



NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 17, 2022
 Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting was called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Cheryl Hamilton at 4:35 pm on May 16.

Roll Call:

Gigi Iavarone	Region 1
Jeanine Henneford	Region 2
Marilyn Blilie (via Zoom)	Region 3
Linda Thorberg	Region 4
Sue Kane	Region 5
Pat Panichas	Region 6
Jane Caruso	Region 7
Evelyn Chandler	Region 8
Connie Maloney	Women's DP Technical Director
Nichole Otterson	Women's DP Technical Coordinator
Cookie Batsche	Guest – NAWGJ President

REPORTS

1. National Technical Committee Chair - Cheryl Hamilton thanked the Technical Committee for their efforts in working on the new *Development Program Code of Points (Dev COP)*, their development of the National/Brevet course, and the upcoming Level 8-10 exam materials.
2. Women's Development Program Technical Director - Connie Maloney reported that the National/Brevet Written exams are set to go live in coming weeks. Levels 8-10 Written exams have been completed and are being proofed for their August release date.
3. NAWGJ – Cookie Batsche described the results of a survey regarding the status of judges in the United States. Although 200 new judges completed Level 4/5 testing last year, over 30 states are experiencing a shortage of judges at the optional levels. She described the activities NAWGJ will undertake to recruit and retain new judges including clinics, targeted recruitment, and mentoring. In addition, she discussed feedback from judges regarding compensation and hotel accommodations at meets.

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

1. Clarification regarding judges' affiliation in the *Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P)* and *Development Program Code of Points (Dev COP)*: A judge who critiques or coaches more than once a month on a regular basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that gymnastics club. Judges must make assigners aware of their affiliation.
2. Clarification regarding when a meet is considered complete. Update R&P, page 45.B.1.a. to reflect the addition of "End of the day is determined when all scores are final, and all score inquiries are settled."
3. Clarification regarding judges' use of electronic devices to record their scoring worksheets. Update R&P, page 24, D. 5 to reflect: "Judges must turn off messages, email notifications, etc. by switching their device to airplane mode."
4. Recommendation to allow ankle length tights to be worn under OR over the leotard in competition.
 Motion: Evelyn Chandler
 Second: Jeanine Henneford
 PASSED

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, but no action was taken:

1. National / Brevet practical exam expectations.
2. Judges approaching Meet Directors to solicit meets.
3. Sports bra deduction to remain as stated.

Recommendation to adjourn at 9:00 pm.