



**National Junior Olympic Committee Minutes**  
**Junior Olympic National Championships**  
**St. Paul, MN**  
**June 17, 2009**

**1. Motion – JO Chairman called the meeting to order – 09:07am**

**2. Roll Call:**

Selena Peco – National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman  
Bob Meier – National Program Committee Chairman  
Ivaylo Katsov – National Elite Committee Chairman  
Kari Duncan – National Technical Committee Chairman, Absent  
Nancy Davis – Region 1  
Micah Gaitor- Region 2  
Selena Peco- Region 3  
Ronda Francis – Region 4  
Shirley Sprague – Region 5  
Sarah Thomas – Region 7  
Tom Housley – Program Director, Absent (non-voting)  
Tonya Case – International Consultant, Absent (non-voting)  
Dr. Jay Binder – Acro Membership Director, Absent (non-voting)

**3. Motion – JO Chairman called for the Committee to approve the agenda**

**4. Tariff Sheet Proposals**

- a. Proposal (1) - FIG for Levels 8-Elite - Eliminate the use of two different tariff sheets. All agreed to use the international template.
- b. Proposal (2) - Revise to include “event” This will be added on tariff sheet.

**MOTION: Ronda Francis**

**SECOND: Selena Peco**

**APPROVED**

**5. Level Mobility**

- a. Known issues
- b. Competition Experience vs. Level Mobility
  1. Leave numbers the same for both levels, but use the average with a minimum of 7.0

**MOTION: Selena Peco**

**SECOND: Shirley Sprague**

**ABSTAINED: Ronda Francis**

**APPROVED**

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### 6. Electronic Tariff Sheets

- a. New system implemented competitive season
  - i. All tariff sheets are digital form (on the computer) and submitted electronically

**MOTION: Nancy Davis**

**SECOND: Sarah Thomas**

**APPROVED**

### 7. JO Skill Revisions

- a. Note – the current *Specifications* are in place for the entire 2009-2012 Quad.
- b. Proposal Level 6 Skill Changes:
  - i. Discussed for next quad change: WP Row 6A? Leave this as an option? Leave as is.
  - ii. WG Row 4A & B -Can we add an option for Toe Pitch to this row? Yes, also add to the row that rotation can be either front or back. Yes.
  - iii. Clarification: For dynamic skills it is considered technique preference for the top to bend their knees or to use their arms.
- c. Proposal Level 7 Skill Changes:
  - i. Complete Men's Group
    - 1. Committee has determined skills and will submit to Danil for comment.
    - ii. WP Row 1C - skill too difficult for level 7. Will stay the same.
- d. Discussed for next quad change: WP Row 2C - skill too difficult for level 7
  - i. Change to calf mount to straddle. Cannot combine 2C and 3A.
- e. WG Row 1 – Specify Top options, Cat 2 bases options to choose from.

**MOTION: Sarah Thomas**

**SECOND: Nancy Davis**

**APPROVED**

### 8. Severity of particular JO Rules – Discussion

- a. The JO Program has three goals:
  - i. Provide logical progressions from Level 1 – Level 10;
  - ii. A program in which ALL athletes may experience competitive success and have fun;
  - iii. Identify athlete talent in early years of life.
- b. Points to Consider and Discuss:
  - i. Are some JO rules too severe?
  - ii. How much impact are the international rules having on our lower level athletes?
  - iii. Is this the correct approach?
    - 1. i.e. Physical assist from the coach while on the floor
    - 2. Are these types of deductions hurting or helping us to achieve the three goals of the program?

Committee believes that physical assistance without deduction would hinder athlete progression and safety. Add regs to pg 82 section 1.3

**MOTION: Micah Gaitor**

**SECOND: Nancy Davis**

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### 8. Level 9 & 10 Discussion

Should we require that all tops must do a straddle press to a handstand shape rather than "a transition"? Level 9 transition OK. Transition requirement for level 10 must specify press to handstand. Pg. 78 number 6 needs revision. One Transition of the top of a minimum value 4, that must end in a handstand.

**MOTION: Nancy Davis**

**SECOND: Ronda Francis**

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### 9. Proposal – Remove Jr. 11-16, Junior & Senior Elite from Specifications

Committee wants to keep the 8I section, but make it an addendum and call it Jr. 11-16. The FIG code of points would be used for Junior and Senior Elite.

**MOTION: Selena Peco**

**SECOND: Ronda Francis**

**APPROVED**

### ~~10. Proposal – Develop Compulsory Routines~~

~~a. Compulsory routine includes all three – choreography, music, and skills – Level 4 & 5~~

~~b. Compulsory music at level 4. One piece of music for all 5 events. Level 5 to allow coach to choose choreography and music.~~

~~**MOTION: Selena Peco**~~

~~**SECOND: Micah Gaiter**~~

~~**APPROVED**~~

### 11. Music overtime at nationals

Committee requests Jeff Oberst for summary of issues at nationals. Committee to review and recommend solution to correct problem.

### 12. Competition format for Level 8I at Visa

Recommend that the qualification be 1 balance and 1 dynamic exercise and that the top 6 pair-groups from preliminaries proceed to finals at JO nationals and Visa athletes choose balance or dynamic exercise (finals order is determined by draw, scores starting from zero).

**MOTION: Selena Peco**

**SECOND: Sarah Thomas**

**APPROVED**

Meeting Adjourned – 1:00pm July, 17, 2009

*Minutes approved by the Acro Program Committee, 08/16/2009*

*Minutes approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President, 08/28/2009*