

WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Dallas, TX

May 10-11, 2010

Roll Call Tom Koll, Chairman

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

Region 1 Dan Witenstein

Region 2 Laurie Reid

Region 3 Cheryl Jarrett

Region 4 Bryon Hough

Region 5 John Geddert

Region 6 Larry Goldsmith

Region 7 Linda Johnson

Region 8 Brad Harris

Vice President Kathy Kelly

I. Junior Olympic National Coach of the Year

Nominees for this honor are:

Region 1 Cassie Rice

Region 2 Meg Doxtator/Ivan Alexov

Region 3 Lindy Franzini-Carpenter

Region 4 Mike Hunger/Sami Wozney

Region 5 Dan Miller

Region 6 Jamie Winkler

Region 7 Bob Ouellette

Region 8 Ludmila Shobe

Mike Hunger and Sami Wozney were elected as the 2010 Junior Olympic Coaches of the Year.

Recommendation to cover the expenses and provide VIP credentials for Visa Championships, and Congress credential for the JO Coach of the Year, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: C. Jarrett

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

The committee discussed Guidelines to be considered for nomination criteria:

- Excellence in coaching at multiple JO Levels with an emphasis at the highest level in the current year.
- Displays Good Sportsmanship, Team Spirit and Ethics.
- Contributes to regional efforts (camps, clinics, congresses, volunteer positions).
- Coaching Resumes may be considered.

II. Equipment Issues

Recommendation to require a minimum thickness of 1 and 3/8 inches for the Vault runway at all Optional Levels (7 – 10), effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: C. Jarrett

PASSED

Recommendation that NO extra matting be allowed between the Safety Zone and the vault table, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

Recommendation to request that AAI, in addition to meeting FIG apparatus requirements for FX, provide additional matting in the corners of the Floor at JO Nationals and other meets where AAI supplies the equipment, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: B. Hough

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

III. Competition Structure

The committee discussed issues of the competitive structure in various areas.

Recommendation to add 5 seconds to the maximum time limit to the Level 2 and 3 Beam routines, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: L. Goldsmith

PASSED

Recommendation that the Mobility Score for an Individual Event Specialist at Level 7, 8, and 9 be 8.5 per event, effective August 1, 2010

Motion: L. Reid

Second: J. Geddert

PASSED

Recommendation to add to the 2010-11 Rules and Policies, Page 78, 6.B. Change to read : At Levels 1-6, any combination of landing mats and skill cushions may be used to facilitate the mount.

Motion: L. Reid

Second: B. Harris

PASSED (1 opposed)

There was much discussion regarding the format of the East/West Championships. Although some regions felt the format should return to 8 age groups, others were satisfied with the current (16 age groups).

~~Recommendation to change the format of the Level 9 East/West Championships: Eight age groups, 12 athletes per region, 6 scores count for team score.~~

~~If any region cannot field a team of 12, empty slots are filled by going back to the winning team from the previous year. Random draw for flights. If a region has more than 12 qualifiers, all athletes can contribute to the team score.~~

~~Motion: B. Hough~~

~~Second: D. Witenstein~~

~~This motion was passed, then a request to reconsider was brought up and the motion was amended to read as follows:~~

Recommendation as a pilot program to change the format of the Level 9 Western Championships: Eight age groups, 12 athletes per region, 6 scores count for team score

If any region cannot field a team of 12, empty slots are filled by going back to the team results from the previous year. Random draw for flights. If a region has more than 12 qualifiers, all athletes can contribute to the team score. Effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: B. Hough

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED (1 opposed – Region 7)

Recommendation to adopt the following statement and add to the 2010-11 Rules and Policies and the 2013 Compulsory Book.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: J. Geddert

PASSED

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, fairness to all athletes and competitive balance, the mobility system within the National JO Program should be followed in the manner that it was intended.

- *Before moving up a level, every athlete should show proficiency at their current level.*
- *Once a high level of proficiency is achieved at the athlete's current level, she should strive to move up to the next level as long as it is done safely.*
- *For athletes to repeat a level with the intent to gain an advantage over other competitors or teams IS NOT in the spirit of the JO Program or youth sports in general.*

IV. CALENDAR

Sites listed are pending final contracts.

	2011	2012	2013
9/10 State Meets	March 26-27	March 24-25	March 23-24
9/10 Regionals	April 9-10 Level 9 only	April 20-22	April 13-14
Level 10 only Regionals	April 15-17 Level 9/10	April 28-29	April 20-21
Level 9 East/West	May 5-8 East: Worcester, MA West: Poway, CA	May 10-13 East: TBD West: TBD	May 3-5 East: TBD West: TBD
JO Nationals	May 12-15 Long Beach, CA	May 17-20 TBD	May 10-13 TBD
JO National Compulsory Workshops and WTC Symposium			May 31-June 2 June 7-9

V. New Compulsory Program

Committee was asked to review the text for Vault and Bars and send any corrections to Tom. Deadlines will be determined and sent to the committee.

Kathy Kelly was asked to check with the USA Gymnastics attorney for requirements and concerns regarding the development of music for the compulsory Floor Exercise.

VI. REC/OPT Program

Tom presented a proposal for Rec/Opt for the committee to discuss and make recommendations.

Recommendation to allow the use of “air-o-board” for Level 1-3, and Prep/Opt, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm