



## **Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee November 15, 2016 \* Clarifications**

### **1. Role Call:**

Carisa Laughon, PCC  
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Ronda Francis, NEC  
Kari Duncan, NTC  
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Amending the age group rules (from those posted in the Sept 2016 APC Minutes) to the following:

### **2. Age Groups:**

- The age of the pair/group is determined by the oldest partner.
- At USA Gymnastics Championships, at all levels (6-10) there are no stated age divisions. Large categories will be divided into smaller competition groups, determined by the age of the oldest partner, if they exceed 20 entries. For example, if Level 6 WP has 25 entries, it will be divided into two (approximately equal) competition divisions of 13 and 12. Awards are given per division.
- At Regional Championships, the following age groups must be used:
  - Levels 5-8: 2 age groups – 13 and under; 14 and over
  - Levels 9-10: no age groups
  - International track: no age groups
- For State Championships and local meets, the Regions and/or Meet Directors for those events can determine the age groups to be used. For Levels 5-8, there must be a minimum of two age groups, but additional age groups may be used. Suggested age group options could be (11U, 12-14, 15+) or (11U, 12-13, 14-15, 16+). For Levels 9-10 and international track, no age groups are necessary, but the competitive groups could be divided if warranted by participation numbers. All age groups used at a state or local meets MUST be clearly communicated in the pre-meet information.
- Meet directors at locals, states, and regionals can award as many places as they wish in each age group.

This amendment was made to 1) provide a stair step approach to the age groups from the local levels (providing more age categories), to regionals where it narrows some, then to nationals with no age groups, and 2) standardize the regional championships events.

### **3. Adding Lead Evaluators for Skills Testing**

The committee discussed adding lead evaluators for skills testing in each region to spread out the workload.

The following list of lead evaluators for skills testing will be updated in the R&P:

- Region 1 – Tonya Case, Marie Annonson, Alayna Davis
- Region 3 – Vladi Vladev, Selena Peco, Gawain DuPree
- Region 4 – Ivaylo Katsov, Ronda Francis
- Region 5 – Carisa Laughon
- Region 7 - Sarah Thomas, Juli Eicher