



NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday – Wednesday, May 15–17, 2023
OMNI Oklahoma City – Oklahoma City, OK

Meeting was called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Linda Thorberg at 6:00 pm on May 15, 2023.

Roll Call:

National Technical Committee Chair	Linda Thorberg	Non-Voting*
Region 1	Gigi Iavarone	Voting
Region 2	Jeanine Henneford	Voting
Region 3	Marilyn Blilie	Voting
Region 4	Windee Weiss	Voting
Region 5	Sue Kane	Voting
Region 6	Pat Panichas	Voting
Region 7	Jane Caruso	Voting
Region 8	Evelyn Chandler	Voting
Women's Technical Director	Nichole Otterson	Guest
Women's Judges' Accreditation Coordinator	Connie Maloney	Guest
NAWGJ President	Cookie Batsche	Guest

*Casts a vote only in case of a tie or acclamation.

REPORTS

1. Regional Reports by the RTCC's.
2. Connie Maloney presented data on the total number of judges by Nation, by Region, and by Level. Data was presented from the current cycle of judge's exams from Aug 1, 2022, to present for all Optional Levels, and from Aug 1, 2021, to present for Compulsory Level 4/5.
3. Cookie Batsche gave a NAWGJ report and described some of the projects they are working on. She shared a QR Code on How to Become a Judge, an assigning update of the states that use NAWGJ as their assigning body, information on how to run an effective online/virtual clinic, and a discussion on professional behavior and how it relates to social media.

Unless otherwise noted, the following updates & recommendation for change are effective for the 2023–2024 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2023.

1. Recommendation: To allow 2022 & 2023 NCAA sponsored Conference, Regional, or National competitions to fulfill the volunteer credit requirements on the National/USA Brevet course eligibility form.
Motion: Pat Panichas (R6)
Second: Windee Weiss (R4)
PASSED
2. Recommendation: After August 1, 2023, only USA Gymnastics sanctioned events will fulfill the volunteer credit requirements on the National/USA Brevet course eligibility form.
Motion: Evelyn Chandler (R8)
Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1)
PASSED



3. Recommendation: To change to the *R & P* (Chapter 5-Officials); to state only half ½ of the required CPE Clinic credits can be earned from a “live” virtual/online clinic (not recorded). The other ½ of the required Clinic hours must be earned from an in-person clinic setting.

Motion: Sue Kane (R5)

Second: Windee Weiss (R4)

PASSED

- ~~4. Recommendation: To allow gymnasts to wear Lycra shorts that match the predominant color of the leotard, while still following the guidelines of no embellishments and only a small manufacturer's logo.~~

~~Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3)~~

~~Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1)~~

~~**FAILED**~~

5. Recommendation: To allow shorts to be worn over OR under the leotard.

Motion: Jeanine Henneford (R2)

Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1)

PASSED

6. Recommendation: To remove the statement in the *R & P* (Chapter 6-Xcel Competitive Program); non-rated competitive coach members may judge Bronze and Silver divisions.

Motion: Windee Weiss (R4)

Second: Marilyn Blilie (R3)

PASSED

7. Recommendation: To differentiate National and USA Brevet rated judges beginning with the 2026-2030 testing cycle.

Motion: Evelyn Chandler (R8)

Second: Sue Kane (R5)

PASSED

- Information will be provided in the Summer of 2023 so judges may begin the planning process.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, but no action was taken:

1. Items for November meeting
2. Future projects for USA Gymnastics University Judges' Education.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A check box will be added to the score inquiry form to indicate when a video review has been requested.
2. Due to Judges' exams for the 2022-26 Optional cycle not being available until August 1, 2022, any current Level 8 or 9 judge who earned their rating in August of 2022 will be allowed to take the next level of **Practical** exam at the following; July 16th at NAWGJ Symposium, July 23rd at Region 5 Congress, and July 30th at Region 8 Congress even if they do not meet the required 11-month minimum of holding at the previous rating. To be eligible to take the next Level up of the online Written exam, you **MUST** have held the current rating for one full year.

The remainder of the time was spent preparing the Core Course projects that will be presented at the 2023 Regional and National Congresses.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10-12, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN.

Recommendation to adjourn at 12:00 pm on May 17, 2023.