



Women's Technical Committee Meeting  
November 1-3, 2019

I. Roll Call

National Technical Committee Chair Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Present:

Region 1	Gigi Iavarone
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
WJOTD	Connie Maloney
WJOPD	Christy Naik (Friday, Saturday AM only)
WVP	Annie Heffernon (Saturday AM only)

II. General / Rules and Policies updates

- A. The Committee discussed a Judges' compensation question that was not addressed from the May meetings. Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020: \$10/day will be added for meet referee when acting in dual capacity at any competition.

III. JO Code of Points Corrections

- A. The National Office will make the following corrections and post replacement pages on the website under Women: Rules: JO Optionals at:  
<https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/jooptionals.html>
1. Add to page GENERAL – 5.II.C.11(before During the conference): All judges must attend conference at the location designated by the Chief Judge.
  2. Remove on page GENERAL – 5.II.C.11.c: ~~The Judges may change their scores, but are not obliged to do so; however,~~. New line item reads:  
c. If the scores are out of the allowable range, adjustments must be made. It is the professional responsibility of the Judges to come to an agreement if their scores are initially out of range.
  3. ADD to BEAM – page 23.III.A.3.c: in line with the beam
  4. ADD to description of element 9.103 on page BEAM – 87: (Round-off)
- B. The Committee requested that the floor music approval process, along with regional forms and instructions on how to submit, be added to each regional website. This will give members access to the required forms to obtain approval for questionable music. The current process can be found on FLOOR – page 3.III.A. in the *JO Code of Points*.

IV. Judging Policies and Judges' Compensation Package

- A. The Committee has requested feedback/communication from the National Office as it pertains to their requests for the annual Judges' compensation package.
- B. The Committee agreed to adopt the following statement regarding becoming a Women's Artistic Gymnastics Judge: There are restrictions for the Junior Professional members, such as no assignments to meets that require overnight accommodations, carpooling allowed only if with two or more adult members, and judging contracts must be co-signed by parent or legal guardian. Junior Professional members must follow all current Safe Sport policies. This information can be found here <https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging.html>.
- C. The Committee discussed updating the current special circumstances petition form to include both JO and Xcel, as well as indicating that this form is to be used for gymnasts with physical disabilities only.

V. New Business

- A. Committee Chair Cheryl Hamilton discussed Eastern/Western and JO National judging selection to determine if there were any affiliations before final assignments are made.
- B. Ideas for Congress core sessions were discussed. The Committee will be working on these projects throughout the year.
- C. Future agenda items were discussed and will be submitted to the Women's Program sub-committees for their annual meetings in May 2020.
- D. NAWGJ President Evelyn Chandler, along with Cookie Batsch and Marilyn Blilie, presented new ideas for judging courses to the Committee. Group discussion followed. Cheryl thanked them for their research and ideas for future accreditation procedures. The Technical Committee and national office will continue to discuss and explore the possibilities through our IT department.
- E. The Committee discussed the judge selection process for competitions. As a reminder, the meet director of Invitational competitions or any meets that are not under the organizational jurisdiction of the State Administrative Committee may use the state-approved contractor (usually NAWGJ) or may contract the officials directly using a USA Gymnastics contract. If submitting a Request for Judges form to the state-approved contractor, the meet director may also request specific judges (by name or by rating).

VI. The remainder of the meeting was spent evaluating routines for the 2020 Technical Core Congress topics and updating the Online Level 6/7 Practice Judging.

VII. Meeting adjourned on Sunday at 1:00 PM.

VIII. The next Technical Committee meeting is scheduled after the conclusion of 2020 JO Nationals in Tacoma, WA.