



NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 12–Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Hilton Downtown Salt Lake – Salt Lake City, UT

The meeting was called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Linda Thorberg at 6:40 pm on May 12, 2025.

Roll Call:

National Technical Committee Chair	Linda Thorberg	Non-Voting*
Region 1	Gigi Iavarone	Voting
Region 2	Laurie Reid	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	Non-Voting
Women's Judges' Accreditation Coordinator	Connie Maloney	Non-Voting (Zoom 5/13)
NAWGJ President	Teresa Barnard	Guest

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

REPORTS

1. Guest report-NAWGJ
2. RTC- Regional reports

Unless otherwise noted, the following updates & recommendation for change are effective for the 2025–2026 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2025.

- 1. Code of Points: General Chief Judge Deductions:** Recommendation Sports bra, with exposed straps, may be black, match the leotard, be the athlete's skin tone, or clear in color.
Motion: Sue Kane (R5)
Second: Laurie Reid (R2)
PASSED
- 2. Rules and Policies:** Recommendation for a moratorium on the Level 8–10 WAG judges' exams beginning Jan 1, 2026. Exams will resume Aug 1, 2026, with the implementation of the 2026–2030 Development *Code of Points*.
Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3)
Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1)
PASSED
- 3. Rules and Policies:** Recommendation beginning Aug 1, 2026 an online 50 Question Level 6/7 Theoretical exam will be a prerequisite for applicants obtaining a Level 8 Judges rating. The Level 8 exam will consist of a 50 Question, Level 8 only, Theoretical exam and a Level 8 Practical exam.
Motion: Windee Weiss (R4)
Second: Laurie Reid (R2)
PASSED



4. Rules & Policies: Recommendation at all Xcel competitions.

- A 2 – judge panel is **required** at the Platinum, Diamond, and Sapphire Divisions for all mobility and qualifying meets.
- A 1 – judge panel may be used for mobility at Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Motion: Laurie Reid (R2)

Second: Marilyn Blilie (R3)

PASSED

5. CODE OF POINTS Floor Music– Recommendation to remove the motion below that passed on May 13, 2024. The current music approval process will be in effect for the 2025–26 season.

MOTION to Rescind: Windee Weiss (R4)

SECOND to Rescind: Evelyn Chandler (R8)

PASSED

~~**CODE OF POINTS Floor Music** – Recommendation to update the *DEV COP*, *Xcel COP*, and the *R&P*. Beginning **August 1, 2026**, the use of human or synthesized voice in floor music to create words, sounds, chanting, etc. will **no longer be allowed**. A 1.00 CJ deduction will be taken for any floor music with voice.~~

~~**Motion:** Windee Weiss (R4 – Tech)~~

~~**Second:** Evelyn Chandler (R8 – Tech)~~

~~**PASSED**~~

DISCUSSION

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

1. Require a change of events every day when there are no overall team awards.
2. Professional Improvement Plan (PIP) in conjunction with the 2026 WAG Brevet and National exams.
3. Possible standardized deadline for all judges to accept/decline judging contracts for USA Gymnastics competitions.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Operating Code:** Recommendation to the WPC. Add language to the eligibility requirements for Regional Technical Chair in addition to holding a National/Brevet rating for 2 cycles; Add **OR 3. Must have coached athletes that competed at E/W and Dev Nationals and are actively judging**. Remove the language in the previous 2 cycles and add **in the previous 10 years**.

The remainder of the time was spent preparing the Core Course projects that will be presented at the 2025 Regional and National Congresses and work on the 2026–2030 Development COP.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7–9, 2025, in Indianapolis, IN.

Recommendation to adjourn at 11:00 am on May 14, 2025.