

Rhythmic Program Committee Meeting  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Plainfield, IN

Board Representative	Brooke Toohey	Excused
Athlete Representative	Jessica Howard	
IEC Chair	Natasha Klimouk	
RAC Chair	Suzi DiTullio	
Judges' Representative	Nadine Davies	
Caroline Hunt	Program Director	Non-voting
Kathy Kelly	VP Program	Guest

1. The committee reviewed the high numbers for Future Stars tests and camp and the positive feedback on the Youth Elite Squad program. The Future Stars camp may be divided into two camps based on age if the numbers continue to be large.
2. The committee reviewed the composition of the RPC initiated in the Fall of 2007 for the two-year reconstruction interim of 2008 and 2009:
  - a. Board Representative
  - b. IEC Chair
  - c. Athlete Rep
  - d. RAC Chair: Suzi DiTullio
  - e. Judges' Representative: Nadine Davies

At the end of 2009, the RPC composition will be analyzed.

3. The new RAC committee positions up for election were reviewed:

3 Administrative Reps: *Must be Current Regional Chairs*

3 Technical Reps: Same criteria as for previous Technical Committee representatives (defined in Operating Code): *Must hold minimum of provisional National rating.*

Regions will be organized into Zones:

Zone 1 (Regions 1 and 2)

Zone 2 (Regions 3 and 6)

Zone 3 (Regions 4 and 5)

The Professional members from each Zone will elect 1 Administrative Rep and 1 Technical Rep to serve on the RAC. The national office will begin to set-up these elections immediately. The RAC will meet in Colorado in February 2009 and again at the JO Compulsory Championships in its first year (2009).

- RAC members will serve 4-year terms
  - For the first term of the Administrative representatives will be two years and then four years after that
  - The technical representatives will begin the 4-year term immediately
4. The Committee reviewed the bid for the JO Compulsory Championships and agreed with the change of date for the event to May 29-31.
  5. As directed at the RPC meeting last fall, the Committee reviewed the functioning of the IEC.
    - a. IEC accepts responsibility for international athlete and judge assignments.
    - b. International assignments made by the IEC are final; the IEC can make additional recommendations to the RPC for review.
      - i. Motion: Jessica
      - ii. Second: Suzi
      - iii. Passed
  6. The committee discussed the age divisions for all levels:
    - a. Levels 3-8 (Junior Olympic) Age Divisions:
      - i. Child A: 6-7 years old
      - ii. Child B: 8-9 years old
      - iii. Child C: 10-11 years old
      - iv. Junior A: 12-13 years old
      - v. Junior B: 14-15 years old
      - vi. Senior: 16 and up
    - b. Levels 9-10
      - i. Junior: 13-15 years old
      - ii. Hopes: 11-12 years old

In Levels 9-10, Juniors and Hopes will compete together but be awarded separately. At the National Qualifier to VISA Championships, the top 25 athletes from Junior and Hope *combined* (i.e. regardless of age) will qualify to VSIA Championships.

At VISA Championships, the Juniors and Hopes will compete together but be awarded separately. Only Juniors are eligible for the US Junior National Team.

- i. Motion: Suzi
- ii. Second: Natasha
- iii. Passed

7. Equipment Sizes: Questions were raised regarding the size of various apparatus for smaller gymnasts. The program will continue to follow the norms and regulations set out by the FIG for JR and SR size equipment. These regulations are outlined in the Rhythmic Rules and Polices.
8. Video Inquiry at Challenge and VISA Championships: A coach may inquire on the D1 and/or D2 score. The specific panel and Program Director will conduct the video review at the end of the rotation and post any changes prior to the start of the next rotation.
9. The RPC recommends that the Judges' Selection Committee assign the most qualified/experienced judges to the Artistry panel for National events.