



**JOINT MEETING
JUNIOR OLYMPIC and TECHNICAL COMMITTEES
Cincinnati, OH
May 14, 2018**

I. Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) and Cheryl Hamilton (NTCC) at 8:00 am.

Roll Call:	<u>Technical Committee</u>	<u>JO Committee</u>
Region 1	Neela Nelson	Shane McIntyre
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill	Ivan Alexov
Region 3	Carole Bunge	Rich Villarreal
Region 4	Linda Thorberg	Paige Roth
Region 5	Char Christensen	Kittia Carpenter
Region 6	Pat Panichas	Jamie Winkler
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Marian Dykes	Brad Harris
NACC	Cori Rizzo	
NXCC	Claudia Kretschmer	
JO Program Director	Annie Heffernon	
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney	
SR VP – Women’s Program	Rhonda Faehn	
VP of Member Services	Cheryl Jarrett	
Guest – NCAA Coaches Rep	Sam Morreale	
Guest- NAWGJ President	Evelyn Chandler	
Guest- GK Elite representative	Wendy Martin	

On behalf of both committees, Tom Koll welcomed the committee members and introduced the officers, staff, and guests.

II. GK Elite Sportswear report – Tom Koll expressed his gratitude for the lovely apparel at JO Nationals and Eastern/Western Championships. Wendy Martin thanked USA Gymnastics for its continued support and is encouraged by the positive working relationship. The 2018 NCAA/JO Club coach social at JO Nationals was a success. Rhonda Faehn, SR VP of Women’s Program, thanked Wendy, Kelly McKeown and the entire GK team who have stepped up tremendously in 2018. The support and quality product that GK Elite Sportswear continues to provide and has provided for so many years is appreciated.

III. NCAA Coaches report – On behalf of the Women’s National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches, Sam Morreale thanked USA Gymnastics for a great event at JO Nationals. He discussed specific dates for dead periods. In addition, he discussed changes regarding official visits and recruiting concerns. Information surrounding these issues are posted on the NCAA Association web site - ncaagym.com.

IV. NAWGJ report – NAWGJ President Evelyn Chandler distributed a report to the committees. Total NAWGJ membership is at an all-time high of 2273. The next National Board Meeting and State Judging Directors’ Workshop will be held July 9-15, 2018 in Burlington, VT. The focus is on improving administrative skills as well as sharing best practices to promote consistency throughout the states. The 45th National Symposium is scheduled for July 12-14, 2019 in Fort Worth, TX. Evelyn presented ideas concerning the judges’ compensation package for review by USA Gymnastics.

V. Xcel Report – Claudia Kretschmer updated the committees on the progress of the Xcel National program. Participant numbers continue to grow. Regional Congress will stress educating participants on the new requirements in the *Xcel Code of Points*. The Xcel Committee continues to maintain the original philosophy of inclusion that provides competitive opportunities for athletes of all abilities.

VI. Member Services Report – Cheryl Jarrett reported 4% overall growth in membership from last year. She introduced the Parent-Driven registration concept and discussed the new athlete registration process and prices. 2018 National and Regional Congress registrations are open. She thanked the community for their support and knowledge.

VII. Administrative Committee Report - Cori Rizzo reviewed agenda items discussed at the AC meeting on Thursday. USA Gymnastics CEO, Kerry Perry, attended the meeting and provided an organizational update. She discussed the challenges facing Women’s Program and how the organization will work to overcome those challenges. Additional items were discussed including sanction violations, apparel, and competition policy and procedure. Please see the 2018 Administrative Committee Minutes for details.

VIII. Women’s Program Report – Rhonda Faehn discussed the difficulties Women’s Program has been facing. It is important that the community stay positive and diligent, keep the program moving forward and ensure that the athletes do not lose training or



competitive opportunities. Rhonda commended the athletes and coaches on their positive attitudes. She reported on the successes of the Elite Program internationally. During the trip to Colombia for Pacific Rim Championships, all Safe Sport policies were implemented. The trip was a great first step in creating a positive experience for all involved. Rhonda thanked the USA Gymnastics Office Staff and all of Women's Program for stepping up to help as we move forward.

IX. INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Evelyn Chandler, Claudia Kretschmer, and Kittia Carpenter sit on the interim Board of Directors. They reported that all of the Independent Directors are very helpful. The Board has created a Program Council that includes two Women's Program representatives, one of which will represent Women's Program on the Board. They thanked Tom Koll for his assistance in understanding Board policy and procedures.

X. NEW ELEMENTS SUBMITTED AT 2018 JO NATIONALS

- A. Vault
 - 1. Front Handspring onto the board, front Handspring onto the table, front salto pike with a $\frac{1}{2}$ (180°) turn.
#2.411 - Whitman – awarded 10.0 +.1 Start Value
 - 2. Front Handspring onto the board, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ (90°-180°) on, back salto tuck with 1/1 (360°) turn.
#3.405 – Zuhlke - awarded 9.9 Start Value
- B. Bars
 - 1. Piked Deltchev - #4.507 – Bardes – “E”
- C. Balance Beam
 - 1. Mount – From rear stand (back towards beam) flic-flac over beam to candle position ending in front support with or without backward hip circle – #1.413 - “D”
Six athletes submitted and performed the skill successfully so the skill will be added to the *JO Code of Points*, but not named after an athlete.
 - 2. Switch leg leap with $\frac{3}{4}$ turn – #2.505 – Salcedo - “E”
Motion: Rich Villarreal - accept $\frac{3}{4}$ and add gymnasts name
Second: Brad Harris
In Favor: 14
Opposed: 2
Passed
- D. Floor Exercise
 - 1. Triple turn in tuck stand on one leg – free leg optional – #2.506 – “E”
Two athletes submitted and performed the skill successfully so the skill will be added to the *JO Code of Points*, but not named after an athlete.

