



## WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2018  
Cincinnati, OH

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Cori Rizzo.

### I. Roll Call

Cori Rizzo	National Administrative Committee Chairman		
Region 1	Jennifer Shipman-Krause	Cheryl Jarrett	Vice President Member Services
Region 2	Marian DeWane	Tom Koll	National JO Committee
Region 3	Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek	Annie Heffernon	Women's JO Program Director
Region 4	Rick Nelson	Connie Maloney	Women's JO Technical Director
Region 5	Dave Stiles		
Region 6	Kathy Ostberg - absent		
Region 7	Jennifer Bortz		
Region 8	Deb Kornegay		
Claudia Kretschmer	National Xcel Committee Chairman		
Cheryl Hamilton	National Technical Committee Chairman		

II. Cori Rizzo welcomed the committee and thanked everyone for their commitment to the Women's Program.

### III. Kerry Perry – USA Gymnastics Chief Executive Officer

Kerry discussed the challenging times surrounding USA Gymnastics. She thanked Women's Program leadership for their service and stability during the past months. In addition to creating an environment of empowerment and moving towards mediation and resolution both legally and financially, she emphasized that stabilizing the Women's Program is amongst the highest of priorities. She discussed future plans for the High-Performance Coordinator position and finding a temporary and/or permanent training center for USA Gymnastics. The organization is moving rapidly towards fulfilling the objectives presented in the Deborah Daniels report. Moving forward, USA Gymnastics will be adding staff to the Safe Sport Department and expanding areas of education, support, and training. She discussed the interim Board of Directors positions and that they have been tasked with reducing the size of the Board. Lastly, she fielded questions from the committee.

### IV. Cheryl Jarrett – Vice President of Member Services

Cheryl provided a USA Gymnastics Membership update.

2018 Regional Congress - Additional information may be found at <http://www.usagymrc.com>.

Region 1 – August 24-26, 2018 in San Jose, CA

Region 2 – June 30-July 1, 2018 in Beaverton, OR

Region 3 – June 16-17, 2018 in Dallas, TX

Region 4 – June 15-17, 2018 in St. Louis, MO

Region 5 – September 14-16, 2018 in Louisville, KY

Region 8 – June 8-10, 2018 in Winston-Salem, NC

V. Reminder that Junior Professional Members are NOT allowed to vote in State, Regional, or National elections.

**VI.** Recommendation to the Women’s Program Committee that all recommendations passed in annual National Committee Meetings remain in effect until the next annual meeting.

Motion: Deb Kornegay

Second: Jen Bortz

Passed

**VII.** Recommendation to amend the *Women’s Rules and Policies*, page 94, G.2.f.2) and page 97, H.2.g.2) to read:

- f. “All competitors and first alternates will receive a tank leotard from their region to be worn in the competition.”...
- 2) Apparel will be ordered for the first alternate (and any ties for 1<sup>st</sup> alternate) from each region in each age division. The apparel will be distributed to only those first alternates in attendance.

Motion: Jennifer Krause

Second: Marian DeWane

Passed

**VIII.** Recommendation that all State / Regional Championship meets MUST utilize the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System for registration (not payment) and use the pre-printed Coaches’ sign-in sheets during the competition.

Motion: Rick Nelson

Second: Marian DeWane

Passed

**IX.** Recommendation to amend the *Women’s Rules and Policies* page 112, D.10 and page 76, D.10 to read: To determine the competitive order when rotating to the next event, the number of places to be “dropped” must be applied uniformly per session and is based on ¼ of the number of competitors in the largest squad in that session.

