



WOMEN'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM
Saturday, May 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order by NTCC Cheryl Hamilton at 12:02 PM on May 9, 2020.

Roll Call:

	Tech Committee	
NTCC	Cheryl Hamilton	Christy Naik - JOPD
Region 1	Gigi Iavarone	Connie Maloney - JOTD
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill	Tom Koll - NJOCC
Region 3	Carole Bunge	Claudia Kretschmer – NXCC
Region 4	Linda Thorberg	Cori Rizzo – NACC
Region 5	Char Christensen	Cookie Batsche– NAWGJ President
Region 6	Pat Panichas	
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein	
Region 8	Marian Dykes	

1. Cheryl welcomed the committee and thanked them for their commitment to the Women's Program.
2. NAWGJ Report: Cookie Batsche, newly elected president of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges provided a report and introduced the new officers recently elected for Regions 2, 4, 6 and 8. Cookie introduced the concept of TC members working with NAWGJ in joint workgroups to establish good practices for judges' safety, as well as to collaborate on the future of procedures for Judging exams and National Judges' Courses.
3. Xcel Report: Claudia Kretschmer (NXCC) provided an update from the Xcel Committee meeting that took place on Tuesday, May 5. The Xcel Committee will bring forward their recommended changes to the Technical Committee at the Joint XC/TC meeting to be held on Monday, May 11.
4. The Women's Program Service Award was discussed. Cheryl asked for input from the Regional Technical Chairs. Please send suggestions to Christy Naik at cnaik@usagym.org.

All of the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2020, unless otherwise stated.

JO Code of Points (COP) & Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P)

5. Inappropriate Attire
 - A. **COP** GENERAL - 7, 5. Bullet, **XCOP** JUDGES – 13, Incorrect Attire, d. and **R&P** Chapter 1, page 19.II.B.10.a.bullet:
 Recommendation to change the definition of a backless leotard to:
 A leotard is considered backless when the open area **visually extends no more than approximately 2 inches below the bottom of the scapula (shoulder blade)** and the open area extends past the vertical midpoint of the scapula, unless the open area is filled in with mesh or flesh-colored fabric.
 Motion: Marian Dykes
 Second: Myra Elfenbein
 4 in favor
 4 opposed
 NTCC votes in favor
 PASSED



- B. **COP** GENERAL-7, 5. Bullet, **XCOP** JUDGES – 13, Incorrect Attire, d. and **R&P** Chapter 1, page 19.II.B.10.a.bullet:
 Recommendation to delay effective date to enforce the backless leotard rule for 1 year. New effective date - **August 1, 2021.**
 Motion: Pat Panichas
 Second: Linda Thorberg
 Passed

- ~~C. Recommendation to allow any number of stud only earrings in each ear, but on no other body part.
 Motion: Marian Dykes
 Motion failed to receive a second; no additional action taken at this time.
 The present rule will be enforced as stated in the **COP.**~~

Women’s Program Rules and Policies (R&P)

6. **R&P** Chapter 3, page 29.III.B: Sanction Violations on the part of the Meet Director
 Recommendation to add #8:
 8. Violating or changing any procedures listed in the Judges’ Compensation package.

JO CODE OF POINTS (COP)

7. **COP** VAULT
 A. VAULT – 4.II. E. add #5.:
 5. Coach catches a falling gymnast.
 a. Do NOT deduct for the Spot.
 b. Deduct 0.50 for the Fall ONLY
 B. VAULT –14: Add to General Deduction chart:

<u>0.50</u> for FALL ONLY	Coach catches a falling gymnast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No deduction for the Spot
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Clarification regarding spotting assistance upon landing:

<u>0.50</u> <u>0.50</u>	SPOTTING ASSISTANCE UPON LANDING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall after assistance, additional deduction taken
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8. **COP** BARS
 A. BARS - 19.K.3.d: Recommendation to delete #4.101 from example of “Higgins Roll ”
 #4.101 (“A”) Long swing with ½ Turn at a minimum of 45° from Vertical:-
 B. BARS –22.B.3. add a. and BARS – 23.C.2/3.a.1) add a.: Add examples of what elements may be used as an LA turn for Level 8 and 9 Special Requirements.
 a. MAY be:
 ✓ Pirouette on the hands
 ✓ Turn in a Flight element
 ✓ Turn from a Long Hang Swing
 ✓ Turn in an underswing with feet on bar and ½ (180 degree) Turn



9. **COP FLOOR** – 26.II: Specific Floor Execution Deductions: Add “or more” to the concentration pauses deduction for clarification:

Each <u>0.10</u>	Concentration Pauses – Two (2) seconds (or more)
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10. JUDGES' ACCREDITATION

- A. 2021-29 Compulsory Level 4/5 Judging Exams:
Recommendation to provide online testing only for JO Level 4/5 Compulsory (with a limit of 4 test attempts per accreditation year – 2 “A” versions and 2 “B” versions), effective August 1, 2021.
Motion: Linda Thorberg
Second: Gigi Iavarone
Passed
- B. 2022 Online Judging Exams for Optional Levels 7/8, 9 and 10:
Connie presented some ideas for the implementation of online testing. Connie will work with IT to develop programming with suggestions from the RTCCs and NAWGJ.
- C. 2022 National/USA Brevet Judges' Courses
Committee discussed reducing the requirements for Course Eligibility due to the pandemic’s effect on educational and volunteer opportunities.
- a) USAG/NAWGJ Regional/National **Educational** Events: Reduce in half – now **only 1 required**.
- b) **Volunteering** at a minimum of Two (2) separate functions for a Total of 12 Hours (minimum of 2 hours per event) is now **Total of 6 hours** required.
Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Linda Mulvihill
Passed

11. Xcel Bronze/Silver/Gold Online Course and Rating: A workgroup of 3 RTCCs and 3 RXCCs has been established and will proof the final course materials and finalize the parameters for the new rating.

12. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Annual Requirements

The requirements for the 2019-20 accreditation year were reduced due to the pandemic and are posted on the USA Gymnastics website at <https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=25417>. Annual reports are to be submitted to the State CPE Coordinator by May 31.

The committee discussed the possible need to reduce requirements for the upcoming 2020-21 year, but decided to revisit this at the Fall TC meeting after reviewing the virtual educational opportunities that become available over the summer.

Virtual National Congress (August 8-9, 2020) and other State/Regional USA Gymnastics/NAWGJ Virtual Clinics/Symposiums that are approved as Live CPE Clinics will be eligible for Clinic hours based on actual clock hours.

The Clinic organizer must sanction the event and submit the Clinic Approval form to Connie Maloney so the clinic can be posted on the Judges’ webpage under CPE Clinics. The Clinic Approval Form will be revised to include specific information if the clinic is being conducted virtually.

As a reminder, online USA Gymnastics University School of Judging Courses and archived webinars can receive up to half of the total Annual clinic hours required for the specific rating.

Meeting Adjourned 4:58 PM, Saturday, May 9, 2020.

