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Junior Olympic Committee MEETING MINUTES

Rockville, Maryland
November 15, 2004

I. Roll Call

Selena Peco, Chair & Region 3
 Nancy Davis, Region 1
 Lee Hatfield, Region 2
 Linda Porter, Region 4
 Illya Demyanyuk, Region 5
 Resi Buell-Size, Region 7
 Linda Ocmand, NTCC
 Carisa Laughon, SAPD (non-voting)
 Janet Von Bargen, guest

II. 2004-05 JO Program Changes (continued from July 31 st meeting)

a. Recommendation to make the following modifications to Levels 4-7:

Level 4

Men's Group: T #3 – keep existing skill and add option of "T does ¼ front pike or layout salto dismount from sit on platform, supported on landing by B1". This tempo option must show flight from basket to floor.

Level 6

Women's Group: 2A – Replace existing skill with the following skill: B and M lying on back, T in double supported tuck position on straight arms of bases (3"), transition to double supported pike (3").

Women's Group: 2B – Replace existing skill with the following skill: B and M standing, T in double supported high tuck (3").

Motion: SP

Second: LP

Passes - unanimous

b. Recommendation to make the following modifications to Level 8:

New Special Requirement – For pairs and groups, a 180° twist must be performed in at least one dynamic skill with minimum ¼ rotation during the dynamic exercise. A compulsory element with a 180° or greater twist and a minimum ¼ rotation can fulfill this requirement, or a 180° twist may be added to one compulsory element or

performed as an optional element. The additional value for the 180° twist can be added to the value of the compulsory skill. Additional twists can be added to any compulsory element as long as it does not exceed the maximum skill value.

Mixed Pair Balance – the height of the scales were clarified as follows: row 1 #2 – low scale; row 1 # 5 medium scale; row 1 # 6 – low scale.

Minimum and maximum values for elements were adjusted as follows: Pair Balance V 1 – 6 Pair Dynamic V 1 – 14 Women's Group Balance V 4 – 16 Women's Group Dynamic V 1 – 14 Men's Group Balance V 4 – 16 Men's Group Dynamic V 1 - 10 Individual Elements V 1 - 10

Compulsory elements from SAWAGG that have a rating = 0, will receive value = 1 for Level 8

Linda Ocmand will ask for clarification at the Acro Intercontinental Judges' Course if an aerial cartwheel is considered a Category 2 salto. If so, the requirements for individual elements will remain the same. If not, the requirement for a salto will be removed from the dynamic exercise.

For men's pair, new values for the skills with the top on head and one hand of base are not found in the FIG Tables of Difficulty. Therefore, the values of these skills will remain the same until clarification is given by the FIG.

Maximum and allowance difficulty values for an exercise are adjusted as follows. A difficulty conversion chart will be created for Level 8, with maximum difficulty value equal to a 10.0 difficulty score.

	Level 8			
	Balance		Dynamic	
	Maximum	Allowance	Maximum	Allowance
Pairs & Groups	35	45	30	40

Motion: LH
Second: SP
Passed - unanimous

c. Levels 9 and 10 Women's Group: Recommendation that if either or both of the tops in a Category 2 pyramid perform the stated requirements, this pyramid can satisfy the special requirements of: 1) one transition of the top minimum V3; and 2) the top must perform a handstand in a minimum of one pyramid.

Motion: RBS
Second: ID
Passed – 6/0/1 (abstention by LO)

d. Recommendation to make the following modifications to Level 9:

Revised special requirements:

For pairs and groups, the maximum value of a dynamic skill is V14.

Women's and Men's Group Balance – three pyramids with minimum V6 (value of the top including transition value + the value of the base without transition value).

New special requirements for Women's and Men's Group Balance – Only one pyramid with two tops working (Category 2).

*ID left the meeting

Must follow exercise restrictions as outlined in the FIG Code of Points.

Special requirements for Individual Elements at Levels 9 & 10:

In Balance, minimum 4 individual elements. Each partner must show balance, agility, flexibility, and choreographic characteristics. Missing characteristics result in special requirement penalty of -1.0.

In Tempo, minimum 4 individual elements, one may be choreographic. Must have at least one salto in a series.

All partners must perform individual elements of the same characteristic simultaneously or in immediate succession. Linked elements in a series must be performed in the same characteristic order by all partners.

A special requirement penalty of -1.0 will be taken per missing individual element requirement.

Minimum, maximum and allowance difficulty values for an exercise are adjusted as follows. A difficulty conversion chart will be created for Level 9, with maximum difficulty value equal to a 10.0 difficulty score.

