

**Women's Program**  
**Technical Committee Meeting**  
May 13-14, 2013  
Minneapolis, MN

**I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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, absent
JO P D	Connie Maloney

**II. Recommendation to allow judges to use electronic tablets for gymnastics purposes only on the Field of Play.**

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED unanimously

Note: The Meet Referee is responsible for monitoring the appropriate use of these devices. Feedback on the use of these devices should be directed to the RTCC.

**III. Uneven Bars: Weiler Kip clarification**

In the new *JO Code of Points*, page 69, #8 Weiler kip description, add the word "Ideally" at the beginning of the sentence to read "Ideally the Weiler kip should be performed in a reverse grip (undergrip), starting from a near handstand position."

Page 110. For elements #3.207, 3.407, and 3.508, delete the words "from near handstand."

**IV. Recommendation that an affiliated judge can be used on a one-judge panel for Jr. Olympic Levels 1 and 2.**

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: L. Mulvihill

Passed unanimously

V. Clarification that volunteering at the 2013 Winter/Spring State & above meets and attendance at the June 2013 Compulsory workshops and Congresses may be used to fulfill the requirements for both the Judges' annual CPE and the National Course eligibility for 2017.

A new form will be developed for judges who will be eligible in 2017 to validate their educational and volunteer hours.

VI. Reminder to judges that all rules should be applied consistently throughout the season, regardless of the type of meet (including invitationals). It is important that the athletes have an accurate assessment of their performance at every competition. It is not appropriate for Meet Directors to encourage judges to be lenient in their scores in order to ensure that clubs will return the following year to their Invitational.

**VII. Recommendations for changes in the Officials section of the *Rules and Policies for 2013-14*:**

Recommendation to the National office for changes to the Judges Compensation package for 2013-14:

Page 63 under Break Time chart - change the wording from "recommended break time" to "required break time."

Page 59 I. C. Lodging, 2. "Accommodations should be based on double occupancy - two beds. Add "not to include sleeper sofa".

Page 60, A. Change wording of first sentence to: "Judges will be paid an hourly fee, according to their rating, with a minimum of **three** hours for a one-session meet.

Clarification: The half-day and full-day fee for National Elite meets is applied only when the meet is designated solely as a National Elite Qualifier; not when it is a session held within an invitational meet.

The committee discussed the hourly judges' fee and asked the National Office to review the prior recommendation to use the Consumer Price Index annually to adjustments to the fees.

#### VIII. USA Brevet and National Judges' course

Connie updated the committee on the progress for the study materials and testing procedures.

The company setting up the exams was requested and confirmed they would be able to increase the time allotted for judgment and submission of scores to 75 seconds for vault and 105 seconds for Bars, Beam and Floor.

The committee discussed the passing score for the Brevet Judges and decided to change it to 82% per part instead of 85%.

USA Gymnastics is developing a private website for those judges registered for the USA Brevet and National course and exam. Accessible on that site will be a PowerPoint presentation covering Levels 6-10 as well as workbook that includes a practice written exam, a quiz on Start Values, and scripts for the Technique and Practice Judging DVD. A forum for Questions and Answers will also be included on the site.

IX. The Technical Committee and the National office will produce a "What's New for the JO Program" to identify elements that have changed value and the significant changes in Special Requirements and Difficulty restrictions at the various levels.

The element evaluation form will also be revised to request that coaches submit these forms at least three weeks prior to the first competition at which the gymnast plans to perform the new element.

X. Beam Clarification: If the gymnast performs an isolated split jump (B), then later in the routine performs a split jump connected to a split jump with  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn, the split jump  $\frac{1}{4}$  would receive NO value part credit since a  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn does not make an element different and therefore, the gymnast is missing the compositional requirement of a dance series (applies to Level 8-10).

XI. The remainder of the meeting was spent evaluating the following new DVD projects:

- a. Compulsory Levels 1-5 for Core Sessions at Regional and National Congress.
- b. Elements in the Technique sections of the Judges course DVD on all events.

XII. The Technical Committee would like to remind everyone again that the only OFFICIAL rules are those produced by the Technical Committee and sold or posted on the website by USA Gymnastics.

**XIII. Recommendation that upon completion of the National and USA Brevet online judges' course, participants will receive 10 clinic credits for CPE.**

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: N. Nelson

PASSED

XIV. The next meeting was scheduled for November 1-3, 2013 in Indianapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm on Tuesday, May 14.