



**Women's Program
Technical Committee Meeting**

Indianapolis, IN.

May 9-10, 2017

I. Roll Call: Chairperson Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas (absent on 5/10)
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney

II. GENERAL CONCERNS

A. Petitions to Regional Championships

The committee discussed the increasing number of petitions to those Regional meets that have score qualification. No action was taken at this time.

B. Meet Apparel for Coaches

Recommendation that the Administrative Committee review page 18, IV. D. 2. C. of the *Rules and Policies* to clarify the acceptable T-shirt in terms of requiring a gym logo/no logo.

Motion: Carole Bunge

Second: Marian Dykes

PASSED

Refer to the Administrative Committee minutes –May 4, 2017 for resolution of this request.

C. Judges' Compensation Package Concerns

1. Recommendation to make the following change in the *Rules and Policies*, page 42, I. A.1.-Judges' Compensation Package:

Judges must report to the judges' meeting/hospitality room 30 minutes prior to the scheduled march-in time for local and invitational competitions, unless otherwise specified by the Meet Referee or judging contract.

Judges' compensation will begin at the scheduled report time. Any official who does not report within five (5) minutes of the scheduled report time will be compensated from the first scheduled march-in time.

Motion: Char Christensen

Second: Linda Thorberg

PASSED

2. Clarification: Judges are required to remain on the competition floor until the Meet Referee releases them to begin break time. The first 30 minutes following a session is designated as the official break time and if the break time exceeds 30 minutes, judges' compensation time begins again; therefore, the judge must not leave the meet site.



3. The committee developed a list of proposed changes to the Judges' Compensation Package to present to the National Office. Any accepted changes will be published/posted in the Women's Rules and Policies for 2017-18. Topics of concern were: Championships rates, Mileage reimbursement, carpooling and overnight accommodations.

D. Scoring procedure concerns

1. Recommendation to amend page 106, G.2. in the *Rules and Policies*, replacing the following sentence "There should also be a paper trail to record the individual judges' score and the average" with "At all sanctioned meets, there must be a written back-up (in the form of a verification heat sheet) to record the individual judges' scores, neutral deductions and final average score."

Motion: Carole Bunge

Second: Linda Thorberg

PASSED

Note: Judges are reminded that they are responsible only for checking the accuracy of their own score while submitting it to the scoring system.

2. Allowable causes for a change to the average score after it was submitted to the scoring system:
Recommendation to add to page 107 in R & P: under G. 6. New c (and change c. to d.)
If there is a clerical error when entering scores electronically, the score may be officially changed by the end of the session.

Motion: Carole Bunge

Second: Neela Nelson

PASSED

III. Judges' Accreditation updates

- A. Recommendation that beginning August 1, 2018, the following requirements will be in effect for individuals who hold a current or 2013-16 cycle FIG-Brevet rating and are entering the United States to establish residence:

1. A current foreign FIG-Brevet rated official will be eligible to take the US Brevet Course (if available that year) or the Level 10 exam.
2. A foreign judge who held an FIG-Brevet rating in the 2013-16 cycle but is no longer current will be eligible to start testing at Level 10.
3. A foreign judge who previously held an FIG-Brevet rating prior to 2013 or holds their country's National rating will be eligible to begin testing at Level 9.

Motion: Myra Elfenbein

Second: Linda Thorberg

PASSED

- B. Judges' Testing Opportunities in 2018

1. Testing for Levels 7/8 -10 will be offered through February 28th, 2018.
2. No further Optional testing for levels 7/8-10 will be allowed from March 1 to July 31.
3. The first opportunity to test/re-certify JO Optional ratings 7/8-10 will be at the 2018 National Congress the second week in August.
4. Locally offered testing for JO Optional levels will re-commence the week following the National Congress.
5. Testing for Compulsory Level 4/5 will continue to be offered throughout the year since that rating is valid until July 31, 2021.



- C. USA Brevet/National Courses Update
1. Eligibility forms must be submitted to the respective Regional Technical Committee Chair no sooner than June 1, 2017 and no later than midnight Eastern time zone on November 1, 2017.
 2. Those individuals who are re-certifying at USA Brevet or National must pass a Practical exam plus an Open-book Written exam. Score to be determined
 3. Newly eligible individuals must pass a Practical exam plus a Closed-book written exam. Score to be determined.
 4. Written exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions: 7 each on General and Vault; 12 each on Bars, Beam and Floor.
 5. Format for Course/testing: Online materials available in Spring 2018; Testing will include a Practice Judging session the evening prior to the exam.
 6. Tentative locations; dates to be announced soon:
June 2018: Regional Congresses for Region 2, 3, 4, and 8 plus Region 7 NAWGJ Symposium
July: NAWGJ SJD Workshop
August: National Congress, Region 1 Congress
September: Region 5 Congress
 7. In the event a judge does not pass one or both parts, they will be allowed one opportunity to retest the failed exam (practical and/or written) at another scheduled testing date/site.
- IV. Meet Referee list for Judges' Meetings
Committee requested that the following be added to the Meet Referee's list of things to review at the judges' meeting;
- A. Remind judges that they should have no direct contact with coaches during the competition.
 - B. Determine with the Meet Director the time for judging panels to return to the field of play after a break between sessions, preferably at least 5 minutes prior to end of the timed warm-ups.
- V. New Business:
At their May 4, 2017 meeting, the Administrative Committee requested that the Technical Committee consider eliminating the requirement of flashing vault numbers at State, Regional and National Optional competitions. The Technical Committee discussed this request but decided to maintain the requirement. Meet Directors are reminded to provide four-digit flashing units for this purpose. It was also mentioned that announcing the intended vault can be misinterpreted due to language barriers or a coach using a gymnast's name who performed the vault first instead of the official description of the vault.
- VI. The remainder of the meeting was spent on the evaluation of videos to be used in the Core Topics for 2017 Congresses.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on May 10th. Next meeting is scheduled for October 19-22, 2017 in Indianapolis.