Pairs & Groups	Level 9					
	Balance			Dynamic		
	Minimum	Maximum	Allowance	Minimum	Maximum	Allowance
	35	60	70	30	50	60

Motion: SP

Second: RBS

Passed - unanimous

e. Recommendation to make the following modifications to Level 10:

Revised special requirements:

Pairs Tempo – one hand to hand or foot to hand catch, minimum V6.

Women's and Men's Group Balance – minimum of one pyramid of minimum V12 (value of the top including transition value + the value of the base without transition value).

New special requirements for Women's and Men's Group Balance – Only one pyramid with two tops working (Category 2).

Must follow exercise restrictions as outlined in the FIG Code of Points .

Level 10 Individual Element special requirements are the same as Level 9.

Minimum and maximum difficulty values for an exercise are adjusted as follows. The 12-19 difficulty conversion chart in the FIG Tables of Difficulty will be used for Level 10, with maximum difficulty value equal to a 10.0 difficulty score. No difficulty

allowance is set. Therefore, pairs and groups may perform difficulty above the maximum with no penalty, but difficulty will only be scored to the maximum value indicated.

Pairs & Groups	Level 10		Dynamic	
	Balance			
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
	60	110	50	80

Motion: LH
Second: ND
Passed - unanimous

The exercise difficulty minimums and maximums for Levels 8, 9, and 10 established above are provisional. These values will be reviewed by the National J.O. Committee through the beginning of the season and adjusted if necessary. Finalized exercise difficulty requirements will be published by April 30, 2005 .

f. Recommendation to use the SAWAGG forbidden elements for Levels 8-10.

Motion: LH
Second: ND
Passed - unanimous

g. Recommendation not to mandate that pair/groups move to a higher level if they finish in first place at National Championships.

Motion: SP
Second: LH
Passed – unanimous

h. Past technical clarifications – The JO Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Jola Jones in combining all previous technical clarifications into a single document and removing items which are no longer relevant. Selena will send this list of clarifications to the JO Committee for review prior to being published.

i. Recommendation that the Junior Olympic age groups be restructured as follows:

11 and under
12-14 year old
15-16 years old
17 and over
Pairs and groups fit into the age categories above based on the age of the oldest partner.

Motion: RBS
Second: SP
Passed – unanimous

j. The JO Committee will develop written description of the FIG Individual Elements for inclusion in the *Specifications* book. This document will list the elements according to their category: balance, flexibility, agility, choreographic. The JO Committee thanked Janet Von Barga for her work to create this list.

k. Recommendation to use the Table of Faults as published in the FIG Code of Points

for all levels of our Junior Olympic program.

Motion: ND
 Second: SP
 Passed - unanimous

*LP left the meeting

I. Recommendation to revise qualification scores for State, Regional, and National Championships as follows:

	Qualifying score for States	Qualifying score for Regionals	Qualifying score for Nationals
Level 5	-	-	18.0
Level 6	18.0	19.0	20.0
Level 7	18.5	19.5	20.5
Level 8	36.0	37.0	38.0
Level 9	36.0	37.0	38.0
Level 10	36.0	37.0	38.0
Elite	54.0	56.0	58.0

Level 10 pair/groups who wish to exhibit a combined exercise at National Championships must earn a 19.0 for the combined exercise at their qualifying competition.

Qualification scores are provisional and will be evaluated through the early part of the season. Finalized qualification scores will be published by April 30, 2005.

Motion: ND
 Second: SP
 Passed - unanimous

m. Recommended adjustment for finals qualification: If a competition has 20-24 entries in one level and age group, the top 8 pairs or groups from preliminary competition will compete in finals.

Motion: RBS
 Second: LH
 Passed – unanimous

n. The JO Committee discussed issues related to competition attire and the stricter rules established by the FIG. The committee agreed to use the stricter rules in the FIG Code of Point for our Junior Olympic program. However, for this first year, pairs and groups can wear leotards from previous seasons that may not meet the new requirements without penalty. This exception is for US competitions only. Competition attire restrictions and penalties from previous seasons will continue to be enforced.

III. 2005-06 JO Program Changes

a. Recommendation to establish minimum age requirements for levels 9 and 10 as follows:

Minimum age to compete at Level 9 is age 8
 Minimum age to compete at Level 10 is age 9

Motion: ND
 Second: LO

Passed – unanimous

b. Level 6 and 7 Individual Elements will be revised to be the same as Level 8.

c. The JO Committee was asked to develop ideas related to a Junior Olympic National Team, coach sanctioning, and warm-up procedures for competitions. These ideas would be discussed at future meetings.

Minutes approved by USA Gymnastics President, Robert Colarossi on December 1, 2004