

# JOPC Meeting 2008

June 5, 2008

Marriot Hotel, Columbus, OH

## Roll Call:

Joyce Chaplin-Region 2  
Lauren Gravey- Region 3  
Suzi DiTullio-Region 4, Chair  
Julie Harvey- Region 5  
Vita Bachman- Region 6  
Tyana Marlowe-Judges Rep  
Caroline Hunt- Program Director (non-voting)

### Excused Absence:

Lucy Kerznerman - Coaches rep  
Ivanka Kirov - Coaches rep  
Jody Hurlburt,- Region 1  
Nino Mgalobely- Region 1

### Guests:

Brooke Toohey- Development Coordinator  
Nadine Davies- RTC Chair

Welcome to Columbus, OH-

1. Acknowledgements of Retirement and Replacement Regional Chairs:
  - Jody Hurlburt: Region 1 and Nancy Martin: Region 5.
  - Interim Chairs- Julie Harvey: Region 5 and Nino Mgalobely: Region 1.
2. Events 2009

### Calendar of Events:

- Visa Championships – August 09
- National Qualifier – July 09
- International/ National Cup 9,10 – June 22-23 '09
- JO Optional Championships 7,8,9 – June 18-21 '09\* **tentative**
- JO Compulsory Championships- May 14-17 '09
- Region 2/ 5 : April 24-26
- Region 1/ 4 : April 17-19
- Region 3/ 6 : April 3-5
- Challenge/Group Championships/Invitational: Feb 5-8
- Brevet Course: Jan 31- Feb 2
- Sun Sports Festival: Jan 23-25
- LA Lights: Jan 23-25

3. JO Program- in an effort to move the sport forward, simplify rules, improve the scoring system, standardize the education and exam process, many ideas and suggestions for the new program were discussed and the committee continues to receive suggestions for improvement. The Committee considered suggestions regarding:
  - Difficulties, Artistry(technical groups), Cap/Comp and Execution
    - FIG scoring vs a Final score (10.0), weighing the components equally.
    - Proposed: Fx, with apparatus events and possibly a synchronized group event.
    - Scoring by : Small group (1-2) , medium group (2-4) and large group (5- 8)
  
4. JO Handbook revisions
  - Equipment: Measurement required at Regional and J.O. Championship events.
  - Attire: Level 3,4,5 allowed only one leotard of choice.
  - Attire: Level 6 allowed a maximum of two optional leotards.
  - Music: Maximum Time allowed Level 3- 1:00 min.
  - Music: Maximum Time allowed Level 4, 5, 6 - 1:00-1:30min.
  
5. R& P Revisions
  - Level 1, 2, 3: are not allowed to compete at the State level.
  - Meet Directors may invite Level 3 athletes to a State meet as guests.
  - Athletes will be required to compete in two sanctioned events before qualifying to their State Championships.
  - JO Awards structure- Level 4-8
    - Event awards: 1-12 for each age group.
    - AA: 1-12 for each age group.
  - Meet Referees for all Regional meets are to be assigned by the RPC.
  - JO Championships-
    - Qualifying procedures/clarifications
      - L9-Child competitors -will compete in the Junior Division at the Level 9 Championship.
      - When an athlete named to the optional/compulsory teams is unable to attend JO's the region may drop down to the next athlete/s to fill their empty slots.
      - Level 9- the team score tallied using the top two junior and top two senior scores per event.
  - Regional Boards will be required to convene a meeting pre-season and at the regional championships.
    - The make up of the Regional Board should be:
      - Regional Director
      - All State Directors for that region.
      - Judging Coordinator

6. Regional Administrative Committee (RAC)- Elected members

This committee is a merger of the JOPC and the RTC, consisting of 3 Regional representatives, 3 Technical representatives and 2 Coaches representatives.

- Administrative Rep: must have served as a Regional Chair and or has served on the JOPC within the past quad. Be a pro-member in good standing. Have a good working knowledge of the JO program.
- The national office shall conduct an election for the three positions every four years.
- Representatives will be elected from a combined regional zone:
  - Zone A = R1 & R2
  - Zone B = R4 & R5
  - Zone C = R3 & R6

7. State of the Region-

- Scores cannot easily be compared to artistic gymnastics scores/cheer trophies etc...causing parental distress.
- In need of Positive Parenting seminars at regional meets.
- Facility costs rising/making small events impractical
- Music problems- CD vs mp3 in the future

8. Future Stars camps 2008

- 175 athletes tested this year, 100 more than 2007.
- USAG will provide two camps, back to back weekends for 2008.

9. State and Regional elections should be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, for all Chairs.

10. Reports: all sanctioned event reports and year-end financial reports due July 1.

mm/ Joyce Chaplin  
sec/ Lauren Garvey

Adjourned at 3:10pm

*Addendum:*

11. The Apparatus schedule for 2009 will follow the most updated current version in the JO Handbook online.

12. JO Group Rules:

The Group rules will remain unchanged except for the following two additions:

- Beginner Group may also use B difficulties
- Intermediate Group may also use D difficulties