

Minutes Rhythmic XCEL Committee

Date: July 16th, 2026

Via Zoom Meeting

Roll Call:

Cindy Bickman, XCEL Committee Chair

Michele Zapple, Region 6

Kristina Sklioutovaskaya, Region 5

Masha Koshushko, Region 4

Rebecca Buckland, Region 3 (USAG # pending/coming August 1)

Thea Torgersen, Region 1

Maryam Abdelghani (non-voting/GA)

Absent: Aimee Kim (Region 2) Elizabeth K (athlete rep)

Late Fee for Meet Entries

Proposed: \$15 per gymnast

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Thea

Passed

Super Stars Clarifications

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Thea

Passed

Aesthetic Group Addition

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Masha

Passed

Judging Procedures

Discussion regarding judging panels, division of events, new wording added for clarity.

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Thea

Passed

Clarification Regarding Entry Fees & Evaluation for Gala

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Thea

Passed

Clarification regarding USA Gymnastics Membership requirements for Coaches, Judges, etc.

Cindy says she will clarify with USA Gymnastics and change wording to align.

Motion: Michele

Seconded: Thea & Masha

Passed

Further Discussion:

Score sheets with throws included in Body Difficulties

One file for all Individual score sheets on the website, & another file for all Group score sheets

Feedback form for coaches, judges, meet directors, and committee members

Discussion of how DVP judges are trained, tested, and certified – asking USA Gymnastics to include XCEL judging certification on judges list, after judge attests that they have read the XCEL handbook & taken the XCEL Evaluator's Test.

Discussion of webinar, providing video of skills, getting routines from Classics via Anna Loesher to help train judges regarding XCEL routines.

Discussion of XCEL state chairs, separate XCEL state meets, Regional competitions, and Men/Boys USA Gymnastics RG membership.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.