



The minutes from the May USAG meetings are now available on the USAG site. Visit that site to download all minutes.

Please note # II. in the Joint Committee Minutes. Judges Compensation Package – NAWGJ and the USAG office is working to clarify language regarding carpools and the final resolve will be determined by August 1, 2010. Our position is that full mileage should be issued to all judges when they carpool. ***Carole Ide, President, NAWGJ***

Joint Jr. Olympic/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010 Dallas, Texas

I. Roll Call: Chairmen Tom Koll & Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on May 10th.

Technical Committee JO Committee Administrative Committee

- Region 1 Neela Nelson Dan Witenstein
- Region 2 Linda Mulvihill Laurie Reid Meg Doxtator
- Region 3 Carole Bunge Cheryl Jarrett
- Region 4 Linda Thorberg Bryon Hough
- Region 5 Char Christensen John Geddert
- Region 6 Pat Panichas Larry Goldsmith
- Region 7 Myra Elfenbein Linda Johnson
- Region 8 Marian Dykes Brad Harris Deb Kornegay
- Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair Audrey Schweyer
- NACC Kathy Ostberg
- Vice President – Program Kathy Kelly
- JO Program Director Connie Maloney
- Guest- NAWGJ President Carole Ide

II. Judges' Compensation Package

Discussion regarding the mileage reimbursement for judges who drive to meet the carpool.

Recommendation for the national office to consider reimbursing full mileage (no deduction of the 30-mile round trip) to all individuals involved in the carpool when renegotiating the Judges' Compensation Package that will be effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: M. Elfenbein **PASSED**

III. FLOOR EXERCISE CONCERNS

A. Clarification: Stag leap forward with leg change (Stag-switch leg leap) will be added to the JO Code under #1.104 = A

B. Recommendation that a double stag jump with 1/1 (360°) turn and double stag leap with 1/1 (360°) turn be valued at "B" (#1.201), effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: L. Reid

Second: C. Christensen **PASSED**

C. Dance Passage Re-defined

In order to allow for more creativity and simplification, the committees made some changes to the Dance Passage Special Requirement (changes in italics type):

Recommendation to redefine the Floor Exercise Special Requirement, effective August 1, 2010, as:

Dance passage with a minimum of two (2) different Group 1 elements, directly or indirectly connected, one of which is a leap (one foot take-off) requiring a 180° cross or side split position.

An indirect connection would allow for running steps, small leaps, hops, chassés, assemblés, or any kind of turn on 1 or 2 feet between the two dance Value Part elements.

- No pauses or stops are allowed within the dance passage.

- Example: *Using a lunge preparation that creates a pause prior to a turn on one foot would break the dance passage.*

- Acro elements performed between the dance value part elements will break the dance passage.

- Change in *JO Code of Points*, pg. 224, 3.d.: Group 1 elements in the dance passage may land on one or both feet as the first and/or second/last element of the dance passage. *Rebounding out of a leap/jump is allowed and does NOT constitute a pause or stop.*

- The leap with 180° split

1. If the cross position is used, it must have the forward leg extended.

2. If the forward leg of one of the two dance value parts finishes in a stag position, it will NOT fulfill the Special Requirement.

3. If the rear leg finishes in a stag position, it WILL fulfill the Special Requirement.

4. The stride leap forward with change of legs to wolf position (#1.404) DOES NOT require a 180° split; therefore it will not fulfill that part of the Special Requirement.

- The second (or last) element may also land in a prone or split-sit position.

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: C. Jarrett

PASSED

As a result of the above changes, delete the following from the *JO Code of Points*, pg. 224,

- 3.a. 2nd bullet: **Pivots on two feet and 1/1 (360°) turns (or more) on one foot are not permitted because they are stationary. Exception: Chainés turns**

- 3.e. **Jumps (take-off from two feet) must land on one foot as the first element and may land on one or both feet for the second (or last) element.**

D. Clarification for recognizing Dance Value Parts

If a dance element is performed that is a variation of an element listed in the *JO Code of Points* and the root skill is recognizable, it may be given the same value as the root skill and can be used to fulfill the Dance passage Special Requirement.

- Example: Tuck jump to prone position = Tuck jump

E. Floor Exercise re-wording of the Special Requirement of a Salto performed as the last isolated salto or within the last salto connection, as described in the January 2010 clarifications:

Delete the reference to "dismount".

"Falls on the last salto performed as the last isolated salto or within the last salto connection"

- a. If the salto was initiated but was not completed to land on the feet first,

- deduct 0.50 from the Start Value for not meeting last salto Special Requirement (due to no value)

- deduct 0.50 for the fall.

- b. If the salto was NOT initiated,

- deduct 0.50 from the Start Value for not meeting last salto Special Requirement (due to no value)

- deduct 0.30 from the Start Value for no attempt to perform a "last salto"

- deduct 0.50 for a fall (if a fall occurs)

Example: A gymnast performs two tumbling passes early in the routine. Near the end of her exercise, she runs down the diagonal, performs a round-off, flic-flac and then just rebounds and runs backward without a salto (balks).

- deduct 0.5 from the Start Value for not fulfilling the Special Requirement of the last salto with the correct value

- deduct 0.3 from the Start Value for no attempt to perform a “last salto” element
- no deduction for a fall

F. Performance of an “unallowable” Salto Value Part - as the last salto or last salto within the last salto series
 Clarification: Add to the JOC Code of Points, pg 225, 4a

At Level 8 or 9, if the salto performed to fulfill the “Last Salto” Special Requirement is a Value Part that is not allowed at

the specific level,

- deduct 0.50 for missing the Special Requirement
- deduct 0.30 for no attempt to perform a last salto of value
- deduct 0.50 for performing an “unallowable” element for the level

G. Dance Connection Bonus

Recommendation to allow the same dance element (from Group 1 or 2) to be used in a direct connection on Floor Exercise to receive C+ C (same or different) Connection Value bonus of +0.10, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: J Geddert

Second: B. Harris

PASSED, 2 opposed

H. Coach on the Floor Exercise mat

Recommendation to reduce the Chief Judge deduction for coach on the floor exercise mat at Optional levels from 1.00 to 0.50, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: L. Goldsmith

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

I. Meet protocol on Floor Exercise

Clarification that gymnasts and coaches are permitted to stand around the floor exercise area (and cheer), provided that they do not obstruct the view of the judges and spectators.

IV. GENERAL & VAULT

A. The committees discussed the possible implementation of certain parts of the proposed structure changes for 2013. Considering the number of changes required for clubs, states and regions to accommodate early implementation, no action was taken at this time.

B. Warm-up concerns:

Reminder to Meet Directors that there must be a minimum of 15 minutes scheduled for General stretch. No equipment may be used (except for bar settings). If a gymnast or coach disregards the rules, and is witnessed by USAG officer or State Committee member, it should be reported on the sanction form.

Pre-meet timed warm-ups - If a coach/athlete disregards the timer and exceeds the warm-up time, the timer must report the infraction to the Meet Director or Meet Referee.

Pre-meet warm-up on vault clarification: The “timed” pre-competition warm-up for vault is based on time (times the number of athletes in the largest squad), NOT on a specific number of vaults. Only the competition “Touch Warm-up” has a guarantee of a certain number of vaults.)

~~B. Fall deduction for Bars and Beam:~~

~~Recommendation that in the attempt to remount after a fall, the gymnast falls again before the judging has resumed (performing an element on bars or beam time resumes), the 0.50 deduction would not be applied.~~

~~Motion: T. Koll~~

~~Second: C. Jarrett~~

~~DEFEATED~~

C. Vault Runway

Recommendation to allow athletic tape, Velcro strips or small chalk marks to be placed across the width of the vault runway. The markings should be removed no later than at the end of the rotation. Effective immediately.

