

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10-11, 2010

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM on May 10th.

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
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney

II. Coaches Professional Member Behavior Policy

According to page 12 of the *Women's Rules and Policies*, there are procedures for handling unacceptable coach behavior towards officials. Whenever a verbal warning is given for the first offense, this action should be recorded by the Meet Referee on the sanction report form.

III. JO Code of Points additions/changes

A. Beam Clarification - JO Code of Points, page 147, B.

Delete B in its entirety and replace with the following:

B. It is possible to connect certain acro elements that either land on one foot and swing the free leg forward to step into a second acro element **or** land on two feet simultaneously; however, these connections may be broken when:

1. The first element lands on one foot and the second foot steps down behind into a lunge.
 - **Example of broken series:** Back walkover lands on Right foot and Left leg steps down behind to finish in a Right lunge. It is not possible to connect to a second element which has counter movement (i.e., front walkover, cartwheel, round-off) either by lifting the Right foot to step into the next element or by leaving both feet on the beam and just leaning forward into the second element.
 - **Example of possible connections:** Back Walkover lands on Right foot, Left foot steps behind and body continues moving backward to perform a 2nd back walkover (or a Back Walkover, step down on Right foot, place Left foot beside Right and perform a Flic-flac step-out)
2. The first element lands on one foot and the second foot swings forward to step-kick into the second element. During the step between the elements, the free leg must be no higher than 45°, or the series will be considered broken.
3. The first element lands on two feet close together simultaneously (not step-out to lunge).
 - **Example of a broken series:** Gymnast performs a Right Round-off, landing simultaneously on two feet. It is not possible to connect to a second element which has counter movement (i.e., front walkover, cartwheel, round-off) either by lifting the Right foot to step into the next element or by leaving both feet on the beam and just leaning forward into the second element.
 - **Examples of possible connections:**
 - Round-off lands on two feet simultaneously and the body continues moving backward to perform a Flic-flac step-out.
 - Round-off lands on two feet simultaneously with a rebound (punch) into a dive (mounting) front walkover.

B. Level 10 Vault Bonus procedures

JO Code of Points, Page 27, E. 5. - Add a second bullet:

- Each judge must visually indicate if bonus was awarded.

IV. Clarification of incorrect attire

Add the bold text to the JO Code of Points, page 14. h: If the jewelry is not removed during the competition **and/or WARM-UPS**, the deduction is taken one time from the event score competed after the warning was issued.

Add the bold text to *JO Code of Points*, page 5, 14. h. -5th bullet and to the *R & P*, page 13, J. 3: One pair of stud earrings is allowed, one per ear. **All other piercing should be REMOVED and not just covered with tape or Band-aids.**

V. Judges' Accreditation Concerns

The national office requested that the Technical Committee consider making some changes to the current procedures. The following changes will be effective August 1, 2010.

- A. Test Administrators submit their requests to schedule an exam at least 5 (instead of 4) weeks prior to the proposed exam date.
- B. It was recommended that TA's must indicate a location and tentative start time when submitting their request to schedule an exam.
- C. Recommend to add a late fee of \$10 per test part (in addition to the \$20 per test part) for those individuals who do not register by the published deadline (2 weeks prior to the exam by mail/FAX and 1 week prior for online registration). All registrations for exams must be received at least THREE business days before the test is scheduled and the examinee must receive the permission of the Test Administrator.
- D. Judges cannot transfer registration fees to another exam date or request a refund unless they do so in writing to USA Gymnastics at least eight (8) days prior to the exam. Extreme extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration on an individual basis.
- E. Once an exam has been scheduled, the Test Administrator cannot change the date. The procedure would be to cancel the exam (as published in the TA Manual) and then schedule a new date at least 5 weeks in the future.
- F. In order to maintain the integrity of the exams, the committee recommends that the exam results continue to indicate only a pass/fail and the weak events, not the actual score.
- G. The committee recommended that the national office generate an exam report (with only pass/fail results and rating earned indicated) for the Test Administrators, effective August 1, 2010.

VI. The committee decided to use "Technique" as the theme for 2011 Congress Core Technical Sessions. The committee will meet November 6-7 in Indianapolis to evaluate the films.

VII. Technical Symposiums

Connie Maloney announced that WTC Symposiums will again be held in conjunction with the 2013 Compulsory Workshops the first two weekends in June.

VIII. Eligibility for 2013 Judges' Courses

A. Eligibility for National Rating in 2013:

1. Must be previously rated as National or Brevet

OR

Must have held a Level 10 rating for a minimum of two complete cycles (8 years) (**Must have achieved a Level 10 rating by December 31, 2005**)

OR

Must be a previous Senior National Elite team member and a minimum of 21 years of age.

2. Must have attended a minimum of two Regional or National USAG Congresses or NAWGJ Symposiums in the current four-year cycle (June 2009 - Dec. 31, 2012). Attendance at the 2009 National or Brevet Course would not meet this requirement.
3. Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership, safety certification and background check.
4. Must be current with annual CPE during the current cycle. Judges applying for the National rating must submit copies of their Annual CPE report forms for their current cycle to verify their activity.
5. **Must volunteer within the current cycle (June 2009 - Dec. 31, 2012) at two separate events (State, Regional or National clinic, training camp, or competition) for a minimum of 6 hours at each event, OR serve as a USAG or NAWGJ elected officer during the current cycle.**
 - o USAG officers: State Administrative Chairs, Regional or National Administrative, JO or Technical Chairmen
 - o NAWGJ officers: State & Regional Judging Directors & National officers

B. Eligibility for USAG Brevet rating in 2013:

1. Must be previously rated as FIG or USAG Brevet

OR

Must be a previous Senior National Elite team member and a minimum of 21 years of age.

2. Currently rated officials must have attended a minimum of two Regional or National USAG Congresses or NAWGJ Symposiums in the current four-year cycle (June 2009 – Dec. 31, 2012). Attendance at the 2009 Brevet Course would not meet this requirement.
Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership, safety certification and background check.
4. Must be current with annual CPE during the current cycle. Judges applying for the USAG Brevet rating must submit copies of the 4 years Annual CPE report form to verify their activity.
5. **Must volunteer within the current cycle (June 2009 – Dec. 31, 2012) at two separate events (State, Regional or National clinic, training camp, or competition) for a minimum of 6 hours at each event, OR serve as a USAG or NAWGJ elected officer during the current cycle.**
 - o USAG officers: State Administrative Chairs, Regional or National Administrative, JO or Technical Chairmen
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C. Format for the courses and testing will be decided at the November 2010 Technical Committee meeting.

IX. ONLINE JUDGES' COURSES

The Technical Committee is developing online courses for the beginning optional levels. Format was discussed and plans for initiation of the online course will be finalized at the November 2010 meeting.

X. The Committee spent the remainder of the meeting evaluating routines to be used for 2010 Congress "Core" Technical sessions.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6-7, 2010 in Indianapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.