



NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES July 27, 2007

1. Role Call

Jennifer Hess – NTCC
Kari Duncan – Region 1 RTCC
Selena Peco – NJOCC
Sharon Giamanco - Region 4 RTCC
Sharise Beavers – Region 7 RTCC
Michael Rodrigues - NAR
Linda Ocmant – NPCC
Tom Housley – PD

2. Judging Progressions

“If the judge needs or chooses to re-test after taking a break from judging for whatever reason and for whatever duration of time, then the rolling two year period would start over once they recertify. Requirements would need to be met and that judge could upgrade two years from then.”

Motion: JH
Second: SG
Passed

A motion was made to change the requirements for maintaining judging certification in terms of international competition for Regional and higher judges. A petition may be submitted if a judge is attending an international competition and is unable to meet requirements per the Rules and Policies maintaining judging certification. The petition must be sent to the National Technical Chair. The petition will be voted on by the National Technical Committee for the international competition to be used in place of the National-level competition.

Motion: SB
Second: SG
Passed

If a judge has a FIG Brevet level rating for Acrobatic Gymnastics, the judge may enter up to the National level within the United States. The judge must take and pass the certification exam. Moving forward, the judge would need to follow the Judging Progressions per the Rules and Policies.

Motion: JH
Second: SP
Passed

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3. Judges' Compensation

A motion was made to increase the clinician fees for judges due to the amount of time and personal expenses to organizing clinics. Clinician of judges' Course will receive \$150 per clinic day plus reimbursement of travel and business expenses.

Motion: SP
Second: SG
Passed

4. Super Clinic and Regional Clinics

At the Face-to-Face meeting in Indianapolis, IN, Program Committee recommended to increase focus at the 2008 Super Clinic on educating coaches and judges on a national-level. The increased focus on education is to continue efforts towards Program Development and to achieve membership goals by December 2009.

~~Program Committee recommended to the National Technical Chair that all state rated or higher to attend the 2008 Super Clinic. The recommendation was called to better educate the program's top rated judges as well as prepare these judges for international judging.~~

**1 Yes
5 No
Did Not Pass**

A motion was made to require the Regional Technical Chair and/or Regional Technical Coordinator from each region to attend the 2008 Super Clinic.

Motion: SG
Second:
1Abstaining
Passed

5. Janet VonBargen Award

A motion was called for the National Technical Committee to vote on the judge who is most deserving of the Janet VonBargen Award. The award is given on a year-to-year basis, but does not have to be given out every year. It is up to the discretion of the NTC. The award recipient must be a USA Gymnastics professional member and current U.S. judge who exhibits outstanding served and dedication to the Acrobatic Gymnastics program.

Motion: SP
Second: KD
Passed

6. National Championships

A motion was called for the National Technical Chair will serve as the Chair of the Superior Jury. The National Technical Committee Chair will make recommendations for the Meet Referees and Assistant Meet Referees for National Championships with final approval from Program Committee.

Motion: SG
Second: SB
Passed

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7. Regional Issues & Concerns

Linda Ocmamd addressed the National Technical Committee regarding complaints, issues, and/or concerns within each region and the policies and procedures to properly handling issues. Linda encouraged the regional committees to empower the regional committee individuals to address issue with judges within their respective regions.

8. RTCC and RJC

Jennifer Hess reiterated the expectations, roles and responsibilities of the Regional Technical Committee Chair and Regional Judges Coordinator per the Acrobatic Gymnastics Operating Code.

9. RTCC Program and Green Cards

Jennifer Hess addressed the online Judge's Database error. The error will be corrected following the 2007 Visa Championships. Green cards need to be mailed to each of the Regional Technical Chair by August 31, 2007.

10. Clarification – Incorrect or Illegible Tariff Sheets

~~A motion was made to add the following to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Specifications, page 80-6.8:~~

~~_____ Wrong Picture .1 every two occurrences~~
~~_____ Wrong Value .1 every two occurrences~~

Program Committee amended the NTC minutes at the Visa Championships during the 08/17-19/07 Program Committee minutes. The following motion was made in regards to Clarification – Incorrect or illegible Tariff Sheets:

“Every two mistakes, regardless of the type of mistake on the tariff sheet, will receive a .1 deduction per exercise.”

Motion: JH
Second: LO
Passed

11. Revised Tariff Sheets

A motion was made to allow only 1 Revised Tariff Sheet to be submitted by the Revised Tariff Sheet Deadline. When submitting a revised tariff sheet form, a copy of the tariff sheet is not required to be submitted.

Motion: SB
Second: KD
Passed

A motion was made to allow only 1 Minor Tariff Sheet revision to submit any minor changes 1 hour before the start of the pair/group's session of competition.

Motion: SB
Second: KD
Passed

A motion to clarify page 80 to state, “it is the coach's responsibility to notify the Meet Referee, CJP and Difficulty Judge of any minor changes by submitting the Minor Change Form directly to the MR, CJP, DJ.

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Motion: SB
Second: KD
Passed

12. Appeal Procedures

A motion was made to revise the Resolution of an Appeal – Number 2 & 3. The following changes will be made:

2 – If the appeal is not resolved by the CJP to the satisfaction of the coach concerned he/she may ask for action by the Jury of Appeals. This request must take place within 15 minutes of the return of the appeal to the Appeals Table and an additional \$20 fee is due at the time of the request.

Motion: SG
Second: KD
Passed

13. J.O. Committee and Program Development Committee Update

Selena Peco updated the National Technical Committee on recommendations, updates, and motions from the Junior Olympic Committee meeting. Linda Ocmand updated the committee on the Program Development Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:22pm

Approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President

09/18/2007