

Women's Program
Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
 May 13-& 15, 2012
 Revised 6/18

Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm on May 13th.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
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
Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair	Audrey Schweyer
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney
Managing Dir. Of Athlete & Coaching Programs	Kim Riley

I. Judges' Fees for Regional Championships

All RTCCs researched the financial situation of the various regional championships and it was determined the majority of the regional meets are financially healthy and that a small increase would not cause financial hardship for the Regional meet directors.

Recommendation to the national office to change the daily Championships rate for Regional Championships to reflect a maximum of 25% discount as reflected in the below chart. Presently the daily fee reflects an approximate 30% discount in the hourly fee rate. Any additional time over 8 hours will be compensated at the regular hourly rate. Any change would be reflected in the ~~2012—2013~~ 2013-2014 Women's Rules and Policies.

Rating	Suggested Regional Championships Daily Rate (up to 8 hrs.)	Current Regional Championships Daily Rate (up to 8 hrs.)
Brevet	\$188 \$170	\$160.00
National	\$175 \$160	\$150.00
Level 10	\$162 \$150	\$140.00
Level 9	\$143 \$140	\$130.00
Level 8	\$117 \$130	\$120.00

Rationale for request:

- Current fee has been in effect since at least 1997.
- The operating cost as an independent contractor has increased.
- Entry fees have increased.
- The majority of regional meets are financially sound.

Motion: L. Thorberg
 Second: M. Dykes
 PASSED

After receiving input from the JO and Administrative Committees, the Executive office amended the above request as noted above, to be effective August 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 season.

II. Use of Electronic Devices on the Field of Play

~~Recommendation to amend the Duties and Responsibilities of Professional members (Coaches and Judges) in the 2012-13 Rules and Policies to reflect the following: Electronic devices/notebooks, such as an iPad, are acceptable for judges to use as a personal judging pad or for coaches to record their own gymnast's exercises, provided that the communication function is disabled. The use of cell phones for the purpose of talking/texting, as well as any other type of wireless communication device is still prohibited in the competition area.~~

Motion: M. Dykes
Second: L. Mulvihill
PASSED

Clarification by the Executive office: The only use of electronic devices in the competition area will be for coaches to record their own gymnasts' exercises for personal use. The personal filming should not interfere in any way with the competition.

III. Revisions of Forms

The committee requested that the "New Element Evaluation Form" be revised to reflect the procedures and posted online. The procedures and the criteria for naming an element for the gymnast who first performed it will also be included in the 2013 *JO Code of Points* (pg. 16 I.D.).

Evaluations will be valid for one quadrennium, with the current quadrennium valid through July 2013. When evaluating a new element for their region, the RTCs will make contact with each other for advice for difficulty evaluation and to determine if the element has already been evaluated in another region. The RTC will then post the new elements on their regional website.

The J.O. and Technical Committees met jointly on Monday, May 14 and Tuesday morning, May 15. Please refer to the Joint Committee minutes.

The Technical Committee reconvened at 11:30 am on Tuesday, May 15th.

IV. 2012 Congresses Technical Core Courses

Discussion was held regarding the scripts and DVDs to be used for the upcoming National and Regional Congresses. The committee agreed to have hard copies of script available instead of creating PowerPoint slides. All of the scripts will be scanned to e-mail and distributed to the committee members.

V. 2013 National Technical Symposium

Cheryl reported that the Technical Committee is responsible for proofing the *JO Code of Points* and for presenting any changes and clarifications in the *Code* at the Technical Symposiums, to be conducted electronically on the Internet. Myra, Neela and Pat will create the videos, while Marion and Carole will create the PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion was held regarding the format of the Symposiums and the possible inclusion of practice judging for all Optional levels.

VI. 2013-2017 Jr. Olympic Code of Points development

The deadline to complete the *JO Code of Points* is December 1, 2012, with preliminary deadlines as follows for sections:

- August 1st - General - Vault
- September 1st - Bars
- October 1st - Beam
- November 1st - Floor

Cheryl emphasized that all deadlines must be met. She will assign the events/sections of the code to the committee members. 2013 *JO Code of Points* to be available for purchase by April 1, 2013.

VII. 2013 USA Brevet and National Judges Online Courses

USA Brevet and National Judges Courses will be conducted on-line. The committee will be working on specific materials to facilitate preparation for those judges who are eligible for these courses.

Testing: Cheryl and Connie have had continuing communication with PAN- a TALX Company, the company to be used to coordinate testing centers throughout the United States. Their representative will be sending a proposal by the end of the week.

The examination date for all judges testing for a USA Brevet or National rating will be Friday, July 19, 2013. One re-test opportunity will be available on a date to be determined.

Any person taking the National or USA Brevet course for the first time is required to take a closed-book written exam, as well as a practical exam. All current National or Brevet rated officials will take an open-book written exam, in addition to a practical exam.

VIII. 2013 and beyond Judges Ratings

Beginning August 1, 2013, there will be five compulsory levels and five optional levels. The committee discussed what changes need to be made to the current rating system.

Recommendation for the new rating grouping is:

- Compulsory Rating (or Level 4/5 Rating) - written test on Levels 4/5
- Optional 6/7/8 Rating - written test on Levels 7/8; practical exam on L8 only.
- 9 Rating - no change
- 10 Rating - no change
- National and USA Brevet testing Level 10 rules

X. The next meeting will be held in Indianapolis on October 18 - 21, 2012.

Purpose of the meeting is to:

Finalize online USA Brevet/National course materials

Evaluate videos for Technical Symposiums, online courses and Level 8, 9 and 10 Accreditation DVDs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.