

**JOINT MEETING
JUNIOR OLYMPIC & TECHICAL COMMITTEES
Long Beach, CA
May 16, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) and Cheryl Hamilton (NTCC) at 9:00 am.

Roll Call:	<u>Technical Committee</u>	<u>JO Committee</u>
Region 1	Neela Nelson	Dan Witenstein
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Carole Bunge	Mark Folger
Region 4	Linda Thorberg	Bryon Hough
Region 5	Char Christensen	John Geddert
Region 6	Pat Panichas (absent)	Larry Goldsmith
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Marian Dykes	Brad Harris
ATCC	Audrey Schweyer	
NACC	Kathy Ostberg	
Vice President - Program	Kathy Kelly	
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney	
Dir. Program Admin.	Rachel Brazo	
Guest	Cheryl Jarrett	
Guest- NAWGJ President	Evelyn Chandler	

On behalf of both committees, Tom Koll welcomed the committee members and guests. He introduced the new Region 3 JO Chair, Mark Folger. The agenda is full and Tom requested the committee members to be succinct in their comments.

I. NAWGJ

Evelyn Chandler, the new President of NAWGJ, addressed the committee and said that she would be meeting with her board in July.

II. Judges' Fees

Kathy Ostberg addressed the committee and brought forth the following recommendation from the National Administrative Committee concerning judges' fees for the Xcel (Prep Op) competitions. Discussion followed and the committees made the following recommendation:

Recommendation to the national office that the current judge's fee for Xcel (Prep Op) be applied only when the recommended entry fee of \$35 or less is followed.

Motion: L. Mulvihill

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED

III. Use of Video Review

The committee referred to the minutes of the November 2010 Technical Committee meeting regarding the use of Video Review and requested that the exact wording be included in the 2011-12 R&P.

IV. Mats for Mounting Bars and Beam

Recommendation that a manufactured (folded) panel mat be allowed as a mounting surface for Bars and Beam at the Optional levels, but it must be removed as soon as possible after the gymnast has mounted. It may not be placed on an 8-inch skill cushion.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Dykes

PASSED

V. JO Optional Vault

The committees discussed the bonus system used for Level 10 vaulting, but made no change. It was suggested that a survey be taken on a number of issues that can be incorporated into the new JO Optional Program to begin August 2013.

Recommendation that the Tsukahara Tucked with ½ (180°) twist be eliminated from the Level 8 vault chart.

Motion: M. Elfenbein

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

VI. Landing Deductions

The committees discussed the landing deductions for Vault and Bar/Beam dismounts and concluded that we currently have adequate tools (deductions) to address the lack of balance which would cause the athlete to turn quickly to salute the judges. Judges' education will continue to reinforce the proper use of these deductions.

VII. LEVEL 8 Restrictions

The committees discussed restrictions for Level 8 and decided to make no change until the new Optional program is introduced in 2013. The future limitations will be presented enough in advance to give the coaches adequate time to prepare their athletes.

VIII. Verbal Review of the New Compulsory Program

The committees discussed the "Points of Emphasis" boxes for the new elements and will include a statement in the 2013-20 Compulsory book to refer to the General Faults and Penalties for deductions.

IX. FLOOR EXERCISE

New Element Evaluation for Floor Exercise

Recommendation to award "B" Value for a Switch-leg stag ring leap on Floor (#1.211)

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

CLARIFICATION:

The 0.3 insufficient amplitude deduction will not be applied to a front layout used as an accelerating element in a directly connected front salto series.

(Example: Front layout directly connected to any another Front salto)

CORRECTION

Delete III. C. #2. in the May 2010 Joint JO/Technical Minutes: "If the forward leg of one of the two dance Value parts finishes in a stag position, it will NOT fulfill the Special Requirement."

Clarification: Only the leap that is used to fulfill the 180° split requirement in the dance passage may not finish in a stag position.

