



**NATIONAL XCEL COMMITTEE MEETING-WOMEN'S PROGRAM**

Tuesday-Wednesday May 16-17, 2023

Omni OKC; Oklahoma City, OK

Meeting was called to order by National Xcel Committee Chair Claudia Kretschmer at 9:00 am on May 16, 2023.

Roll Call:

Jill Preston	Region 1	Voting
Dianne Palmer	Region 2	Voting
Louise Janecky	Region 3	Voting
Megan Bankole	Region 4	Voting
Nancy Gibson	Region 5	Voting
Gail Caspare	Region 6	Voting
Jen Skorski	Region 7	Voting
Pam Kitchen	Region 8	Voting
Claudia Kretschmer	National Xcel Committee Chair	Non- Voting*
Heather Ould	Xcel Program Manager	Non-voting
Christy Naik (May 16)	Development Program Director	Non-voting

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

**REPORTS:**

1. **Region Chair Reports:** Regional Xcel Chairs provided reports related to their Regions.
2. **USAG Report:** Heather Ould/Christy Naik provided an update on the Xcel program and other office related items.

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

1. **VAULT:** Recommendation to update the Women's R&P to reflect the allowance of a "pit pillow" for Vault warm-ups: If available (NOT REQUIRED): An alternate skill cushion made of softer foam (maximum 4x6x8) is allowed at all sanctioned meets for Diamond and above for WARMUPS ONLY to perform a "timer" for a Salto Vault.

Motion: Dianne Palmer (R2)

Second: Gail Caspare (R6)

**PASSED**

2. **VAULT:** Recommendation to remove the allowance of a "junior board" for Xcel, including removing all instances of the word "junior board" from the *Women's R&P* and *Women's Program Code of Points*.

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4)

Second: Jill Preston (R1)

**PASSED**



**3. XCEL SAPPHIRE:** Recommendation to advance Sapphire to a National Xcel Division.

Motion: Louise Janecky (R3)

Second: Gail Caspare (R6)

**PASSED**

**4. MOBILITY:** Recommendation to modify the pre-requisite mobility score to:

- 32.00 All-Around for Platinum, Diamond, and Sapphire
- 8.50 Individual Event Specialist (IES) for Platinum and Diamond (Sapphire IES is already an 8.50)

Motion: Dianne Palmer (R2)

Second: Megan Bankole (R4)

**PASSED**

**5. MOBILITY:** Recommendation to modify the entry from the Development Program to:

- Gold – Development Program 1-4
- Diamond – Development Program 7, 8
- Sapphire – Development Program 8 ,9, 10

Motion: Nancy Gibson (R5)

Second: Louise Janecky (R3)

**PASSED**

**6. MOBILITY:** Recommendation to make the Sapphire minimum age 11.

Motion: Louise Janecky (R3)

Second: No second

**FAILED** due to lack of a second.

**7. EQUIPMENT:** Recommendation to approve the following modifications to the *Rules & Policies* for Xcel:

- Recommendation to allow chalk only (no tape) on hand placement mat.
- Recommendation to utilize language from Vault regarding landing into a loose foam pit and add it to both Bars and Beam for situations when landing on a Resi surface: Landing into a "LOOSE-FOAM PIT" on a RESI SURFACE IS NOT ALLOWED FOR COMPETITIONS, unless the pit Resi area is covered by a stable (wooden or metal) surface. Exception – this is allowable if the landing surface is deemed firm by the Meet Referee and Meet Director prior to competition.

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4)

Second: Dianne Palmer (R2)

**PASSED**

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

1. Review program philosophy.
2. Regional/National Congress presentations.
3. Discussing the possibility of a National Championship.
  - Will develop a list of questions related to the possibility of a National Championship for the national office and others. Will have follow-up conversations as applicable.



#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Committee will continue to work on edits to the Rules & Policies adding content related to Xcel Sapphire.

#### **REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES**

The following items were referred to other committees that have jurisdiction. Refer to these respective committee minutes for further information.

1. Administrative Committee – Results from State Championships – Add Regional Xcel Committee Chair (RXCC) to the list of individuals that receive results for Xcel competitions.
2. Technical Committee –
  - a. Review judges rating requirements for Bronze and Silver – currently non-rated individuals are allowed to Judge.
  - b. Apparel:
    - Option of wearing shorts over or under leotard.
    - Option to wear shorts that match the leotard.

**ADJOURN: Recommendation to adjourn at 11:56am on May 17.**

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4)

Second: Pam Kitchen (R8)

**PASSED**