Motion: D. Witenstein

Second: L. Goldsmith

12 in favor, 5 against

PASSED

D. Vault Value change

Recommendation for Levels 8-10 to change the value of the following vaults to 7.00:

#1.106 $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ turn on - with repulsion to feet off

#4.101 RO, FF on - repulsion to feet off

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Dykes

PASSED

E. Foot Form Deduction on Vault

Recommendation for Optional Vault (Levels 7-10) to add a deduction of "up to 0.10" for incorrect foot form in each phase (pre-flight, support, after-flight) of the vault.

Motion: N. Nelson

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

F. Level 7 Vault Touch Warm-up

Recommendation that for meets/sessions with only Level 7 gymnasts, the competition touch warm-up allow for only two vaults per gymnast.

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

G. Competition Touch Warm-up on Vault

Recommendation to reword #11 on page 28 of the *JO Code of Points* and page 43, 4.c. in the *Rules and Policies* as follows:

During competition touch warm-up, each athlete is guaranteed a specific number of vaults (jumps over the table). The vault touch warm-up is NOT regulated by time.

• After presenting to the judges, gymnasts are allowed one "runback" from the board before the vault attempts are counted.

• Level 1- 7 gymnasts are allowed a maximum of two (2) touch warm-up vaults.

• Level 8-10 gymnasts are allowed a maximum of three (3) touch warm-up vaults

• Each gymnast is allowed to stand on the vault table and jump or salto off one time ONLY, in addition to their specific number of allowable vaults.

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: L. Mulvihill

PASSED, 2 abstentions

H. Level 8 Vault Value

Recommendation for Level 8 Vault chart to change the value of vault #5.101 (RO, FF $\frac{1}{2}$ on - Handspring off) from 9.10 to 9.20.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

V. BALANCE BEAM

A. New elements performed at the 2010 JO National Championships:

Recommendation to accept the values for the following new Beam elements:

1. Side Aerial to an immediate scale with back leg maintained at a minimum of horizontal for two seconds. (Asi Peko-Region 1) #7.503 Value = E

2. Free aerial walkover forward with 2/1 (720°) twist dismount of the end of the beam (Cammi Muhr-Region 3)

#9.402 Value = D

Motion: C. Christensen

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

B. Description of Stretch jump on Beam

Recommendation to make the following change of wording in the JO Code of Points (Beam element #2.108) to indicate

that the stretch jump no longer is required to move forward or show an arch to receive A value part.

1st illustration: Stretched jump or arch jump

2nd illustration: Stretched jump with ½ turn (180°)

3rd illustration: Stretched jump with change/beat of legs

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

C. Clarification of the compositional requirement of use of acrobatic elements in two different directions on Beam in the JO Code of Points, page 147 IV. A. 1.

To be considered as a forward or sideward element, the element must move through a forward or sideward plane and must be from Groups 1-Mounts, 6-Rolls, 7-Walkovers/Cartwheels and 8-Saltos.

A kick-up to handstand - step down is a Group 5 element, and therefore cannot be used to fulfill this compositional requirement.

D. Acro, Mixed and Dance Series Clarifications, page 146, III. in JO Code of Points

Recommendation to change the deduction for lack of tempo/poor rhythm between elements performed in a series to

up to 0.20 for:

• **acrobatic (forward acro, counter acro, backward non-flight acro)**

• **mixed series**

• **dance connections**

Note: The connection of two or more backward acro elements, with a minimum of one flight, is still evaluated as either connected or not connected. If not, deduct 0.50 for missing the Special Requirement and do not award value part credit for the second element IF both elements are the same.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

JO Code of Points: Page 146 Reword

Under III. A. 1. Backward Acro flight series

a. Arms moving as low as the thighs or further back **"after landing"** will break the series.

E. Beam Element Value changes

~~Recommendation to change the value of Beam # 2.302 2nd illustration: Starting in cross position, straddle jump with ¼~~

~~turn to finish in side stand from "C" to "B".~~

~~Motion: C. Bunge~~

~~Second: A. Schweyer~~

~~DEFEATED~~

Recommendation to raise the value of Beam #2.306 (see 2nd description) - Pike jump from cross position (hip < 90°) with ¾ turn (270°) from "C" to "D".

