



**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM / TECHNICAL COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING**

Monday, May 15, 2023

OMNI Oklahoma City – Oklahoma City, OK

Meeting was called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Linda Thorberg and National Development Program Committee Chair Tom Koll at 8:00 am.

Roll Call:

Region	Development (Dev) Program Committee	Technical (Tech) Committee	Voting status
National Committee Chair	Tom Koll	Linda Thorberg	Non-voting
Region 1	Shane McIntyre	Gigi Iavarone	Voting
Region 2	Tiffany Quincy	Jeanine Henneford	Voting
Region 3	Rich Villarreal	Marilyn Blilie	Voting
Region 4	Paige Roth	Windee Weiss	Voting
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter	Sue Kane	Voting
Region 6	Jamie Winkler	Pat Panichas	Voting
Region 7	Linda Johnson	Jane Caruso	Voting
Region 8	Brad Harris	Evelyn Chandler	Voting
<b>Guests</b>			
VP, Women's Program	Annie Heffernon		
Women's Development Program Director	Christy Naik		
Women's Technical Director	Nichole Otterson		
Women's Judges' Accreditation Coordinator	Connie Maloney		
National Xcel Committee Chair	Claudia Kretschmer		
Xcel Program Manager	Heather Ould		
AAI	Terry Williams, Andy Timm		

**Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective for the 2023–2024 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2023.**

- RULES & POLICIES (R&P):** Recommendation to the National Administrative Committee to add:  
Coaches and Judges shall NOT wear Earbuds / EarPods while on the field of play. Athletes may NOT wear Earbuds / EarPods while competing.  
Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)  
Second: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)  
**PASSED**
- R&P:** Recommendation to allow IES (Individual Event Specialist) athletes to petition to Level 9 or 10 Regionals with an event score that is at least 0.25 greater than the current Regional qualifying score.  
Motion: Rich Villarreal (R3 Dev)  
Second: Pat Panichas (R6 Tech)  
**PASSED**



- 3. R&P:** Recommendation for Uneven Bars that chalk or water may not be added to the rails or mats once the exercise has begun / while on the competitive equipment.

Motion: Brad Harris (R8 Dev)  
Second: Evelyn Chandler (R8 Tech)

PASSED
- 4. R&P:** Recommendation to add under scoring: At a State meet and above, a Meet Referee has the authority to allow a judging panel to review a routine to verify that Special Requirements were fulfilled and restricted elements were not performed.

Motion: Pat Panichas (R6 Tech)  
Second: Jamie Winkler (R6 Dev)

PASSED
- 5. R&P:** Recommendation to add under Inquiry regulations: Any inquiry to raise a score .10 or less on the lowest event score to qualify to the State or Regional meet applies ONLY to All Around athletes. It cannot be used at Regionals to qualify to East/West or Nationals, nor does it apply to IES.

Motion: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)  
Second: Sue Kane (R5 Tech)

PASSED
- 6. R&P:** Recommendation to add: A Meet Referee may watch a video (if available) prior to the submission of an inquiry to determine if that inquiry should move forward.

Motion: Evelyn Chandler (R8 Tech)  
Second: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)

PASSED
- 7. R&P, OPTIONAL CODE OF POINTS (COP) - VAULT:** Recommendation for Levels 6-10 to require Vault numbers to be visually displayed at any sanctioned competition utilizing a 4-judge panel. Vault name OR number may be audibly communicated to judges at all other competitions.

Motion: Jeanine Henneford (R2 Tech)  
Second: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)

PASSED
- 8. COMPULSORY BOOK - FLOOR:** Recommendation to allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, to amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for "hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward" to "hands placed on floor during the "sit" phase prior to rolling backward."

Motion: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)  
Second: Pat Panichas (R6 Tech)

PASSED
- 9. COMPULSORY BOOK - PENALTIES:** Recommendation to add to Chief Judge deductions: No deduction for Coach standing between the Bars throughout exercise.

Motion: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)  
Second: Jeanine Henneford (R2 Tech)

PASSED



- 10. COMPULSORY BOOK, COP - VAULT / BARS / BEAM / FLOOR / GENERAL:** Recommendation to update the language for squat on landing (hips lower than knees – up to 0.30) for landing positions on Vault, UB/BB dismounts, and BB/FX Acro elements, and amend the VT figures depicting squat on landing deduction.

Motion: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)

Second: Jeanine Henneford (R2 Tech)

PASSED

- 11. COMPULSORY BOOK, COP - VAULT / BARS / BEAM / FLOOR / GENERAL:** Recommendation to add an option for a 0.15 deduction for a medium step on landing on Vault, UB/BB dismounts, and BB/FX Acro.

