

Rhythmic Regional Administrative Committee
Meeting Minutes from September 8-9, 2016
Indianapolis, IN

Roll call:

Regional Chairs

Region 1- Sofia Minovich (by phone)

Region 2- Joyce Chaplin

Region 3- Perrine Thompson

Region 4- Suzi DiTullio (Chair)

Region 5- **Vacant** (acting Chair Suzi DiTullio)

Region 6- Mila Harty

Zone Technical Representatives

Region 1 & 2- **Vacant**

Region 3 & 6- Jadranka Atanaskovic

Region 4 & 5- Ellen Nyemscik

Zone Administrative Representatives

Region 1 & 2- Joyce Chaplin

Region 3 & 6- Mila Harty

Region 4 & 5- Suzi DiTullio

National Judges Representative- Stefanie Korepin

USA Gymnastics Program Coordinator-Jayne Vincent

USA Gymnastics Senior Program Director-Caroline Hunt

Rules & Policies –

1. Proposal to Insert an Age Entry Chart, this will determine at what age an athlete is eligible to enter a level.
Passed: unanimously
2. Proposal to Insert an Age Division Chart, this will determine the age divisions used in all competitive levels of the program.
Passed: unanimously
3. Proposal for Level 3 changes in the R&P –
 - a. Decrease the breakpoint for Blue ribbon achievement to 6.50
 - b. Level 3's may be awarded Participation medals.
 - c. Presentation of Awards: all Level 3's will be awarded by Team, presentation of their Participation medal along with their Achievement ribbons which should be attached to each child's USA Gymnastics certificate.
Passed: unanimously
4. Proposal to Include injury/illness petition language under all Championship events.
Passed: unanimously
5. Clarification- Late fee for any D form is \$20/form.
6. Proposal to allow Meet Directors the option to reduce the D form deadline but not increase it to more than 2 weeks in advance.
Passed: unanimously
7. Proposal to include Level 9 Regional Teams at Junior Olympic Championships.
 - a. Level 9 Region Teams will consist of the top 8 athletes: **5 Junior and 3 Senior.**
 - b. If a Level 9 Regional Team member attends the National Qualifier and advances to the Elite Championships, her spot will be filled by the next athlete in rank order Overall, from the Regional Championship results.
Passed unanimously
8. Proposal to add- Level 9 Regional Team Tie Breaker to R &P, meet director will break a tie in the 8th place using the same method as the Level 7/8 Regional Team.
Passed: unanimously
9. Proposal to eliminate Level 7/8 All Stars positions from the Level 7/8 JO Championship format.
Passed: unanimously
10. Proposal to clarify non- citizen Awards at National Qualifier event: a non-citizen will receive a duplicate award if they rank in the top 6 places.
Passed: unanimously

11. Proposal to clarify music issues and download requests to the R&P–
 - a. An athlete’s music is considered private property and they have the right to protect it, therefore, when a sanction event requests an athlete’s music by electronic upload, with the meet director’s approval, the coach may opt not to use this method and provides the host with the proper CD’s. (FIG music rule)
 - b. State and Regional meets must provide for all music options even if they have requested music via electronic upload.
 - c. A coach, cannot approach the music/production table, to change out her originally submitted CD’s, once the competition has begun without the meet referee’s approval.

Passed: unanimously
12. Proposal to allow a State and Regional entry fee increase of \$5 and set the Group athlete entry fee at \$20 per athlete/event

Passed: unanimously
13. Proposal to require All sanctioned events to submit their meet rebate checks directly to their respective Regional account. (“USA Gymnastics Region “X” Rhythmic Program”)
 1. New rebate rate is 10% of the total entry fees, Effective Jan 1, 2017
 2. Regions in turn will take 1 or more % of the above rebate and make it available to the National Judges Representative for education projects.

Passed: unanimously
14. Proposal to add Level 3-6 Score Sheet protocol to the R&P
 - a. These forms may or may not be given to the coach at the conclusion of the event. The meet referee and meet director will make that determination together.
 - b. Score sheets will only be given at the conclusion of the entire competition following all award ceremonies.
 - c. The meet director is not required to save or mail these score sheets at the conclusion of their event.

Passed: unanimously
15. Proposal to allow A coach who has qualified an athlete into Level 10, is eligible to test starting at the National level. (This same judge must complete the course content and testing requirements for Levels 3-8 if they wish to judge at the JO level.)

Passed: unanimously
16. Proposal to include in Meet Directors directive
 - a. Meet directors are required to book a double occupancy when hosting two judges.
 - b. Meet directors do have the option to outfit the judging panel with official meet attire. Polo shirts and jackets, etc. as judges are working 10+hrs/day.

Passed: unanimously

Recommendations to RPC

- b. Proposal to amend Section 15.05 to include language for the removal of an inactive State Chair.
- c. Proposal to amend Parent Conduct section to include language for the removal of a parent from the venue when deemed necessary.
- d. Proposal to amend Member Conduct section to include that a pro-member must accompany the gymnast to the competition floor.
- e. Proposal to amend or expand the Registered Athlete section to include that a registered athlete may only be in the competition area, during her training and competition times.
- f. Proposal to amend Registered Junior Pro-member section to include that a registered athlete who is coaching as a Junior Pro-member in subsequent sessions, must be under the supervision of a Professional member.