

Minutes Rhythmic XCEL Committee
Date: July 14th, 2025
Via Zoom Meeting

Roll Call:

Cindy Bickman, Xcel Committee Chair
Thea Torgersen, Region 1
Hitomi Silva, Region 2 (absent voted via email)
Satoko Kightlinger, Region 3 (absent voted via email)
OPEN, Region 4
Kristina Sklioutovaskaya, Region 5
Michele Zapple, Region 6

The committee accepts the resignation of region 4 Xcel representative, Ada Sallie.

DVP 2025 leotard rule change-

Proposed: The Xcel program will keep the rules that currently exist in the Xcel handbook regarding leotards and competition attire.

Motion: Thea
Seconded: Michele
Passed

New Difficulty Level-

Proposed: addition of new difficulty level "Sapphire" to accommodate girls from DVP who may transition, or girls who have successfully competed Platinum and want a higher challenge.
Sapphire criteria: body difficulties up to .4 or higher, and 2 throws with 2 rotations each.

Motion: Kristina
Seconded: Thea
Passed

Entry Fees-

Proposed: to keep the current entry fees for Super Stars and Copper:
\$25 for Super Stars
\$25 per routine for Copper level.

Motion: Thea
Seconded: Michele
Passed

Proposed: entry fees for Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, Platinum will increase by \$5 per routine.

Bronze & Silver level will increase to \$30 per routine,
Gold, Diamond, Platinum, & Sapphire level will increase to \$40 per routine.
Group routine entry fee remains unchanged.

Motion: Michele
Seconded: Thea
Passed

Notation of Combinations and Series on score forms-

Because Combinations and Series are allowed but not required, the goal is to allow as much latitude, freedom, and options to the coach when notating these on the score form.

Proposed: To add a more comprehensive explanation about how to notate, a combination or series, in the section of the handbook that refers to “Admissibility of flight with acros”.

Motion: Kristina
Seconded: Thea
Passed

General discussion topics regarding:

- The updating of the evaluators quiz for judges on the USA Gymnastics website.
- The addition of adult sessions in competitions.
- The proliferation of the Copper level.
- The overall growth of the Rhythmic XCEL program across the country.

The meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.