Recommendation to add new elements listed above to the *Junior Olympic Code of Points*, effective August 1, 2018.

Motion: Linda Johnson

Second: Ivan Alexov

Passed

XI. GENERAL

- A. Recommendation that to judge USA Gymnastics sanctioned Level 1-5 competition, the judge is required to have a Level 4/5 rating. Professional Members and Junior Professional Members without a Level 4/5 rating will no longer be eligible to judge a Level 1-5 competition.
Motion: Linda Mulvihill
Second: Linda Thorberg
Passed
- B. Recommendation to update the current Junior Olympic inquiry form and Page 24 in the *Junior Olympic Code of Points*. Change 3. on the inquiry form to read, “Composition (Optional)”.
Motion: Linda Johnson
Second: Carole Bunge
Passed
- C. Recommendation to amend *Women's Rules and Policies* pages 81, G.6. and 117, H.6. to read, “At State Championships and above, a video review, if available, may be considered by the Jury of Appeals. All video must be reviewed in regular-time. Slow-motion video WILL NOT be considered.”
Motion: Char Christensen
Second: Myra Elfenbein
In Favor: 13
Opposed: 3
Passed



- D. Recommendation to amend *Women's Rules and Policies*. Pages 58 and 88, remove the bullet listed under IV.B. and update pages 80, G.3.c. and 117, H.3.c. to read:
- c. Exception to the 5-minute to submit inquiry rule:
- 1) If, after the completion of the last event, an athlete's AA score is a maximum of 0.10 less than the qualifying score to the State (or Regional) Championships, the coach may submit an inquiry for the gymnast's lowest scoring event in order that the athlete be considered for qualification purposes. Any change of score is official and is included in the final results.
 - 2) If an athlete begins her fourth event, is injured during the routine and unable to complete her fourth event, she may petition to Regionals if her score from her first three (3) events is equal to or greater than 75% of the required petition score.
EXAMPLE: Regional Qualifying Score = 34.00. Required Petition Score = 35.00. The athlete must achieve a three-event score totaling 26.25.
EXAMPLE: Regional Qualifying Score = 35.00. Required Petition Score = 36.00. The athlete must achieve a three-event score totaling 27.00.
 - 3) These processes listed in 1) and 2) above DO NOT APPLY:
 - a) for mobility purposes, OR
 - b) if qualification to the state or regional meet is by percentage or designated number per age group. This process does NOT apply.
- Motion: Kittia Carpenter
Second: Paige Roth
In Favor: 13
Opposed: 2
Abstention: 1
Passed
- E. Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies*, pages 81, G.5.a. Examples 4) and 117, H.5.a. Examples 4) to read:
- 4) To verify if the gymnast lands on the bottom of the feet first on Vault, Uneven Bar / Beam dismounts, Beam Acro elements that finish on top of the beam (foot/feet), and Floor Exercise saltos.
- Motion: Jamie Winkler
Second: Neela Nelson
Passed
- F. Recommendation that in all sanctioned USA Gymnastics State and Regional Championships, Individual Event Specialists (IES) shall be placed first on the event she is competing using the following steps:
1. Organize gymnasts into squads.
 2. Draw for starting events and flights.
 3. Place the IES first on the event she is competing within the squad.
- Motion: Kittia Carpenter
Second: Marian Dykes
Passed
- G. Recommendation to clarify the following in the *Junior Olympic Code of Points*:
Bars – Page 49, Beam – Page 38, Floor – page 37, IV.A.3.
3. Eligible for Additional Bonus + 0.10 (not included in Start Value).
 - a. Must have 10.0 SV
 - b. Total Bonus = +0.60 or more, and
 - c. Beam / Floor - Minimum of One ("E") Acro element (no fall / no spot).
 - d. Bars - Minimum of One ("E") element (no fall / no spot).
- H. Reminder to coaches and judges to refer to the *Women's Rules and Policies*, page 27, IV.N. and page 28, V.H. regarding casual conversation between coaches and judges.
- N. Direct any inquiries regarding apparatus, judging or meet schedules through the Meet Referee or Meet Director.
 1. Refrain from approaching a judge directly.
 - H. Refrain from conversation with other judges and coaches during the competition. In addition, the judges' responsibility does not involve the conduct of the gymnast(s) during warm-up or training. Any conversation or comments with the athlete should be made only if requested by the coach or athlete.



XII. VAULT

- A. Recommendation that in all sanctioned USA Gymnastics events, the Vault warm-up time for Levels 6 and 7 shall be two (2) minutes per athlete.
Motion: Linda Johnson
Second: Paige Roth
Passed

XIII. UNEVEN BARS

- A. Recommendation that at all USA Gymnastics sanctioned competitions, for Levels 9 and 10, the warm-up time on bars shall be 2.5 minutes per athlete, including bar settings.
Motion: Shane McIntyre
Second: Pat Panichas
Passed

XIV. BALANCE BEAM

- A. Clarification timed warm-up on beam MAY NOT be staggered. TOUCH WARM-UP, on beam only, may be staggered.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion regarding the fall-time on Bars. No action was taken at this time.
- B. Discussion on creating a document outlining allowable mat configurations. Annie Heffernon and Myra Elfenbein will work on this project.
- C. Discussion on the rationale of the rule regarding the placement of a board on top of an 8-inch skill cushion for mounting purposes. This is NOT the intended use of an 8-inch skill cushion, therefore, not allowed. No additional action was taken at this time.
- D. Discussion regarding the future of JO Nationals. No action was taken at this time.
- E. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the 2021 Junior Olympic Compulsory program and a video presentation of the proposed Level 5 Beam and Floor routines.

Meeting adjourned.