

**JOINT MEETING
JUNIOR OLYMPIC & TECHICAL COMMITTEES
Hampton, VA
May 14, 2012**

Meeting was 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	Larry Goldsmith (absent)
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Marian Dykes	Brad Harris
ATCC	Audrey Schweyer	
Vice President - Program	Kathy Kelly	
Director of Athlete/Coach Development	Kim Riley	
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney	
Dir. Program Admin.	Rachel Brazo	
Past Reg. 3 Chair & VP of Member Services	Cheryl Jarrett	
Guest- NAWGJ President	Evelyn Chandler	

On behalf of both committees, Tom Koll welcomed the committee members and guests. The committee introduced themselves and Tom announced that Cheryl Hamilton has been named as the Olympic Judge.

I. NAWGJ

Evelyn Chandler, President of NAWGJ, distributed a report to the committees and stated that the national NAWGJ board and SJD meeting will be held June in Las Vegas. The committee encouraged NAWGJ to focus on mentoring younger judges by giving them more judging opportunities. We would like to also see NAWGJ encourage our former athletes from the collegiate ranks to become judges. Evelyn indicated that NAWGJ is already in communication with the colleges in this regard.

II. COMPULSORY PROGRAM

The 2013-2021 Jr. Olympic Compulsory book is completed. Kathy informed NAWGJ that the judges' aids formerly produced by other entities will now be produced by USA Gymnastics and no permission will be given to ANYONE to use the USA Gymnastics copywrited materials in the future.

The committee requested that both the Compulsory materials and the *JO Code of Points* be available electronically.

III. Process for evaluating and naming a new element

Recommendation that any original element performed (as described on the New Element Evaluation Form) at either JO Nationals or the JO National Invitational Tournament be named for the athlete who submitted and performed it. (Effective immediately.)

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

IV. TECHNICAL CONCERNS ON VAULT

A. ~~Recommendation that whenever a meet format allows for a touch warm-up, each gymnast is allowed a maximum of 3 vaults (for Level 8-10), but the touch warm-up period should not exceed the prescribed warm-up time.~~

Motion: M. Elfenbein

Second: L. Reid

DEFEATED

B. Clarification: If an athlete trips on the runway, causing her to fall, it is considered a balk and is counted as one of the three approaches. If the athlete makes contact with the springboard during the fall, it would be considered a vault attempt, receiving a zero (Void vault), since the board is considered part of the equipment.

V. TECHNICAL CONCERNS ON UNEVEN BARS

A. Clarification: #4.406 A Pak Salto finishing with a mixed grip is awarded "D" value-part credit and will not be considered a different element. Add to the end of the description in the *JO Code of Points* - "...to clear support on LB with regular or mixed grip."

B. Recommendation that a Back Giant with ½ (180°) turn to back salto tucked dismount be valued as a "C" element. (add to #8.310)

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

VI. TECHNICAL CONCERNS ON BALANCE BEAM

A. New Elements performed at the 2012 JO Nationals or JO-NIT:

1. From a side stand, jump with ½ (180°) turn to arrive in a chest stand (with legs straddled) in side position.

#5.308 "C" - Kmiecik

2. From a stand on one leg, swing free leg through to front salto tucked to stand.

Add to #8.401 "D" - Rowe

3. From a stand on two feet, salto backward stretched with step-out to finish in a scale (leg held at horizontal or above for 2 seconds.) #8.404 "D" - Edlin

Note: Both the Back salto stretched with step-out to scale and the side aerial to scale (7.503) must land on one foot. A slight lowering of the free leg is permissible, provided that the scale is held for two seconds at a minimum of horizontal.

B. Other element evaluations

Recommendation to add a variation to Dismount #9.204 -"B" value: From a stand on one leg, swing the free leg through to front salto stretched with ½ (180°) turn off the side.

Motion: M. Elfenbein

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

C. Clarification for Level 7 and 8 Acro Series Special Requirement:

Any non-flight acro element that does not require a 2-second hold (such as a back walkover) may be used as the first element in a Level 7 or 8 acro series, regardless of whether there is a hold in vertical prior to the step-down. No rhythm deduction for the pause/hold in vertical will be applied. Effective August 1, 2012.

D. Recommendation that the Level 6 compulsory mount for Balance Beam be considered an "A" mount element when performed in an Optional exercise, effective August 1, 2012.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

VII. TECHNICAL CONCERNS ON FLOOR EXERCISE

Recommendation to change the wording of the Specific Compositional deduction (found on page 147 in the *JO Code of Points*) to read "Failure to perform saltos OR AERIALS in two different directions (backward and forward or sideward). Effective August 1, 2012.

Motion: A. Schweyer

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

VIII. GENERAL TECHNICAL ISSUES

A. Clarification:

The 2.00 point deduction for short exercises applies to both complete or incomplete routines

Reminder that Level 7-10 – minimum time for Balance Beam and Floor Exercise is 0.30 seconds. Routines less than 0.30 seconds will receive a 2.00 deduction. See *JO Code of Points*, page 6, 132, & 214.

B. DETERMINATION OF COMPLETION OF A VAULT OR ELEMENT

Clarification: In order to be considered complete and eligible for value part credit, vaults, UB/BB dismounts and acro elements on BB/FX must land on the feet first. Landing feet first would be defined as any part of the bottom of the foot touching the mat first.

IX. *RULES AND POLICIES CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS*

A. Maximum number of gymnasts per session with combination of levels

Recommendation to change the breakdown indicated in the chart on page 45 of the 2011-12 R&P to reflect the maximum number of Optional gymnasts allowed in combined session formats.

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: M. Folger

PASSED

B. NIT Petitions

Recommendation that, for petitioning purposes to the JO-NIT, scores from the previous year's JO Nationals or the JO-NIT may be used.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: L.Thorberg

PASSED

C. Clarification: It is acceptable to have a combination of non-traditional and modified non-traditional formats in the same session. Example-use a warm-up & competition gym for UB, BB and FX while vault has two vault stations in the competition gym.

X. MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Cheryl Jarrett reported on the changes in the types of Professional memberships to be offered in the future.

XI. Xcel Program

The committees reviewed the proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Xcel Program. The committees will continue to review the program and will reconvene at a later date to finalize the structure of the program.

XII. 2013-2017 Optional Program

The committees worked on the 2013 *Code of Points* and deductions.

Joint meeting adjourned on Tuesday, May 15 at 11:30am ; each committee then continued meeting separately.