



WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Fort Worth, TX
May 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) at 4:00pm.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Shane McIntyre
Region 2	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Mark Folger
Region 4	Bryon Hough
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter
Region 6	Larry Goldsmith
Region 7	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Brad Harris
Women's JO Program Director	Annie Heffernon

1. Nominations for JO National Program of the Year
 - Region 1 – All American Gymnastics, Lindon, UT.
 - Region 2 – Hawaiian Island Twisters, Honolulu, HI.
 - Region 3 – Texas Dreams Gymnastics, Coppell, TX.
 - Region 4 – Twin City Twisters, Champlin, MN.
 - Region 5 – Cincinnati Gymnastics, Fairfield, OH.
 - Region 6 – Connecticut Gymnastics Academy, Wallingford, CT.
 - Region 7 – Central Bucks School of Gymnastics, Doylestown, PA.
 - Region 8 – American Twisters, Coconut Creek, FL.

Congratulations to the JO National Program of the Year: Texas Dreams Gymnastics.

2. JO Calendar – dates approved through 2020 as follows:

Meet	2017	2018	2019	2020
Last Date for L 9/10 State Championships	March 17-19	March 16-18	March 15-17	March 27-29
Last Date for L 9/10 Regionals	April 7-9	April 13-15	April 12-14	April 17-19
East/West Championships	April 27-30	May 3-6	May 2-5	April 30 - May 3
JO Nationals	May 5-7	May 11-13	May 10-12	May 8-10

3. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2016, for compulsory Balance Beam Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, to allow a straight leg closed finish on the landing of beam acro skills OR the text as written.
 - Motion: Bryon Hough
 - Second: Laurie Reid
 - Passed Unanimously



4. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2016, the use of an alternative springboard for Level 2 will be allowed.
Motion: Bryon Hough
Second: Brad Harris
In Favor: 7
Opposed: 1
Passed

5. Recommendation to add to page 84 of the *R&P*, 3.b. and page 87 of the *R&P*, 3.b.3) Coaches ARE REQUIRED to register online through the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System. The number of Credentialed Coaches for East/West Championships and/or Junior Olympic National Championships allowed per club are as follows:
1-4 athletes participating – maximum of 3 credentialed coaches allowed on the field of play
4-9 athletes participating – maximum of 4 credentialed coaches allowed on the field of play
10+ athletes participating – contact the Women’s Junior Olympic Program Director for coach credentials
Upon approval of the Women’s Junior Olympic Program Director, additional credentials may be purchased for \$100.00. Payment is due at the time of the request.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Shane McIntyre
Passed Unanimously

6. Recommendation to amend page 77 of the *R&P* to the following: D.4. A US Elite gymnast (an athlete who has competed as a Junior or Senior International Elite in a Classic Meet or higher) who wants to enter the JO Program MUST petition to drop back to the JO program, regardless of the year of competition, by sending a “reason for change” letter FROM HER COACH to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman. For Information regarding Foreign Athlete (Elite or non-elite) participation in the Jr. Olympic Program, please refer to Chapter 2, page 23.
Amend page 78 of the *R&P* to the following: D.4.d. Clarification: An elite athlete dropping back into the JO program is considered a JO athlete when she enters her first USA Gymnastics sanctioned event as a Level 10 athlete AFTER the petition has been granted. D.4.e. All scores obtained before the petition is granted are INVALID for qualification to State Championships and above in the current season.
Motion: Shane McIntyre
Second: Mark Folger
Passed Unanimously

7. Recommendation to REMOVE the following from page 76 the *R&P*: C.2. For invitationals and qualifying meets below the State Championships, the Meet Director may determine the age divisions and must publish such information in the pre-meet information.
Motion: Laurie Reid
Second: Linda Johnson
Passed Unanimously

8. Clarification regarding spring configurations for the springboard: Approval to utilize a 3 or 4-spring pattern as shown below in sanctioned USA Gymnastics events has been granted. Recommendation to add the diagrams to page 89 of the *R&P*.

4 COIL SPRING PLACEMENT (OPTION 1)



⊗ = NO COIL IN THAT LOCATION.

4 COIL SPRING PLACEMENT (OPTION 2)



⊗ = NO COIL IN THAT LOCATION.

3 COIL SPRING PLACEMENT



⊗ = NO COIL IN THAT LOCATION.

Motion: Brad Harris
 Second: Larry Goldsmith
 Passed Unanimously

9. Recommendation to amend page 90 of the *R&P* to the following: II.A.1.d. Levels 4-5: All age divisions may use the vault table at any manufacturer setting. Levels 6-10: All age divisions may use the vault table at any height; however, the height must be within a minimum of 100 cm (± 1 cm) and a maximum of 135 cm (± 1 cm).

Motion: Linda Johnson
 Second: Kittia Carpenter
 Passed Unanimously

10. Discussion regarding the Junior Olympic Vault requirements for Levels 1-10. The JO Committee is working on a proposal for limited implementation into the JO Program in August, 2018.

11. Recommendation to amend the following on page 91 of the *R&P*: D.1.d.

- Landing into a "LOOSE-FOAM PIT" AREA IS NOT ALLOWED FOR COMPETITION, unless the pit area is covered by a stable (wooden or metal) surface. Exception – this is allowable if the landing surface is deemed firm by the Meet Referee and Meet Director prior to the competition.

Motion: Larry Goldsmith
 Second: Mark Folger
 Passed Unanimously



12. Recommendation from the JOC to the National Office: At regional competitions, Judge's break times are at the discretion of the Regional Administrative Committee.
13. Recommendation to raise the minimum qualifying score for Women's Level 10 Junior Olympic National Championships to a 35.00 All-Around, achieved at the current year's Regional Championships.
Motion: Linda Johnson
Second: Bryon Hough
Passed Unanimously
13. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2016, If any region is unable to field a team of seven gymnasts per age division at JO Nationals, the open slots will be allocated to the regions based on a percentage of eligible athletes in each region, in each age division.
Motion: Linda Johnson
Second: Brad Harris
Passed Unanimously
14. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2016, at Level 10 Junior Olympic National Championships, Regional teams consisting of individual athletes from other regions will be eligible for Regional Team Awards.
Motion: Laurie Reid
Second: Larry Goldsmith
Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.