



**USA
GYMNASTICS**

**ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS
JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 27, 2007**

1) Role Call

Selena Peco - NJOCC
Nancy Davis – Region 1 RJOCC
Ronda Francis – Region 4 RJOCC
Michael Rodrigues – NAR
Tom Housley – PD
Lee Hatfield – Region 2 RJOCC
Jennifer Hess – NTCC
Linda Ocmand – NPCC
Illya Demanyak – Region 5 RJOCC

2) Continued JO Program Changes

Selena welcomed the JO Committee members to the JO Committee Meeting. A reminder was made that no major changes will be made to the Specifications this year.

Nancy Davis proposed making a change to Level 7 in terms of how it is scored. The proposal was made to standardize Level 7 with the rest of the developmental program (Level 5 – 8). This proposal has two parts. The first part deals with inconsistency in calculating difficulty and ultimately how that affects scoring. Part 2 describes changes to the different pair/group skills to better align this level with advancement from level 6 and onward to level 8. Part 2 is a secondary step that could be implemented when changes to the Specifications are scheduled to be made.

Nancy is happy to work with a coach who has numerous years of experience in terms of developing the men's pair and men's group considering his experience with these two events.

A motion was made to eliminate bonus in Level 7 to standardize this level with the other developmental levels. The change will be made January 2008.

Motion: ND
Second: SP
Passed

3) Coaching Video

A recommendation was made to develop a Level 6 & 7 coaching videos to aid coaches with skills in Level 6 and the expectation of how skills should be performed. Selena Peco will assist Tom Housley with this project using video from the 2007 J.O. National Championships.

4) FIG Skill Evaluations

The deadline for the FIG Skill Evaluations has passed for 2007 (June 1). No new skills evaluations from the US program will be accepted by the FIG.

5) 2007 – 08 Event Calendar

Tom reviewed the 2007 - 08 Event Calendar with the committee. The committee was pleased to see a tentative calendar, including dates and site locations for the upcoming season.

6) New programs and Initiatives

Tom reviewed new programs and initiatives being created by USA Gymnastics and Aerial Tumbling and Acrobatics including the Acro –Pre-Team program, How-to-Book, and Program Development Committee.

7) JONT Training Camp Feedback/Suggestions

An email will be sent to Selena Peco regarding feedback and suggestions from the committee.

8) Clarifications for the 2008

A motion was made to keep the back bird position as illustrated in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Specifications. By definition, the correct position for the back bird is in an arch position.

Motion: SP
Second: LH
Passed

A motion was made to clarify all slide to split individual element skills. The correct technique for this skill is to land on one foot with continuous motion through to the final position. The athlete may not “pause” to receive credit.

Motion: SP
Second: ND
Passed

A motion was made to clarify cartwheel to knee in Level 5 and Level 6. The correct technique for this skill is to land on one foot with continuous motion through to the final position. The athlete may not “pause” to receive credit.

Motion: ID
Second: SP
Passed

A recommendation was made to clarify Level 7 Women’s Pairs, Men’s Pairs, and Mixed Pair – 4A. A motion was called to allow up to a 180 degree turn to sit.

Motion: SP
Second: MR
Passed

The committee discussed wrap to backbird and where release is expected to take place. The committee agreed that this is a judgment call by the judges based on individual circumstance.

9) Additional Business

A recommendation to re-visit the boundaries for each region in the Acrobatic Gymnastics program was made to promote, serve, and administer the official Acrobatic Gymnastics program for athletes of all levels of ability throughout the United States. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee will discuss at committee meetings at the 2007 Visa Championships.

Motion: RF
Second: ND
Passed

Meeting Adjourned – 11:36am

Approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President 09/18/2007