Motion: M. Elfenbein

Second: C. Jarrett

PASSED

F. Beam Clarifications:

1. Beam element # 5.203 - Balance stand on one foot, free leg in sideward upward hold above 140° (2 sec.) may be performed also by holding the leg with the hand.

2. Gr. 4 Body waves (#4.101, 4.102, 4.103, 4.201, 4.202, 4.203) add to the description that the balance stand requires a 2 second hold. (#4.204-Toe rise) does not require a 2-second hold.

3. Clarification that any press handstand used as a mount or within the exercise is not required to have a two-second hold to receive value part credit.

On Page 145 of the *JO Code of Points*, B. Level 7 Special Requirements -

1. b. 3) Add to b) There is no hold requirement for a turning handstand **OR a press to handstand** performed within the exercise.

VI. UNEVEN BARS

A. Clarification: all flyaway dismounts must be initiated from the High Bar in order to receive value part credit.

B. Extra swings

Recommendation that whenever more than one extra swing is performed following a single element, the maximum deduction is 0.60.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

C. Level 7 Bar Dismount

Recommendation that, for Level 7 only, no penalty for extra swing be applied if a counter swing is performed prior to salto forward (front flyaway) dismount.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

D. Clarification on Group 8 - Bar Dismount descriptions

Delete the reference to starting position - "(Handstand on HB)" from any dismount currently described as such in the *JO Code of Points*.

E. Level 7 and 8 Bars: Circle Element from Group 3, 6 or 7 Special Requirement

Recommendation to allow Level 7 and 8 gymnasts to perform the following selected "C" elements for "B" value part credit in order to fulfill the Group 3, 6, 7 Special Requirement:

- #6304 Back stalder to handstand, also with half (180°) turn,
- #7.309 Piked sole circle backward to handstand, also with half (180°) turn **Note: These selected elements are in addition to the Clear hip circle to handstand, also with ½ (180°) turn, already permitted at both Level 7 and 8.**

Motion: D. Witenstein

Second: N. Nelson

PASSED, 10 in favor, 2 opposed, 7 abstentions

VII. Kathy Kelly reported on the recommendations made by the National Administrative Committee in their meeting held on May 9, 2010. Refer to the minutes of the National Administrative Committee.

VIII. Petitions

Petitions to JO-NIT: Currently petitions are due the Monday before Regionals for those athletes who are unable to compete at the Regional Championships in order to determine the number of extra slots available on a percentage basis for the NIT. Athletes injured at the Regional meet had no possibility of petitioning in 2010; however, there were open slots in many of the age divisions.

Recommendation to allow additional petitions to the JO-NIT for gymnasts who are injured between the petition deadline up to and including at the Regional Championships. These late petitions must be submitted within two days following the Regional meet. Approval will be based upon meeting the petition requirements as well as available space after qualifiers have been notified.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

VIX. The committees requested that all professional members follow the proper channels of communication by using the "Hotline" found in the *Rules and Policies* on page xiv. The first point of contact is your State Administrative Committee Chair; however, technical questions must be copied to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman; specific JO program questions to the Regional JO Chairman.

VX. Level 8 Beam and Floor

~~Recommendation to allow Level 8 gymnasts to perform one acro C on beam and one acro C on floor exercise to receive B credit, effective August 1, 2010.~~

~~Motion: M. Dykes~~

~~Second: A. Schweyer~~

~~DEFEATED (7 in favor, 11 opposed)~~

VXI. NEW BUSINESS

A. BARS

1. Level 10 Bars: Clarification of the specific compositional deduction for Bars for Level 10 only: Squat on LB with or without sole circle to grasp the high bar Level 10s may perform only one element that places the feet on the LB and then jumps from the LB to the HB. If more than one such element is performed, a 0.10 deduction is taken each time.

2. Recommendation to change the wording on BARS, JO Code of Points, Page 66, B.1.b. in regards to two bar changes for Level 9.

"A fall from the high bar with continuation of routine (*performance of a listed value part element*) on the Low Bar is considered as a bar change."

Delete the following bulleted sentence: "After a fall, climbing onto the LB, then jump to HB is considered a bar change."