Motion: Sue Kane (R5 Tech)

Second: Jamie Winkler (R6 Dev)

PASSED

- 12. COP - VAULT / BARS / BEAM / FLOOR:** Recommendation to add wording to Vault, UB/BB dismounts, and FX Acro: Squat on landing (hips lower than knees) up to 0.30 + 0.50 "Lands in squat position, then falls".

Motion: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)

Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

PASSED

- 13. COP - VAULT:** Recommendation to reduce the deduction for "Prescribed LA turn begun too early" under Support/Repulsion Phase from Up to 0.50 to Up to 0.30 for all vaults.

Motion: Sue Kane (R5 Tech)

Second: Brad Harris (R8 Dev)

PASSED

- 14. COP - VAULT:** Recommendation to change the deduction for under-rotation of salto vaults from a flat 0.10 to "Up to 0.10".

Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3 Tech)

Second: Kittia Carpenter (R5 Dev)

PASSED

- 15. COP - BARS:** Recommendation for Levels 7 – 10 to accept the proposal for adding additional examples under COP-Bars page 13, d. with an approved chart for dealing with values of elements with ½ turns that finish on the same side of the bar (short side ½ turns).

Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

Second: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)

PASSED

- 16. COP - BARS:** Recommendation to add:

- a. to BARS #2.205 element description: From cast in regular grip on HB, swing down with grip change to cross grip and ½ turn in range of hang position and swing backward in straddle or pike with flight over LB to hang.
- b. an additional example of No deduction for insufficient amplitude of cast at Level 7 or 8 if cast is followed by #2.205.

Motion: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)

Second: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)

PASSED



**17. COP – BARS:** Recommendation to rearrange Bars element box and add:

- a. #8.107 b – add a ½ turn to salto and move to B Element column, resulting in a new element #8.207 c.
- b. #8.207 (now b) – add to end of description “or from a counterswing”.

Motion: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)

Second: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)

PASSED

**18. COP – BARS:** Recommendation to change the value of the following elements:

- a. #8.307 (C) From HB – swing down forward between bars in reverse grip, salto forward tucked, piked, or stretched with 2/1 (720°) twist  
⇒ Change to #8.407 (D).
- b. #8.407 (D) From HB—swing down forward between bars in reverse grip, salto forward tucked, piked, or stretched with 2 ½ (900°) twist  
⇒ Change to #8.507 (E).

Motion: Jeannine Henneford (R2 Tech)

Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

PASSED

**19. COP – BEAM:** Recommendation to add to description of Beam Mount #1.210 “or from cross handstand to front walkover exit”. This mount variation would receive designation as a forward Acro element.

Motion: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)

Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

PASSED

**20. COP – BEAM:** Recommendation to add variation of element #1.204 (B) – From rear stand (back toward beam), jump to clear straddle flight over the Beam to land in front support.

Motion: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)

Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

PASSED

**21. COP – BEAM:** Recommendation to accept the sub-committee’s suggested Beam mounts as designated forward/sideward/backward Acro skills. Designations will be included in the Beam elements section of the COP.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter (R5 Dev)

Second: Jamie Winkler (R6 Dev)

PASSED

**22. COP – BEAM / FLOOR:** Recommendation for Levels 6–10 to add to the Beam and Floor Specific Element Technique Clarification section: Non-flight walkover-type elements are required to show 180° split of the legs at one point during the element.

Motion: Sue Kane (R5 Tech)

Second: Jamie Winkler (R6 Dev)

PASSED

**23. COP – FLOOR:** Recommendation to add to Floor element # 7.101: “A one-foot take-off will appear as an aerial/side salto but will NOT be considered a salto for Special Requirement or Composition purposes.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter (R5 Dev)

Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1 Tech)

