



NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort – Daytona Beach, FL

Meeting was called to order by National Administrative Committee Chair Jennifer Krause at 12:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Evelyn Paradis	Voting
Region 2	Sandy Flores	Voting
Region 3	Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek	Voting
Region 4	Rick Nelson	Voting
Region 5	Tami Schaafsma	Voting
Region 6	Michele Archer	Voting
Region 7	Jen Bortz	Voting
Region 8	Michelle Pomerantz	Voting
National Administrative Committee Chair	Jennifer Krause	Non-voting*
National Development Program Committee Chair	Tom Koll	Non-voting
National Technical Committee Chair	Linda Thorberg	Non-voting
National Xcel Committee Chair	Claudia Kretschmer	Non-voting
Women's Development Program Director	Christy Naik	Non-voting
Vice President – Women's Program	Annie Heffernon	Guest
Women's Technical Director	Nichole Otterson	Guest
Women's Judges' Accreditation Coordinator	Connie Maloney	Guest
Xcel Program Manager	Heather Ould	Guest

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

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective for the 2024-2025 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2024.

- Recommendation to identify all overseas military bases and assign athletes to appropriate state/region, in conjunction with military base contact, NACC and national office. Military bases would follow guidelines of each respective state, with any possible exception requests made at the discretion of the SAC.
MOTION: Sandy Flores - R2
SECOND: Michele Archer - R6
PASSED
- Recommendation to add to the Coaches' Responsibilities Section and add to Judges' Specific Responsibilities section in the *Women's Program Rules & Policies*:
 - No nicotine products (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.), vapes or any other smoking paraphernalia are allowed in the venue.
 - No firearms or dangerous weapons are allowed in the venue.**MOTION:** Jen Bortz - R7
SECOND: Michelle Pomerantz - R8
PASSED
- Recommendation to replace the current language regarding mandated scores in the *R&P* with: USA Gymnastics cannot require/mandate a gymnast to move up to a higher level/division.
 - Remove from program specific chapters and add to General Meet Information: Dev + Xcel.**MOTION:** Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek - R3
SECOND: Tami Schaafsma – R5
PASSED



4. Recommendation to update page 46 of the R&P and define an Individual Event Specialist (IES) as an athlete who competes 3 events or less: Athletes can be defined as an Individual Event Specialist/IES (an athlete who competes 3 events or less) and/or All-Around athletes (an athlete who competes all 4 events); both may participate in sanctioned USA Gymnastics competitions. All-Around competition is required for qualification to Sectional and above meets at all Development Program levels and/or Xcel divisions. **Exceptions:**
- For DEV Levels 6-10 and all Xcel Divisions, IES competition may be conducted up to and including regional meets, at the discretion of the respective SAC and RAC. IES competitors may compete and be ranked amongst the All-Around competitors; may be counted in the team score; and would receive duplicate awards in the case of a tie for event placement (ties involving IES are NOT broken).
 - Athletes who are limited in the number of events in which they can perform due to a permanent physical handicap (verified by a physician) may petition to qualify to Championship meets by achieving an average score equal to the average of the All-Around qualifying score. If the qualification is by number or percentage, such individuals could be added as additional athletes provided they achieve an average score that meets or exceeds the average score achieved by the lowest qualifier.
- MOTION:** Michelle Pomerantz - R8
SECOND: Evelyn Paradis - R1
PASSED
5. Recommendation to update the R&P page 72 & 79 to further define unforeseen circumstances:
- If, due to valid unforeseen and unpredictable circumstances, a gymnast is unable to compete with her designated age group, she may compete on another day (or in another session) with the approval of the SACC for State Championships and RACC for Regional Championships. She will not be eligible for ANY awards. Her score may be used for mobility or qualification purposes (if qualification is by score, not placement or percentage in any given age group) to the next meet.
 - Competition schedules are set using available dates without regard to the diversity of religious and cultural practices of potential participants. USA Gymnastics acknowledges and regrets that athletes may need to choose to opt out of participation in any specific competition due to religious practices or scheduling conflicts.
- MOTION:** Jen Bortz - R7
SECOND: Michelle Pomerantz - R8
PASSED
6. Recommendation to add a bullet under IV.A.2 on page 17 of the R&P: If an athlete relocates residences between state and regional meets, thereby placing them in a different region: Development Program Level 8 and below athletes and all Xcel Divisions will be allowed to compete in their new Region so long as they meet the qualifying requirement of that region and qualification was by score, not rank of athletes. A Level 9 or 10 athlete must compete in the Region in which they qualified, regardless of new residence.
- MOTION:** Evelyn Paradis - R1
SECOND: Sandy Flores - R2
PASSED
7. Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee: Add additional criteria to Operating Code for SACC eligibility requirements: Must have served on a State, Regional or National Committee.
- MOTION:** Michele Archer - R6
SECOND: Rick Nelson - R4
PASSED



8. Recommendation to clarify membership roles that are allowed on the field of play.

1. Athlete
2. Competitive Coach
2. Judge
3. Meet Director
4. Volunteer
5. Photographer/Videographer*
6. Medical*

*Must be contracted by the Meet Director

MOTION: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek - R3

SECOND: Jen Bortz - R7

PASSED

9. Recommendation to update the R&P (page 75 & 84) regarding State and Regional entry fee maximums to be consistent:

- Entry fees for State Championships are determined by the SAC and must be approved by the RACC but may not exceed the Regional Championship meet entry fee.
- Entry fees for Regional Championships are determined by the RAC and must be approved by the NACC but may not exceed the National Championship meet entry fee.

MOTION: Sandy Flores - R2

SECOND: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek - R3

PASSED

DISCUSSION

1. Drop back deadlines - Suggestion to SACC to set drop back deadlines to allow for a minimum of 1 qualifying weekend of competition between the declaration date and the qualifying deadline.
2. The committee discussed the possibility of allowing injured athletes on the field of play, but no action was taken.
3. A proposal was brought forward to have Senior banners at Level 9 Easterns & Westerns and Level 10 Nationals, but additional research was needed.
4. Reminder to coaches about proper dress code attire as written in the R&P.
5. Level 9 East/West and Level 10 athlete apparel: Non-traveling alternates will not receive apparel, athletes who scratch prior to the beginning of competition cannot pick up apparel until the end of competition weekend.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 5:00 pm.