

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19-20, 2008

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM on May 19th.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair	Audrey Schweyer
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney
NAWGJ-President	Carole Ide

II. 2009 JUDGES' COURSES

In response to the letters of concern regarding the format/testing at the various judges courses, the committee decided on the following format/testing procedures:

The format for all courses will be written and practical exams to directly follow the lectures on each event.

A. USAG BREVET

Evaluation for current FIG or USAG-Brevet rated officials:

- Timed 50-question multiple choice open-book exam
- Practical exam (1 demo & 5 routines per event)

Course passing grade is 80%

Evaluation for those taking the USAG-Brevet for the first time:

- Timed 50-question multiple choice CLOSED-book exam
- Practical exam (1 demo & 5 routines per event)

Course passing grade is 80%

B. NATIONAL COURSES

1. for current National-rated judges

- Timed 50-question multiple choice open-book exam
- Practical exam (1 demo & 5 routines per event)

Course passing grade is 80% average, with a minimum of 70% on each part.

2. for first-time National Course participants

- 50-question multiple choice CLOSED-book exam (10 questions per event and general information)
- Practical exam (1 demo & 5 routines per event)

Course passing grade is 80% average, with a minimum of 70% on each part.

III. UNIFORMS

The possibility of allowing a Navy blue warm-up uniform to be worn at local competitions was discussed. NO ACTION was taken at this time.

IV. CHIEF JUDGE FEES

Recommendation that the Chief judge fee be paid only at:

- USAG State Meets with FOUR-judge panels

- USAG Level 8-10 Regional & Level 9 East/West and Level 10 National competitions, regardless of the number of judges per panel

Motion: L. Mulvihill

Second: C. Christensen

Reminder: Chief Judge fees are NOT paid at any USAG-sanctioned invitational competitions.

Clarification: The Meet Referee will continue to receive an additional \$10 per day at all USAG State, Regional, East/West and National Championships. As in the past, no dual compensation is given if the Meet Referee also serves as a Chief Judge.

V. NAWGJ REPORT:

Carole Ide reported that elections were conducted for Regional Judging Directors in the even-numbered Regions. Region 4 RJD Robin Smith has moved out of the region, and Barb Tebben was elected as the new Region 4 RJD.

The NAWGJ National Symposium will possibly be held in the early Fall and will possibly include a collegiate judging track.

The RJDs are meeting in Philadelphia on Wed. June 18 and SJDs meet on Mon. June 23. Connie Maloney will be present at the SJD meeting to answer questions regarding Judges' Accreditation and CPE.

Carole expressed the concerns of some judges with the background checks and the differences in expiration dates of membership and safety. She was pleased to hear of plans to conduct sessions at Regional Congresses on these issues to assist our membership.

Carole Ide resigned as the National Collegiate assigner after four years and the initiation of the JAS system. There are currently eight (8) applicants for this position. There are twelve Regional assigners in a pool, who are rotated each year, with three (3) being replaced by three new assigners each year.

The National Judges' Cup will be held in Orlando, FL on Jan. 2-4, 2009.

VI. VIDEO PROJECT

The committee reviewed the newly created DVDs to verify the scripts on the evaluation of the elements. The committee members did an excellent job creating new technical material for use at the upcoming Regional/National Congresses.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.