

Women's Technical Committee Conference Call March 9, 2004

The meeting commenced at 8:15 PM Eastern time.

I. Roll Call:

Present:

Chairman: Cheryl Hamilton
NETC: Audrey Schweyer
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
WOPM: Connie Maloney
SDWP: Kathy Kelly

Absent:

NJOCC: Tom Koll
NECC: Gary Anderson
NACC: Jan Greenhawk

II. Purpose of the Call

The Technical Committee is charged with the organization and format for the National Judges' courses to be conducted in the summer of 2005. The call was to determine the expected number of participants, the length of the course and whether exams would be administered at both courses (one for current nationally rated officials and the other for first-time National course attendees).

III. Recommendation that all judges invited to take their first National Judges' Course are required to take a graded "Written and Practical" exam.

Motion: C. Bunge
Second: M. Dykes
PASSED

Recommendation that current National-rated judges attending the 2005 National Judges' Course will NOT be required to take a graded "Practical" exam.

Motion: M. Dykes
Second: C. Bunge
PASSED (8 in favor, 1 opposed)

Recommendation that current National-rated judges attending the 2005 National Judges' Course be required to take a written exam.

Motion: C. Bunge
Second: L. Thorberg
PASSED (6 in favor, 3 opposed)

Recommendation that the Written exam for the National Judges' Course consist of one-concept questions and some visual (via video) skill and connection identification, emphasizing new changes in rules and element values.

Motion: A. Schweyer
Second: M. Elfenbein
PASSED unanimously

~~Recommendation that one re-test opportunity be provided within the timeframe of the National Course.~~

Motion: A. Schweyer
Second: S. Graff
DEFEATED

Recommendation that all National Course participants be allowed one re-test opportunity (per part-written and/or practical) to be administered by a member of the Technical Committee at a Regional or National USA Gymnastics event. Each region will offer a re-test opportunity, if necessary. All re-tests must be completed by December 31, 2005.

Motion: C. Bunge
Second: C. Christensen
PASSED

Recommendation that the current National-rated judges be required to score a minimum of 80% on the written exam to retain their National rating (with one re-test by a WTC member allowed).

Motion: C. Christensen
Second: C. Bunge
PASSED

Recommendation that the first-time participants at the National Judges' Course be required to score a minimum of 80% on both the written and practical exams to achieve a National rating. One re-test opportunity by a WTC member will be allowed.

Motion: C. Bunge
Second: C. Christensen
PASSED

Since the Level 10 Re-certification Courses will once again be offered (with self-testing only), any individual who fails to meet the minimum standard to pass the National Course will automatically receive a Level 10 rating.

** USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi asked for clarification and input from the JO Committee on the Level 10 Re-certification.*

IV. Course Eligibility and Dates

A. Eligibility

First National Course: All current National or Brevet-rated judges are eligible.

Second National Course: Individuals who have held a Level 10 rating for two 4-yr cycles (since at least Dec. 31, 1997).

Level 10 Re-certification Courses: Any individual who has passed the Level 10 exam two times (once in the current 2001 – 2005 cycle and once in the previous cycle).

B. Dates

The proposed dates of the two National Courses are:

July 27-30, 2005 or Aug. 14 – 17 1st course - for current National-rated judges:
July 31-Aug. 3, 2005 or Aug. 18-21 2nd course- for individuals invited for the first time to a National Course

The site is to be determined, but it tentatively will be conducted in Indianapolis.

The Level 10 Re-certification Courses will be offered at the WTC Symposiums held in conjunction with the Master Compulsory Workshops (first two weekends in June, 2005), the NAWGJ National Symposium July 14-17 and the USA Gymnastics National Congress Aug. 11-13, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

*Approved by President Robert V. Colarossi
April 2004*