

WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Hampton, VA
May 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

Roll Call

Chair	Tom Koll
Region 1	Dan Witenstein
Region 2	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Mark Folger
Region 4	Bryon Hough
Region 5	John Geddert
Region 6	Larry Goldsmith (absent)
Region 7	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Brad Harris
Vice President	Kathy Kelly
Dir. Prog Adm.	Rachel Brazo
Guest	Cheryl Jarrett

I. Junior Olympic National Program of the Year

Nominees for this honor are:

Region 1	Gym Max
Region 2	Auburn Gymnastics
Region 3	WOGA
Region 4	Chows Gymnastics
Region 5	Twistars USA
Region 6	Rochester Gymnastics Academy
Region 7	Hill's Gymnastics
Region 8	Southeastern Gymnastics

JO National Program of the Year is Hill's Gymnastics.

II. EQUIPMENT DISCUSSIONS

Recommendation that in all sanctioned events, only one gymnast at a time can be on the bars for any part of the warm-up period (this would include timed warm-ups and 30-second touch).

Motion: B. Harris

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

Recommendation that starting Aug 1, 2013, meet directors will only be required to provide an option to play digital copies of music. (MP3 players, computers, tablets, etc.). CD players will no longer be required.

Motion: L. Reid

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

Recommendation that the new AAI “soft rails” will be used at the JO National Championships beginning in 2014.

Motion: B. Hough

Second: B. Harris

PASSED

Recommendation that the National office work with AAI regarding the extra matting on the Floor Ex corners and the use of the Hand placement mat on the Vault runway and report back to the committee.

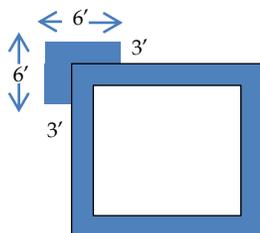
Motion: D. Witenstein

Second: M. Folger

PASSED

*Note: After discussion with AAI, the 2012-13 Rules and Policies will be changed to reflect the following:
Vault: The hand placement mat is allowed only for Round-off entry vaults. It can no longer be used as a visual aid for hurdle placement on front entry vaults.*

*Floor Exercise: For Level 9 and 10, additional matting must be placed around **each** corner of the Floor Exercise mat to provide a minimum of 3 additional feet of matting from the floor exercise carpet edge and three feet along the perimeter. Example - showing coverage at one corner:*



The committee discussed the possibility of using 20 cm. mats at JO Nationals. No changes were made for the 2013 JO Nationals.

III. RULES & POLICIES UPDATES

Recommendation to the Technical Committee to update the *JO Code of Points* regarding the use of tape and chalk on the vault runway. The R&P states “Athletic tape, Velcro strips or small chalk marks may be used on the vault runway.” The addition will read, “None of the

above may be wider than 2 inches. The judge must issue a warning before taking a deduction if the measurement is exceeded.

Motion: M. Folger

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

Recommendation to accept the Administrative Committee's request to amend the R & P on page 23, II. " A. 6. to read, "Any gymnast who has previous competitive experience in any system ... and who is a minimum of 14 years of age OR at least a Freshman in High School is eligible to petition....

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The committee discussed realignment of the regions, particularly for Regions 1 and 2. No action was taken. Surveys will be developed and sent out to gather feedback from the community.

The committee discussed the format of JO Nationals and the NIT and the minimum qualifying scores. The committee will poll their regions on these issues and will look at the data for the previous three years and report back to the Chairman.

The committee discussed number of athletes for the JO National Team Training Camp. Starting with the 2012 Training camp, any open slots will be offered to additional Level 10 JO National competitors using the results of JO National, in rank order. When filling the remaining slots, athletes will be invited by starting with the next place in the Jr. A Division; followed by the next place in the Jr. B Division. This process will continue through the age divisions until all slots (32) to the camp have been filled.

Future JO Championship Competition Sites

2013 JO Nationals – Minneapolis, MN – host: Twin City Twisters

2013 Level 9 Easterns – Battle Creek, Michigan – host: Branch Gymnastics

2013 Level 9 Westerns – tentatively in Region 1

2014 JO Nationals – Jackson Mississippi –host: Meet Control & MS USAG

2014 Level 9 Easterns – Bradenton, Florida- host: Tampa Bay Turners

2014 Level 9 Westerns – Requesting bids from Region 3 or 4

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting will be held directly following the 2013 JO Nationals in Minneapolis.