



2017 Women's Program Committee Minutes  
August 17, 2017, Anaheim, CA

Called to order by Committee Chairperson, Tom Koll – 1:15pm

Rhonda Faehn – Senior VP of Women's Program  
Cheryl Hamilton – National Technical Committee Chairperson  
Annie Heffernon – Women's Junior Olympic Program Director  
Terin Humphrey – International Elite Committee Athlete Representative  
Claudia Kretschmer – National Xcel Committee Chairperson  
Cori Rizzo – National Administrative Committee Chairperson  
Stephen Rybacki – International Elite Committee Chairman

Reports:

1. National Technical Committee – Chairperson, Cheryl Hamilton  
The Technical Committee is working with the Junior Olympic Committee to develop the 2018-2022 Junior Olympic Code of Points and with the Xcel Committee to develop the Xcel Code of Points. In addition, the Technical Committee is preparing for the 2018 Judges' Course. The following requirements will be included in the course:
  - a. Complete the live Judging Level 6/7 Vault lecture.
  - b. Attend the designated practice judging session prior to the test.
  - c. Complete the test.Testing will begin in June, 2018 and will be offered at various Regional Congresses during the summer of 2018.
2. National Xcel Committee – Chairperson, Claudia Kretschmer  
The Xcel Program continues to grow in every Region. The Xcel Committee is working with the Technical Committee to develop the 2018-2022 Xcel Code of Points. In order to maintain the philosophy of the program as it grows, the Xcel Committee is developing philosophies for each division and working on providing continuing education for the Xcel community. Congratulations to Gail Caspare. She will represent Region 6 on the Xcel Committee.
3. International Elite Committee – Chairperson, Stephen Rybacki  
In September, 2016, Valeri Liukin was named the USA Gymnastics National Team Coordinator. The International Elite Committee meets during all training camps to make necessary changes and to meet the National Team Coordinator's expectations regarding rules. The Hopes Program has contributed to the expansion of the base of the Elite Program, allowing more athletes to participate. The 2017 Elite qualifiers, American Classic, Hopes Classic, Hopes Championships, US Classic, and P&G Championships were successful. There was discussion regarding the judging requirements for Elite Compulsory qualifiers. Preparation for World Championships will continue with World Championship Selection Camp in September at the National Team Training Center.

4. National Administrative Committee – Chairperson, Cori Rizzo  
The Women’s Administrative Committee met in May, 2017. The minutes are posted on the [USA Gymnastics’ web site](#). Congratulations to Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek. She will represent Region 3 on the Women’s Administrative Committee.
5. National Junior Olympic Committee – Chairperson, Tom Koll  
The Junior Olympic Committee is working with the Technical Committee to develop the 2018-2022 Junior Olympic Code of Points. In addition, the Junior Olympic Committee is developing the proposed new compulsory elements for 2021. The Committee will meet at the National Training Center in October, 2017 to continue working on the compulsory program. USA Gymnastics has listed an employment opportunity for Women’s Program Compulsory Beam and/or Floor Choreography. Congratulations to the following newly elected Regional Junior Olympic Chairs: Region 2 - Ivan Alexov, Region 3 – Rich Villarreal, Region 4 – Paige Roth, Region 6 – Jamie Winkler.
6. USA Gymnastics Office Report - Senior VP of Women’s Program, Rhonda Faehn and Women’s Junior Olympic Program Director, Annie Heffernon  
USA Gymnastics announced Toby Stark as the Director of Safe Sport and Mark Busby as USA Gymnastics Legal Counsel. Together, they will implement new Safe Sport policies and educate coaches and athletes surrounding USA Gymnastics Safe Sport policies. Rhonda discussed the success and growth of the Elite Program and the preparation plans for the upcoming World Championships in Montreal, Canada. Annie discussed the growth of the Nastia Liukin Cup Series and the schedule of qualifier invitationals for 2018. In addition, the Junior Olympic Championship events were announced in July, 2017. Junior Olympic National Championships, Cincinnati, Ohio; Junior Olympic Level 9 Eastern Championships, Rochester N.Y.; and Junior Olympic Level 9 Western Championships, Salt Lake City, Utah.
7. Athlete Council Report—Terin Humphrey  
In addition to Terin, the other Women’s Program Athlete Representative is Ivana Hong. The Athlete Council will be meeting in December before the annual Board of Director’s meeting.

New Business:

1. The Hall of Fame Committee will meet in Anaheim to determine the 2018 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame Class.
2. There was discussion regarding the 2019 Women’s Program Board of Directors position. No action was taken at this time.
3. Changes in the operating code:
  - a. REVISE: SECTION D– INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE COACH REPRESENTATIVES (IECCR)  
The three (3) Coach Representatives:
    1. Must have been designated as Head or Assistant Coach at a World Championships or Olympic Games, and currently coaching an athlete on the National Team, or coaching an athlete competing at the current USA Championships. (Criteria for 2. and 3. will remain the same.)
  - b. REVISE: Under Article IV, Section A, Administrative Committee. 3.b.
    - Judges’ representatives must be elected by the state membership in order to have a vote on the SAC. If a judges’ representative is not elected to the SAC, the SAC may appoint a judge to represent the judging community. Appointed

representatives will not have voting privileges.

- c. ADD: Under Regional Administrative Committee Duties, V.:
  - K. Annually determine a Regional Junior Olympic Program of the Year to be put forward by the RJOCC for Junior Olympic National Program of the Year at the spring meeting of the National Junior Olympic Committee.
- d. ADD: Under State Administrative Committee Duties, VII.:
  - M. Annually determine a State Junior Olympic Program of the Year to be put forward by the SACC for Regional Junior Olympic Program of the Year.

Motion to accept proposed changes to the Operating Code brought forth by the various sub-committees. Refer to new Operating Code changes listed in **BOLD** for the 2017-18 season found on [USA Gymnastics' web site](#).

Motion: Stephen Rybacki

Second: Cheryl Hamilton

Passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn: Cori Rizzo

Second: Stephen Rybacki

Meeting Adjourned 2:30pm