibilities at the Master Workshops in June. Connie thanked all the committee members for their hard work and dedication to this huge project.

IX. Next Meeting

The next joint meeting of the Jr. Olympic and Technical Committees is scheduled for the Monday and Tuesday, May 16-17, 2005 following Jr. Olympic Nationals in Ontario, Calif. The Technical Committee will also meet April 29 – May 1, 2005 to prepare materials for the various upcoming judges' courses.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

*Approved by President Robert V. Colarossi
December 1, 2004*