PASSED



- 24. COP – FLOOR:** Clarification for Level 7 Floor Exercise Special Requirements 1 & 2: A deduction of 0.50 is applied for any of the four specifications that are missing, up to a maximum of 1.00.
- 25. COP-FLOOR:** ~~Recommendation to remove the 0.50 deduction at Levels 6–10 for coach standing on Floor Exercise area (inside the border marking) during athlete’s routine.~~  
Motion: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)  
Second: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)  
**FAILED** due to no majority.
- 26. COP – FLOOR:** Recommendation for Levels 6 – 10: Decrease the Chief Judge deduction on Floor Exercise for “Coach on the FX area (inside the border marking)” from 0.50 to 0.30.  
Motion: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)  
Second: Brad Harris (R8 Dev)  
**PASSED**
- 27. COP – FLOOR:** Recommendation to clarify on Floor Exercise that all forward and backward roll variations will receive an “A” Value Part, regardless of final position.  
Motion: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)  
Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)  
**PASSED**
- 28. COP – FLOOR:** Recommendation for Levels 8 – 10: When last Salto does not receive VP credit, **due to spot**, no deduction of 0.30 will be taken from Start Value (SV) for no attempt to perform last Salto with VP credit.  
Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3 Tech)  
Second: Tiffany Quincy (R2 Dev)  
**PASSED**
- 29. COP – APPENDIX (FLOOR):** Recommendation to remove the language “Non-salto Acro flight” from the Level 8 Floor Exercise composition chart for Value of Salto(s) performed as Last isolated salto or within the last Acro connection not up to the competitive level. (Appendix 15–page 4 in the COP).  
Motion: Jane Caruso (R7 Tech)  
Second: Tiffany Quincy (R2 Dev)  
**PASSED**
- 30. COP VAULT / BARS / BEAM:** ~~Recommendation to add a deduction on landing for Vault and dismounts on UB/BB for “Failure to pause in control 0.05.”~~  
Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3 Tech)  
Motion **FAILED** due to lack of second.
- 31. COP – FLOOR:** Recommendation to add to or change value of the following elements to the COP:
- Add to #2.301 (C) “or 2½ (900°) turn”
  - #1.214 (B) – 2<sup>nd</sup> element – Hop with 1/1 (360°) turn, free leg extended above horizontal–take–off from one leg  
⇒ MOVE to #1.314 (C)
  - #1.314 (C): Hop with 1½ (540°) turn, free leg extended above horizontal–take–off from one leg  
⇒ MOVE to #1.414 (D)
  - #1.414 (D): Hop with 2/1 (720°) turn, free leg extended above horizontal–take–off from one leg  
⇒ MOVE to 1.514 (E)
- Motion: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)  
Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)  
**PASSED**



**32. NEW ELEMENTS:** Recommendation to add:

a. **COP – VAULT:**

Vault # Name	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
1.109 Front Handspring onto board-Handspring off	9.1	8.6	8.2
1.110 Front Handspring onto board-Handspring ½ off	9.2	8.7	8.3
1.209 Front Handspring onto board- Handspring 1/1 turn off	9.6	9.1	8.9
1.111 Front Handspring onto board- 1/2 turn on - repulsion off	9.1	7.1	7.1
1.211. Front Handspring onto board- 1/2 turn on - 1/2 turn off	9.3	8.7	8.3
1.311 Front Handspring onto board- 1/2 turn on - 1/1 turn off	9.5	9.0	8.8
5.108 RO-FF 1/1 turn on - repulsion off	N/A	8.2	8.2

Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

Second: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)

PASSED

b. **COP – BEAM:** Recommendation to accept the following new Beam element performed at 2023 Dev Nationals:

#2.501. (E) Rader: Jump with change of legs (minimum of 30° leg separation) and ¼ (90°) turn to straddle-pike or side-split in side position (180° leg separation) with additional ¼ (90°) turn to finish in cross position.

Motion: Windee Weiss (R4 Tech)

Second: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)

PASSED

**DISCUSSION** - The committee discussed the following topics, but NO ACTION was taken:

1. Lowering start values for L10 UB, BB and FX.
2. Procedures for timing FX routine when fall occurs.
3. Possible modifications to L10 UB & BB Bonus Principles
4. Execution errors taken after video review confirms judges missed an element/SR.
5. Under-rotation deduction on UB/BB dismounts, and FX Acro.
6. Possible deduction for delay in start of warm-ups.
7. UB warm-up time: possibly change to follow VT & FX/largest squad.
8. Consideration of different height expectations on UB for elements following a backswing.
9. Establishing principles for naming new elements and determining if it is a variation or a different element.
10. Consider changing time for athlete to start after green flag from :30 seconds to :10 seconds.
11. Level 10 only perform 1 Vault in competition.
12. Judges visually display compositional deductions.
13. Addition of possible notation system to Beam Group 2 and Floor Group 1 Elements (Leaps/Jumps/ Hops) to designate which elements are considered the same or different when multiple elements are listed under one number.
14. Floor Exercise Composition- Choice of Floor Acro (Salto) Elements Not up to the competitive level for 2 pass exercises at Level 9.
15. Floor Acro elements – up to the level: 2 pass routine vs. 3 pass routines.

Meeting adjourned – 5:00 pm.