EXAMPLES

6 or less gymnasts in a squad – drop one (1) spot

- Gymnast 1 - V
- Gymnast 2 - UB
- Gymnast 3 - BB
- Gymnast 4 - FX

7-11 gymnasts in a squad – drop two (2) spots

- Gymnast 1 - V
- Gymnast 2
- Gymnast 3 - UB
- Gymnast 4
- Gymnast 5 - BB
- Gymnast 6
- Gymnast 7 – FX

12+ gymnasts in a squad – drop three (3) spots

- Gymnast 1 - V
- Gymnast 2
- Gymnast 3
- Gymnast 4 - UB
- Gymnast 5
- Gymnast 6
- Gymnast 7 - BB
- Gymnast 8
- Gymnast 9
- Gymnast 10 - FX
- Gymnast 11
- Gymnast 12

- In the case of a squad being reduced in numbers due to gymnasts scratching prior to the start of competition, it may be necessary to re-define the start order on each event for that squad only if the original number of dropped places is more than ¼ of the number of gymnasts in that squad.

Motion: Jen Bortz

Second: Jennifer Krause

Passed

**X.** Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 70, E. and 107, F. to read:

E/F. Entry Fees and Deadlines

1. It is recommended that competition entries are received AND a competition schedule published at least 4-6 weeks prior to the first day of competition. Entries should include:
  - a. Competitors name(s), USA Gymnastics Athlete Member number, birth date, citizenship and age division.
  - b. The name(s) and USA Gymnastics Professional number, Safety Certification expiration, Background Check expiration, U110 certification, and U100 certification of all participating coaches.
  - c. ALL FEES PAID IN FULL.
  - d. An athlete is considered registered/entered in a competition only when her name is listed on the club's entry form and the Meet Director has received valid payment.
2. Meet Directors may not refuse entries from competitors who wish to enter a competition that serves as a Sectional Meet or any competition that serves as a qualifier to State Championships and above if all registration procedures and entry fees are PAID IN FULL.
  - EXCEPTION: If the competition fills to maximum participant capacity, the Meet Director may consider accepting additional entries if/when space becomes available.
3. Cancellation Policy - The Meet Director should make the best effort to refund all or part of the entry fee in the event that severe weather or a shortage of judges would cause a cancellation of a competition.

Motion: Marian DeWane

Second: Jennifer Krause

Passed

**XI.** Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 27, D.4., page 81, K, and page 118, L. to read:

The use of cell phones for verbal conversation is PROHIBITED while on the field of play (competition area). Coaches are permitted to record their OWN gymnasts' exercise for personal use but should not in any way interfere with the competition.

Motion: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek

Second: Deb Kornegay

Passed

**XII.** Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee to add the following statement to the Women's State Administrative Chair Handbook:

SACCs are required to utilize the contact information listed in the USA Gymnastics database for state committee elections.

Motion: Deb Kornegay

Second: Marian DeWane

Passed

**XIII.** Recommendation to add the following statement to the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 81, J. and 118 K.:

J/K. Audience/Spectator Regulations

3. Drones are not permitted during the pre-meet warm-ups or competition, as this may endanger the performing athletes.

Motion: Deb Kornegay

Second: Marian DeWane

Passed

**XIV.** Recommendation that for Eastern/Western Championships, increase the number of judges sent from each region from three (3) to four (4) and increase the fee for Regional Support from each region from \$300 to \$500.

Motion: Jen Bortz

Second: Jennifer Krause

Passed

**XV.** Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 35. Change E. to read: Meet Referee Penalties for Violations – A Meet Referee may receive a \$100 fine for failure to report a sanction violation on the sanction report form. Change the current E. to F. and F. to G.

Motion: Deb Kornegay

Second: Marian DeWane

Passed

**XVI.** Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 34, B. – add the following:

7. Exceeding the maximum allowable number of gymnasts in a session. (See pages 74 and 110.)

Motion: Marian DeWane

Second: Jen Bortz

Passed

**XVII.** Recommendation to amend the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 35 E.1. – remove c. and change b. to read:

- b. A second-time violation results in a fine of \$500 for one violation. For each additional violation associated with that same sanction, the fine is \$500 EACH. In addition, a second-time violation may result in possible suspension of sanctioning privileges for the next competitive season, to be determined by the National Administrative Committee.

Motion: Marian DeWane

Second: Jen Bortz

Passed

Meeting adjourned.