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED

3. Clarification on Bar Technique, *JO Code of Points*, Pg 57. G. 2. b - Uprise to handstand

In order to receive "B" value part credit, the gymnast must show a closed shoulder angle, pulling the shoulders over the bar (not an extended shoulder position in a long swing).

B. BEAM

1. Recommendation to raise Beam elements #7.408 (Flic-flac with $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1/1 turn before hand support) and #7.411 (gainer flic-flac with $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1/1 turn before hand support) from D to E

Motion: N. Nelson

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

2. Recommendation to raise the value of Beam element #7.402 - D (last description/illustration) Free (aerial) walkover forward to land on two feet (Davidson) to #7.502 - E.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

C. BEAM & FLOOR EXERCISE

Recommendation to add a deduction of "up to 0.10" on beam and floor exercise for "Failure to perform value parts from the turn category in high relevé."

M. Dykes

L. Thorberg

PASSED

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2011 following JO Nationals/JO-NIT in Long Beach, California.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10-11, 2010

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM on May 10th.

Region 1 Neela Nelson

Region 2 Linda Mulvihill

Region 3 Carole Bunge

Region 4 Linda Thorberg

Region 5 Char Christensen

Region 6 Pat Panichas

Region 7 Myra Elfenbein

Region 8 Marian Dykes

Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair Audrey Schweyer

JO Program Director Connie Maloney

II. Coaches Professional Member Behavior Policy

According to page 12 of the *Women's Rules and Policies*, there are procedures for handling unacceptable coach behavior towards officials. Whenever a verbal warning is given for the first offense, this action should be recorded by the Meet Referee on the sanction report form.

III. JO Code of Points additions/changes

A. Beam Clarification - *JO Code of Points*, page 147, B.

Delete B in its entirety and replace with the following:

B. It is possible to connect certain acro elements that either land on one foot and swing the free leg forward to step into a second acro element **or** land on two feet simultaneously; however, these connections may be broken when:

1. The first element lands on one foot and the second foot steps down behind into a lunge.

• **Example of broken series:** Back walkover lands on Right foot and Left leg steps down behind to finish in a Right lunge. It is not possible to connect to a second element which has counter movement (i.e., front walkover, cartwheel, round-off) either by lifting the Right foot to step into the next element or by leaving both feet on the beam and just leaning forward into the second element.

• **Example of possible connections:** Back Walkover lands on Right foot, Left foot steps behind and body continues moving backward to perform a 2nd back walkover (or a Back Walkover, step down on Right foot, place Left foot beside Right and perform a Flic-flac step-out)

2. The first element lands on one foot and the second foot swings forward to step-kick into the second element. During the step between the elements, the free leg must be no higher than 45°, or the series will be considered broken.

3. The first element lands on two feet close together simultaneously (not step-out to lunge).

• **Example of a broken series:** Gymnast performs a Right Round-off, landing simultaneously on two feet. It is not possible to connect to a second element which has counter movement (i.e., front walkover, cartwheel, round-off) either by lifting the Right foot to step into the next element or by leaving both feet on the beam and just leaning forward into the second element.

• **Examples of possible connections:**

○ Round-off lands on two feet simultaneously and the body continues moving backward to perform a Flic-flac step-out.

○ Round-off lands on two feet simultaneously with a rebound (punch) into a dive (mounting) front walkover.

B. Level 10 Vault Bonus procedures

JO Code of Points, Page 27, E. 5. - Add a second bullet:

• Each judge must visually indicate if bonus was awarded.

IV. Clarification of incorrect attire

Add the bold text to the *JO Code of Points*, page 14. h: If the jewelry is not removed during the competition **and/or WARM- UPS**, the deduction is taken one time from the event score competed after the warning was issued.

Add the bold text to *JO Code of Points*, page 5, 14. h. -5th bullet and to the *R & P*, page 13, J. 3: One pair of stud earrings is allowed, one per ear. **All other piercing should be REMOVED and not just covered with tape or Band-aids.**

V. Judges' Accreditation Concerns

The national office requested that the Technical Committee consider making some changes to the current procedures. The following changes will be effective August 1, 2010.

