



**Women's Program  
Technical Committee Meeting**  
Indianapolis, IN.  
October 21-23, 2016

**Roll Call: Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order Friday, October 21 at 9:00 am.**

Chairperson	Cheryl Hamilton
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
JO Program Director	Annie Heffernon
NJOCC	Tom Koll

**I. General**

It is recommended that judges take the free Concussion Awareness Course found in the USA Gymnastics University. <https://usagym.org/pages/education/pages/libraryConcussion.html>. Many states are now requiring all officials of youth sports to take a concussion-awareness course

**II. Rules & Policies**

Recommendation to the Administrative Committee to remove the words "religious reasons" page 16, B.9.d. 5<sup>th</sup> sentence of the Women's Rules and Policies to read "For medical reasons, reasonable and accommodating exceptions to proper attire will be applied."

**III. FIG-Brevet Course**

Recommendation that when an individual who holds no judges' rating is invited to attend the FIG-Brevet Course, but does not achieve the FIG-Brevet rating, they will receive a Level 9 rating. They may also test Level 10 until such time that the USA Brevet Course is offered.

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Carole Bunge

PASSED

**IV. USA/Brevet & National Judges' Courses**

A. GAT Convention (Gymnastics Assoc. of Texas) is CPE-Clinic approved by USA Gymnastics for annual CPE; however, it is NOT APPROVED as a Regional/National Clinic for fulfilling the Clinic requirements to be invited to the 2018 National/USA Brevet Judges' Course. The Eligibility form specifically lists all acceptable clinics.

B. The 2018 USA-Brevet and National Courses and exams will be offered at multiple sites and dates (TBD from June 1 to July 16, 2018).



- C. Those current USA Brevet, National and Level 10 judges who are eligible for the next USA-Brevet or National Judges' Course (originally scheduled for summer 2017 but is now postponed to summer 2018) are required to submit their Course Eligibility Form to their Regional Technical Committee Chair to be received no earlier than June 1, 2017 and no later than midnight Eastern time zone on November 1, 2017.

[https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/17\\_CourseEligibilityForm.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/17_CourseEligibilityForm.pdf)

[https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/17\\_brevetcourse.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/17_brevetcourse.pdf)

- D. ~~Recommendation to consider applying categories for National judges based on results from the National Course exam.~~

Motion: Linda Thorberg

Second: Char Christensen

2 In Favor; 6 Opposed

DEFEATED

- E. Criteria for eligibility to the 2022 USA-Brevet/National Course will be determined at the Fall 2017 Technical Committee meeting.

#### V. Judges' Compensation Package (published in Women's Rules and Policies)

- A. Clarifications regarding the required 30-minute break time:

1. The required 30-minute break-time applies to all competitions, including State and Regional Championships.

2. If a break between sessions exceeds 30 minutes, the judge is then back "on the clock" and therefore is not allowed to leave the meet site.

- B. Since officials are now being paid from the report time, members of the Technical Committee will create a Meet Referee checklist for reference at the judges' meeting at all USA Gymnastics-sanctioned competitions.

- C. There was discussion regarding report times and judges reporting late to competitions. The TC will address this issue in the spring of 2017.

#### VI. Level 9 & 10 Composition

The criteria for deductions for the compositional category "Choice of Acro Elements Not Up to the Competitive Level" was discussed for Level 9 & 10 Balance Beam and Floor Exercise. Recommendations will be presented to the JO Committee at the May 2017 joint meeting.

#### VII. 2017 Congress Core Technical Sessions

The remainder of the meeting was spent developing educational materials and new judge's courses for the 2017 Congresses.

Meeting adjourned Sunday, October 23, 2015 at 4:00 pm.