



Rhythmic Technical Committee January 28, 2004

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Attendees: Tyana Marlowe
Nadine Davies
Perryne Thompson
Ellen Nyemcsik
Cindy French (non-voting)
Jan Exner (non-voting)

Absent: Simona Zakheim
Alla Svirsky
Elena Savenkova

Motion: To move the election of the Chairperson to the end of the meeting.

Moved by: Tyana Marlowe

Seconded by: Perryne Thompson

Carried

II. Sub-Committee Reports

JO Sub Committee: Tyana Marlowe submitted a verbal report.

- Level 8 Score forms are being implemented on a trial basis and will be used at JO Championships in 2004.
- Level 8 score forms are available on the USA Gymnastics website.
- Discussions at the JOPC regarding the new cycle and a new program for Junior Olympic resulted in a task force being developed (Tyana Marlowe, Nadine Davies, Lucy K, and Ivanka Kirov)

FIG Sub Committee: Alla Svirsky (Absent)

Educational Sub Committee: Nadine Davies
Written as attached

Evaluation Sub Committee: Ellen Nyemcsik

Have a record kept by the RTC, as well as a Regional record on file of all who attend judging courses in a year, whether they take the test or not. (record of how many people (coaches, judges, etc) take a course but do not test, how many take the test, and how many pass or fail.)

Currently each Region may or may not be keeping all of these records. If a person takes a course and then moves and wants to take a test 1 1/2 years later in some other Region, if the Regional Director gets sick, moves, retires, or only kept records of who passed the tests, and there is no follow up, there go all the records. This would provide another source of records to access, and an overall source for the RTC to evaluate what is going on across the country.

III. JO Score Sheet Clarifications:

The level 8 Score Sheet will use the simple/basic body group symbol with the value of the difficulty. It is understood that the difficulties in Level 8 may be downgraded without penalty. The apparatus handling column will be used to indicate the skill where the required handling occurs. Only the required handlings need be written.

IV. JO Intermediate and Beginner Group Changes

There will be no changes to the Groups at this time. All elements and routines will be evaluated for the development of the new JO program.

V. Level 9 Recommendation

Motion: That there not be a 0.50 deduction in Level 9 for an incorrectly completed form or score discrepancy.

Moved by: Perryne Thompson

Seconded by: Tyana Marlowe

Carried - Unanimous

VI. Age Categories

Recommendation to JOPC: USA follows the FIG categories and implements the changes at the same time and the FIG implements.

VII. Invitational Meets – Judging Assignments

Discussion that invitational meets should utilize the lower level judges as well as the high level judges. Many judges felt that judges who are assigned from great distances will want to judge more than just a few sessions so the judging assignments will be left up to the discretion of the meet directors and the judges involved. Often it is a lot to ask a judge to “give up” a weekend to judge just level 9/10 at an invitational meet, it is felt that if a judge is to travel to a meet, they will want to be used on the panel.

VIII. Judging tests

All tests must be given in person. No test may be given via mail or email. Discussion regarding creating a worksheet for National and Brevet judges who want to certify as a JO judge. The worksheet would encourage the judge to read the book and would ensure that the judge did read the book. The worksheet would then be returned to the RTC. This would eliminate some travel and accommodation costs for the judge as well. This will be discussed more when the new program develops.

Clarification: Former National Team members are eligible to take the Level 8 course and closed book test and become certified at Level 8. AND after passing the closed book Level 8 course and test, these judges are eligible to take the Basic JO judging course, and take the open book tests for 5-7 Levels. Open book tests must be taken in person.

IX. New Junior Olympic Program – 2006–2010

A new format of the Junior Olympic Program needs to be completed for implementation in the summer of 2005. This program will be in effect for the 2006 season.

Timeline for the new program:

2004 April – Framework for the new program to JOPC

2004/05 Dec/Jan – Receive FIG updates

2005 Feb – Final Program to Technical Committee and RPC (including written text, music, video, skills etc). Technical committee to formulate judges training program and coaches and judges handbook

2005 April – JOPC meeting – preview the program

Summer 2005 – implementation of the new JO Program

Action: Spring of 2004, send an email to membership to compile suggestions for the new JO Program.

X. New Business

- A. At a recent Program Standardization Task Force meeting, it was discussed that judges should wear a USAG patch on their uniform to represent the Federation. Discussion regarding the patch ensued and many suggested a pin would be more appropriate. Recommendation to RPC that a pin be used instead.
- B. Recommendation presented from the Program Standardization Task Force Meeting: That judges be paid the level of compensation that is commensurate with the level of competition.
(example: Level 5 session of the competition then all judges regardless of level will be paid at the level 5 judge's rate)

** Note the election of the chair was postponed because of the inability to maintain a phone contact with a 5th member of the committee.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned
Moved by Tyana Marlowe
Seconded by Perryne Thompson
Carried

Nominations were accepted by Jan Exner at USA Gymnastics office in February 2004. The new chair of the Technical Committee is Nadine Davies.



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