A. Test Administrators submit their requests to schedule an exam at least 5 (instead of 4) weeks prior to the proposed exam date.

B. It was recommended that TA's must indicate a location and tentative start time when submitting their request to schedule an exam.

C. Recommend to add a late fee of \$10 per test part (in addition to the \$20 per test part) for those individuals who do not register by the published deadline (2 weeks prior to the exam by mail/FAX and 1 week prior for online registration). All registrations for exams must be received at least THREE business days before the test is scheduled and the examinee must receive the permission of the Test Administrator.

D. Judges cannot transfer registration fees to another exam date or request a refund unless they do so in writing to USA Gymnastics at least eight (8) days prior to the exam. Extreme extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration on an individual basis.

E. Once an exam has been scheduled, the Test Administrator cannot change the date. The procedure would be to cancel the exam (as published in the TA Manual) and then schedule a new date at least 5 weeks in the future.

F. In order to maintain the integrity of the exams, the committee recommends that the exam results continue to indicate only a pass/fail and the weak events, not the actual score.

G. The committee recommended that the national office generate an exam report (with only pass/fail results and rating earned indicated) for the Test Administrators, effective August 1, 2010.

VI. The committee decided to use "Technique" as the theme for 2011 Congress Core Technical Sessions. The committee will meet November 6-7 in Indianapolis to evaluate the films.

VII. Technical Symposiums

Connie Maloney announced that WTC Symposiums will again be held in conjunction with the 2013 Compulsory Workshops the first two weekends in June.

VIII. Eligibility for 2013 Judges' Courses

A. Eligibility for National Rating in 2013:

1. Must be previously rated as National or Brevet

OR

Must have held a Level 10 rating for a minimum of two complete cycles (8 years) (**Must have achieved a Level 10 rating by December 31, 2005**)

OR

Must be a previous Senior National Elite team member and a minimum of 21 years of age.

2. Must have attended a minimum of two Regional or National USAG Congresses or NAWGJ Symposiums in the current four-year cycle (June 2009 – Dec. 31, 2012). Attendance at the 2009 National or Brevet Course would not meet this requirement.

3. Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership, safety certification and background check.

4. Must be current with annual CPE during the current cycle. Judges applying for the National rating must submit copies of their Annual CPE report forms for their current cycle to verify their activity.

5. **Must volunteer within the current cycle (June 2009 – Dec. 31, 2012) at two separate events (State,**

Regional or National clinic, training camp, or competition) for a minimum of 6 hours at each event, OR serve as a USAG or NAWGJ elected officer during the current cycle.

- o USAG officers: State Administrative Chairs, Regional or National Administrative, JO or Technical Chairmen
- o NAWGJ officers: State & Regional Judging Directors & National officers

B. Eligibility for USAG Brevet rating in 2013:

1. Must be previously rated as FIG or USAG Brevet
OR

Must be a previous Senior National Elite team member and a minimum of 21 years of age.

2. Currently rated officials must have attended a minimum of two Regional or National USAG Congresses or NAWGJ Symposiums in the current four-year cycle (June 2009 - Dec. 31, 2012). Attendance at the 2009 Brevet Course would not meet this requirement.

Must hold a current USAG Professional Membership, safety certification and background check.

4. Must be current with annual CPE during the current cycle. Judges applying for the USAG Brevet rating must submit copies of the 4 years Annual CPE report form to verify their activity.

5. **Must volunteer within the current cycle (June 2009 - Dec. 31, 2012) at two separate events (State, Regional or National clinic, training camp, or competition) for a minimum of 6 hours at each event, OR serve as a USAG or NAWGJ elected officer during the current cycle.**

- o USAG officers: State Administrative Chairs, Regional or National Administrative, JO or Technical Chairmen
- o NAWGJ officers: State & Regional Judging Directors & National officers

C. Format for the courses and testing will be decided at the November 2010 Technical Committee meeting.

IX. ONLINE JUDGES' COURSES

The Technical Committee is developing online courses for the beginning optional levels. Format was discussed and plans for initiation of the online course will be finalized at the November 2010 meeting.

