



Women's Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Cincinnati, OH
May 14, 15, 16, 2018

I. Roll Call: Chairperson Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm on Monday, May 14. Meeting continued Tuesday morning and evening and Wed. from 8:30 to 3:00 pm.

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
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney

II. Judges' Compensation Package Concerns and Suggestions

A. If it is necessary for judges to stay overnight for a competition and a judge is already or becomes ill but still able to judge, it would be reasonable to ask the Meet Director to provide the ill judge with single room to protect the other judges from becoming ill.

III. Judges' Accreditation updates

1. All FIG Brevet judges in the US who wish to judge Junior Olympic Optionals must:
 - a. Attend a State, Regional or National Clinic on the new JO rules.
 - b. Submit an annual CPE report to their State CPE Coordinator each May to be eligible for assignment the following Accreditation year.
2. FIG-Brevets who judge Elite National Qualifiers in conjunction with an Invitational must meet the eligibility requirements to judge the JO portion of the Invitational: a Level 4/5 rating to judge compulsories and CPE compliance for both compulsory and optional.
3. USA Brevet/National Judges' Course
 - a. Participants who complete the Live Course components, (Level 6/7 Vault and Practice Judging/Mock Exam) and take the exam will receive 20 CPE Clinic credits regardless of the rating earned.
 - The Online Study materials are designed to prepare the individual judge for the Live portion of the Course, plus the exam. There is no requirement to complete it and it is not possible to generate a printed certificate of completion.
 - b. Those taking the course for the first time (USA Brevet or National) will take a closed-book written exam. Those who have attended a National Course in the past will be allowed to bring a printed *JO Code of Points* book and other reference materials to the written exam.
 - c. All participants will be allowed to bring any printed reference materials they would normally have at a live competition for the practical exam.



IV. Scoring procedure concerns

A. Video review

The committee suggested that we add the following acceptable reasons to allow a video review: to verify that the following elements land on the bottom of the feet first:

- a. Acro elements on Beam
- b. Salto elements on Floor
- c. Dismounts on Bars and Beam

V. OPTIONAL TESTING FOR THE 2018-22 CYCLE

A. First opportunity to re-certify Optionals is at National Congress on August 11, 2018. Thereafter, testing will be offered at Region 1 and 5 Congresses and locally within the states. Refer to Master Testing Schedule on the usagym.org website under Women: Judges; Judges Accreditation/Master Test Schedule.

B. Current Optional ratings are valid through December 31, 2018 for payment purposes.

C. For assignment to meets with Optional competition held from August 18 to December 31, 2018, priority for assignment will be given in this order:

1. Those judges who have taken the new 2018-22 exam and passed both parts.
2. Those judges who have taken both Written and Practical and passed only one part
3. Those judges who have taken both Written and Practical and failed both parts.
4. Those judges who have not yet tested on the new rules. This would be approved by the RTCC only if there are no available judges who are compliant with the above stipulations.

VI. Chief Judge reminders:

A. Chief Judge should instruct all timers, especially if a non-judge volunteer is filling that position. If their voice is soft, the Chief Judge should ask the timer to stand up and move closer to the apparatus to announce the warning and time signals. The Chief Judge should also be ready to repeat the warning if it is questionable that the gymnast heard the warning.

B. Any warnings (coaching by teammates, incorrect attire/jewelry, etc.) given by the Chief Judge should be directed to the coach, if possible, rather directly to the gymnast

VII. BEAM Clarification: #2.201 Split leap - value was raised to "B". In order to receive "B" value, there must be a straight-leg brush entry (no stag-split action). If there is a développ , award "A" value.

VIII. The remainder of the meeting was spent on the evaluation of videos to be used in the core topics for 2018 Congresses.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on May 16th. Next meeting is scheduled for a date to be determined in October, 2018 in Indianapolis.