

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Sept. 5, 2008

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Sept. 5th.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas (arrived 9:00 pm)
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair	Audrey Schweyer
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney

II. Cheryl asked for feedback on the video project (Report Cards) used for the summer Congresses. The presenters at the various congresses will send any comments to the compilers of each event. The finalized DVD's and scripts will be ready for sale through the USAG online store by early January, 2009.

III. Linda Thorberg brought up the idea of producing judges' courses to be offered online. The committee was requested to send Linda any ideas for specific course topics by the October 15th. Five (5) one-hour basic optional courses are the first priority. The goal is to have the courses available for early 2010.

IV. Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

Recommendation that the CPE Coordinator in each state submit the annual CPE report to the National Office and the USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairman by July 31st, indicating those judges who have reported in a timely manner and those judges who are negligent. The State Administrative Committee, upon recommendation of the CPE Coordinator or independently, may request a mandatory audit of specific individuals by the National Office.

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED unanimously

Note: All judges, please be aware that failure to submit your Annual CPE Report form to your CPE Coordinator by June 30th may result in no assignments.

CPE Clarification: The only competition that can count for CPE CLINIC credit is the competition held in conjunction with the USA Gymnastics National Congress (usually USA Championships or Olympic Trials).

Connie was requested to update annual CPE report to include the total number of clinic hours, other hours, total combined and number of carry-forward clinic hours.

The committee also requested that, for National and Regional Congresses, any sessions eligible for CPE be marked by an asterisk.

V. 2009 Judges' Testing Procedures

No optional tests will be administered after March 31, 2009. Level 5/6 exams may continue to be offered since the routines/deductions are not changing in 2009.

All Optional ratings expire December 31, 2009.

The first opportunity to test for the 2009-2013 cycle will be August 16th at the 2009 USA National Congress.

All Level 5/6 ratings are valid through December 31, 2013 and there will be no mid-cycle requirements to be considered "active" at that level.

VI. Beam Element Clarification

Beam dismount #9.303 Tsukahara tuck (Lawson) if performed in pike position will also receive C value.

VII. VAULT CLARIFICATION

In regards to the motion from May 2008 Joint JO/Technical Committee minutes concerning the following twisting vaults- #1.105, 1.205, 1.305, and 1.206:

The words deleted from the parenthesis **“both must turn in the same direction”** should have also included deleting the reference to which direction the gymnast faces at the completion of the vault.

VIII. The committee discussed the timeline and assignments for the production of the DVD project for 2009 Congresses.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.