X. The Committee spent the remainder of the meeting evaluating routines to be used for 2010 Congress "Core" Technical sessions.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6-7, 2010 in Indianapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 9, 2010
Dallas, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Kathy Ostberg

I. Roll Call

Region 1 Jennifer Krause

Region 2 Meg Doxtator

Region 3 Cori Rizzo

Region 4 Jim Schlott

Region 5 Hilary Carlson (for Bobbie Montanari)

Region 6 Jen Scannell

Region 7 Lynn Perrott

Region 8 Deb Kornegay

VPP Kathy Kelly

II. Kathy Ostberg welcomed the committee and thanked them for the work they do on a daily basis.

III. RULES AND POLICIES

Kathy Ostberg assigned sections of the R&P to each Regional Chairman and their revisions have been submitted to the office. The committee is waiting for the final document. The committee discussed all the changes and made the following recommendation.

Recommendation to accept the Rules and Policies as amended.

Motion Meg Doxtator

Second Deb Kornegay PASSED

Recommendation that Appreciation Gifts to judges from the Regional Committee will be limited to a monetary value of \$50.00 (per annum- per judge).

Motion Schlott

Second Perrott PASSED

Recommendation to add to the Judges' Compensation Package the following statement:

Judges are not allowed to accept gifts in addition to the USA Gymnastics Compensation Package and Meet Directors or Host Organizations may not give gifts to judges at any sanctioned event.

Motion Schlott

Second Doxtator PASSED

IV. FINANCIALS

Kathy Kelly explained to the committee that based upon the recommendation of our auditors and with the approval of that recommendation by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors, there will be a new accounting system for States and Regions. More information will be given to the State Chairs at the State Chairman Workshop. Regional Chairs were asked to report the number of transactions each state/regional account had over the last year.

V. ELECTION GUIDELINES

The committee will review the Election Procedures sections of the Operating Code and the State Chairman Handbook to make sure that the State Chairman Handbook reflects the procedures in the Operating Code (which is the official document).

Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee to add the following statement to the

Women's Operating Code, Page 1, Article 3, .2

"And to further the development of USA Gymnastics at the grassroots level."

Motion Cori Rizzo

Second Jen Krause

PASSED

Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee that the following be added to the Operating Code; Page 16

Section A. First sentence change Chairman to elected official and add "Regional" before National.

Section B #1, add to title/committee members - delete regional and/or national

Motion Debby Kornegay

Second Jen Scannell

PASSED

VI. Prep/Opt Program

Committee discussed the Prep/Opt Program to address this growing area. The purpose of the discussions of all the committees is to define the philosophy, draw the parameters and allow the states to continue to direct the competition rules. The JO Committee will be discussing the issue at their meeting. Proposal was drafted by Tom Koll, Kathy Ostberg, and Debby Kornegay.

VII. REGIONAL CONGRESS

Kathy requested that the RC's provide dates and sites to Rachel for 2011. The committee discussed the request from the national office that the regions be sensitive to the date of the National Congress when scheduling the date of their regional congresses. The regions expressed concerns about existing hotel contracts, calendar history of the regional congress, etc. Committee requested that Kathy take their concerns to the office for final decision.

VIII. STATE CHAIRMEN'S WORKSHOP

The committee drafted the Agenda for the Workshops. The agenda and the timelines will be sent along with the invitations to the regional and state chairs.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS

Committee requested that the office investigate a resolve for the following areas of concern:

- Posting of results on the internet with children's names.
- Work with NTS to provide a link for each region to their website to book rooms.
- Develop a program for on-line registration for Regional Meets that will interface with scoring system to streamline the reporting process.
- Look into Membership dates to assure that no member expires in March, April and May so that no coach would be disrupted during heavy meet season.
- New films for Judges' Accreditation Program. *New films will be available in 2013 for the Judges' Accreditation Program. Introducing new films at this point would disrupt consistency of the test, and involved new computer programming for scoring.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm