



Women's Technical Committee Meeting

Ft. Worth, TX

May 10, 2016

I. Roll Call: Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge, present via Skype
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney

II. GENERAL CONCERNS

A. Chief Judge deduction for Failure to Present

JO Code: page 5, #12. d., Change wording to "Failure to present to Chief Judge before exercise; **failure to present at end of exercise** (delete "to any judge") Each time 0.10

B. Assignments of Judges with wrong ratings to meets:

Recommendation to allow current Optional-rated officials to judge compulsory vault **if there are not enough available compulsory-rated judges**, provided the Regional Technical Committee Chair has given permission.

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: M. Dykes

PASSED unanimously

C. Judges' attire:

At a theme meet, the judge has the option of wearing the official uniform or dressing in the theme of the meet.

D. Judges Compensation Concerns

The committee made several proposals to the National Office for changes/additions to the Judges' Compensation Package. These proposals, if accepted, will be published in the 2016-17 Women's Rules & Policies.

E. Recommendation to change the wording under Judges Specific Responsibilities, page 19 in Rules and Policies: V. D. 5. 2nd sentence: Judges may use electronic **DEVICES (to include cell phone, tablets, etc.) only** for gymnastics purposes on the Field of Play. This will also be added to the *JO Code of Points*, page 3, II.A.#11.

F. Sanction Violations: Meet Referees are reminded that it is their responsibility to notate any Sanction violations on the Sanction Report form.

G. The Technical Committee recommended that the National office update the Petition Form to include a request that the petition be submitted by Email, with a "Read Receipt Request".

III. XCEL COMMITTEE REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Xcel Committee requested that the Technical Committee develop some type of self-test or online course for Xcel judges. The Technical Committee will begin developing a series of online courses to help with the education of the Xcel judges.

B. **Recommendation to accept the Xcel Committee's recommendation to lower the value of the following vaults from 10.0 to 9.80 for the Platinum division only:**

1.101 Handspring

1.103 Yamashita

1.106 ¼ - ½ on - Repulsion off

Motion: C. Christensen

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

The Gold and Platinum Division will have separate Vault Value charts, effective August 1, 2016.

C. **Recommendation to accept the Xcel Committee's proposal to add Vault #1.109:**

¼ (90°) on - ¼ (90°) off (to land facing away from table) to the Xcel Gold, Platinum & Diamond vault charts, with a 9.50 value for the Diamond division.

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED unanimously

IV. J. O. BARS

Recommendation to add another variation to Bar element #8.107 (Front flyaway in tuck, pike or layout)

"Swing down in regular grip between the bars with grip change to cross grip and ½ (180°) turn in range of hang position and swing backward-upward to salto forward tucked, piked or stretched.

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: P. Panichas

PASSED

V. J. O. BALANCE BEAM: CONNECTION VALUE CLARIFICATION

In a connection of three or more elements, whichever element is the last element of the first Connection may be used again as the first element of the 2nd Connection: The following examples will be added to the *JO Code of Points*, page 172, E.

Flic-flac (B), flic-flac (B), Back salto stretched with step-out (C), back salto stretched with 1/1 twist dismount (B)



Award +0.10 only for B + B + C. The Back layout step-out is the last element of first connection. The connection of the C-salto + B-dismount does not receive CV (must have at least two elements on the beam prior to dismount).

Flic-flac (B), Back salto stretched with step-out (C), flic-flac (B), back salto stretched with 1/1 twist dismount (B)



Award +0.10 for B + C-Salto and +0.10 for the three-element connection of C + B + B-dismount for a total of +0.20

VI. SYMBOL CORRECTIONS FOR ELEMENT DESCRIPTIONS AND SYMBOL CHARTS

A. JO Code-Page 190 BB element #2.307 and symbol chart: add symbols for ring leap and stag-ring leap



B. JO Code-Page 266 FX element #1.210 add symbols for first figure (ring & stag-ring LEAP)



Move top symbol to 2nd figure (ring jump) and add stag-ring jump symbol



VII. USA BREVET and NATIONAL JUDGES' COURSES – 2018

Due to the TC/JOC's recommendation to extend the current Optional cycle from 2017 to 2018, the submission date of the USA Brevet and National Judges' Course Eligibility forms has been postponed until December 31, 2017. This will allow all judges who were eligible for re-certification or first-time certification in the summer of 2017 to have an additional year to fulfill their clinic and volunteer obligations.

Any judges who were not eligible for the 2017 course (had not held a Level 10 rating for a minimum of 8 years by December 31, 2017) must wait until the National Course in 2022, regardless of whether they will have held a Level 10 rating 8 years by the end of 2018.

VIII. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to evaluating the Congress Core Course materials.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm on May 10. Next meeting will be held in October or November 2016, date to be determined.