

WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Long Beach, CA

May 16-17, 2011

I. Roll Call

Tom Koll called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

Region 1	Dan Witenstein
Region 2	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Mark Folger
Region 4	Bryon Hough
Region 5	John Geddert
Region 6	Larry Goldsmith
Region 7	Linda Johnson (5/16 in part – 5/17 in part by phone)
Region 8	Brad Harris
VP-Program	Kathy Kelly
Dir. Prog. Adm.	Rachel Brazo
Guest	Cheryl Jarrett

I. Junior Olympic National Coach of the Year

Nominees for this honor are:

Region 1	Dayna Waroe/Terry Gray
Region 2	Brent Phelps/Lauren Phelps/Peter Flores/Jill Sorensen
Region 3	Dennis Harrison
Region 4	Mike Hunger/Sarah Jantzi
Region 5	Todd Gardiner
Region 6	Maureen Chagnon/Blaine Jefferson
Region 7	John Holman/Robin Netwell
Region 8	Brad Harris

Brad Harris was elected as the 2011 National Junior Olympic Coach of the Year.

Recommendation to cover the expenses and provide VIP credentials for Visa Championships, as well as a Congress credential, for the JO Coach of the Year.

Motion: M. Folger

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

Recommendation that a "National Jr. Olympic Club of the Year" award, selected by the National JO Committee, replace the current "National JO Coach of the Year" award.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

The committee reviewed the guidelines for nomination criteria agreed upon in 2010 and determined that the criteria would remain the same:

- Excellence in coaching at multiple JO Levels with an emphasis at the highest level in the current year.
- Displays Good Sportsmanship, Team Spirit and Ethics.
- Contributes to regional efforts (camps, clinics, congresses, volunteer positions).
- Coaching resumes may be considered.

II. Equipment Issues

The committee discussed the use of 20 cm mats at JO Nationals. The committee would like to send a survey to all of the clubs that participated at this year's JO Nationals for their opinion.

III. Foreign National Team Members

Recommendation that Foreign National Team members who are currently living and training in the United States and have followed the FIG Regulations according to their stature, be allowed to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program and represent their US club up to and including the Regional Championships. Refer to Part Four, Section II in the *Women's Rules & Policies* for FIG foreign sanctions.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

IV. Elite Mobility to Level 10

Recommendation that an elite athlete may petition to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program by sending a "reason for change" letter to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman. These petitions will be reviewed by the JO Committee. The *Rules and Policies* for 2011-12 is to be revised under Part Two, Section I, II. C. Dropping back through the levels #4. to reflect this change.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: M. Folger

PASSED

V. Xcel (Prep Op) Program

The Committee members discussed this program and are very much in support of this level. They are reviewing how to structure a "national" program that can complement and be integrated, if so desired, into the JO Program. Tom Koll will address this issue at the upcoming State Chairman Workshop and form an ad-hoc committee of regional representatives to work on establishing a set of national rules.

JO Committee's considerations for the Xcel Program:

Four Levels of Competitions

Common Names

Age Divisions consistent with the JO Program

Competition Rules

VI. New Program Structure

The committee worked on the structure for the new 2013 optional program.

VII. Meet Format

The committee discussed the necessity for 30-second touch warm-up for competitions that use Traditional formats. The following recommendation was made.

Recommendation to re-word the *Rules and Polices*, page 39:

B. Types of Competition Formats

1. Traditional Formats:

- c. When using either of the above formats, if squads consist of 13 or more Compulsory gymnasts or 9 or more Optional gymnasts, the squad **may** be divided into two sub-groups for the competition warm ups (30-second touch.) The first half takes their 30-second touch warm-ups, and then competes; then the second half takes their 30-second touch warm-up, and then competes. Touch warm-ups on Beam and Floor may be staggered. Taking the 30-second touch in this instance is up to the discretion of the personal coach and **MUST** be allowed if wanted.

Motion: B. Hough

Second: B. Harris

PASSED

VIII. The remainder of the meeting was spent on proofing the text of the 2013 Compulsory exercises.

IX. The next meeting is to be determined, following the filming of the 2013-20 Compulsory exercises.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.