CLARIFICATION:

No deduction would be applied for the coach stepping onto the floor exercise area to adjust mat placement. Add to pages 6 and 213 in the *JO Code of Points* the inadvertently deleted statement: "also to adjust placement of the mat" as part of the bullet stating examples of no deduction.

CLARIFICATION:

The committee discussed using additional matting on floor exercise as the take-off surface for tumbling elements. Although this was not the intent for the usage of this matting, no deduction will be taken if it occurs.

2013 Compulsory Music

Tom presented a DVD of the new Floor Exercise routines with musical accompaniment. Levels 3, 4 and 5 will each have three (3) musical versions. The committees accepted the routines and the music.

X. BALANCE BEAM

New Elements on Beam:

Recommendation that the following values be awarded to these new Beam elements:

- **Switch-leg stag ring leap (#2.407) D**
- **Full illusion to scale on Beam (#3.505) (Jarred and Medvitz) E**
- **One leg take-off Front Salto Piked with 1/4 twist to land on two feet (#8.502) (Oswalt) E**

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

Recommendation to award B value to a “Kick to a Cross Handstand with a full (360°) pirouette” (ending position optional) (#5.206)

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

Recommendation to add the following to the Level 9 Beam Bonus Principles: In a direct connection of two Acro flight elements B+ C, the Level 9 gymnast may use either a C salto or any aerial element to receive bonus.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED

Recommendation that any C + C directly connected Dance elements will receive 0.2 bonus on Beam for Levels 9 and 10.

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: N. Nelson

PASSED

XI. UNEVEN BARS

New Elements on Uneven Bars

Recommendation that an Underswing (pike sole circle) on LB, release and counter movement forward in flight with 1/1 turn to hang on HB (toe shoot with full twist) be awarded a value of D (Oster) (#7.410)

Motion: M. Folger

Second: L. Goldsmith

PASSED

Recommendation that the following element be awarded E-value (# 3.508) (Sims):

From near handstand, clear hip circle forward to immediate front salto straddled to catch same bar

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: B. Harris

PASSED

Recommendation that an “A” Clear Hip would receive NO deduction if the angle achieved was from 1 to 10 degrees below horizontal. More than 10 degrees below horizontal would receive “up to 0.2” deduction for insufficient amplitude.

Motion: L. Thorberg
Second: C. Bunge
PASSED

CLARIFICATION

For Level 7 & 8 Bars: a Clear Hip Circle performed at 45° or above will receive NO deduction for insufficient amplitude. The 0.05 deduction for "C" clear hip circles performed between 11-20° is not applied at Level 7 or 8.

CLARIFICATION:

In Level 8, if a gymnast performs skills on both low bar and high bar, she has fulfilled the Special Requirement of a bar change.

At Levels 8-10, the bar change SR does not imply that a value-part must be used to transfer from one bar to another; only that the gymnast must work on both rails a minimum of one time (at Level 8) or at Levels 9 and 10, work one rail at least twice and the other rail at least once.

Clarification on Compulsory BARS: Level 3 & 4:

When evaluating the Stride Circle in Level 3 and 4 Bars, NO deduction is taken if the "front leg touches the bar on the upswing of the circle prior to the clear support.

Recommendation to delete the word "signals" from the general deduction listed in the JO Code of Points (page 6. J.) regarding the coach or teammates coaching the gymnast.

Motion: M. Folger
Second: C. Bunge
PASSED

CLARIFICATION for COMPULSORY BARS

When a gymnast uses a straddle-pike casting technique, apply the deduction for incorrect body position and leg separation. This is NOT considered a change of element.

XII. New Business

Recommendation that a 1.00 final score will be awarded for Compulsory or Optional Bars, Beam or Floor Exercise routines that would result in a score equal to or less than one point.

Motion: C. Bunge
Second: J. Geddert
PASSED

XIII. 2013 Compulsory Program

The remainder of the joint committee meeting was spent on determining the deductions for the new compulsory exercises.

XV. The next meeting of the joint Jr. Olympic and Technical committees will be held the Monday following the 2012 JO Nationals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.