

Women's Technical Committee

Conference Call

02/02/2005

The call commenced at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call:

Chairman	Cheryl Hamilton
Region 1	Sue Graff
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
Vice-Chairman	Audrey Schweyer
SDWP	Kathy Kelly
JOPM	Connie Maloney
Accred. Coordinator	Renee Behrens

The purpose of the call was to address the recommendations made by the Judges' Accreditation Task Force. Cheryl addressed each of the following points and the committee discussed each as necessary.

The purpose of the Task Force was to review all aspects of the certification process for Women's Gymnastics Judges and make recommendations to the Women's Technical Committee for their decisions.

II. General Recommendations

The following are the recommendations that were submitted to the WTC:

Timelines:

Feb 15	TA Handbook Completed
April 30	Mock TA Workshop at the WTC Meeting
May 15	Begin testing the computer system
July 20	Kick-off date – On-line registration and Course Registration

NAWGJ State Judging Directors are submitting the information on the judges in their state so that the USAG database can be established and is accurate.

Concerning Test Administrators:

- Those individuals that the WTC have deemed eligible to be considered for a position as Test Administrator (TA) have received an Application Form from USAG asking if they are interested in becoming or remaining a TA.
- A spreadsheet will be sent to the WTC with the names of all those who made application. The WTC will designate those selected and the office will extend invitations to attend a TA Workshop held at either the NAWGJ Symposium or the USAG National Congress.
- All tests can be given by any TA as long as the TA holds an equivalent or higher rating.
- TA's who do not choose to take the 5/6 Test but agree to administrate that test must commit to that decision for the 8-year compulsory cycle once they have given the 5/6 Test.
- A Level 4 "take home test" will be distributed to individuals taking the Level 5/6 exam.

General Guidelines:

- First local tests can be given August 20, 2005.
- Accreditation year will be **August 1 to July 31**.
- A judge can test each part (practical and written) of the same level a maximum of 4 times within the same accreditation year.
- Practicing Judging is **NO LONGER** required to test up to the next level.
- All current ratings expire Dec. 31, 2005 with the exception of the Brevet Rating which will be extended until the Brevet Course is conducted.
- Assignment policy for the fall of 2005: Judges must hold the rating for the level to which they are being assigned. During the "fall 2005 recertification period," the following guidelines/priorities will be used for assignment:
 - 1st assign judges who have recertified at the appropriate level
 - 2nd assign judges who have tested and passed one part (optional judges)
 - 3rd assign judges who have tested and not yet passed
 - 4th assign judges who have not yet tested
- **Judges may hold an "OPTIONAL only" rating.** A judge does not have to acquire a Level 5/6 rating if she chooses to test at a Level 9.

- After entry level, a judge must hold a rating for 12 months before testing up to the next level.
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE) points are not required to test at entry levels (Level 5/6 and/or Level 7/8). (see chart below)
- A Level 5/6 judge does not need CPE's to test at Level 7/8; however, CPE's are required to be assigned. (see below)

Recommendation to accept Task's Force suggestions as amended.

Motion: M. Dykes
 Second: P. Panichas
 PASSED

III. Continuing Professional Education (Active Status) Procedures

The following system was developed by Task Force Members, Marian Dykes and Catherine Batsche regarding Continuing Professional Education for USA Gymnastics Professional Judges.

"Judges' Accreditation" will be the new name applied to the certification process and the process will be a part of the **USA Gymnastics University**. The "Continuing Professional Education (CPE)" system will be implemented as listed below:

Highest Rating Held	Total CPE hours needed per Accreditation Year	Minimum # of Clinic CPE Hours required as part of the yearly total	Maximum # of CLINIC hours allowed to carry forward to the next Accreditation Year
Level 5/6	12 hours	6 hours	2 hours
Level 7/8	12 hours	6 hours	2 hours
Level 9	16 hours	8 hours	3 hours
Level 10	20 hours	10 hours	4 hours
National	20 hours	10 hours	4 hours
Brevet	20 hours	10 hours	4 hours

- CPE's are required to test up and to be assigned.
- Hours are actual time (clock hours involved in the activity)
- **Clinic CPE are those hours spent:**
 - **At a State, Regional, or Nationally Organized Congress, Clinic, Course or Symposium that is open to all. Judging or coaching sessions will be designated as "approved for CPE".**
 - **USA University will develop CPE Certificates to be issued at the conclusion of an approved session by the clinician or organizational personnel.**
 - **Judges should keep their CPE Certificates with a copy of the Annual Report Form for documentation.**
- **A maximum number of CPE hours may be acquired for the following miscellaneous activities:**
 - 1. coaching (6 hrs),**
 - 2. in-gym with coaches and gymnasts (6 hrs)**
 - 3. volunteering (4 hr)**
 - 4. video or live practicing judging (approved by the SJD and/or USAG State Chair) (3 hrs) (Please review the bolded section)**
- Each State Judging Director is responsible to designate a USAG-CPE Coordinator.
- An **Annual CPE Record** will be available on the web-site.
- The **Annual CPE Record** is sent to the State USAG-CPE Coordinator by June 30th of each year.
- Each judge is responsible to keep accurate records of his/her CPE, including documentation of attendance at the approved educational experiences.
- The National Office will conduct audits each year that will require judges who are randomly-selected to provide documentation of their CPE, as reported to the CPE Coordinator.

Recommendation to accept the Continuing Professional Education system as outlined.

Motion: M. Dykes
 Second: A. Schweyer
 PASSED

Approved by Robert V. Colarossi, President USA Gymnastics
 February 15, 2005