

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 24, 2017; 10:03 a.m. – 4:23 p.m.
Carmel, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dave Stiles, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Debbie Campbell was welcomed to the committee as the newly elected Regional Judging Director.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

One of the responsibilities of the state Chairman is to place financial statements on the state websites. Dave Stiles asked that all states put their financial statements on their websites as soon as possible.

It was suggested that a May or June 2020 summer meeting of the Regional Administrative Committee be confirmed in January, 2020 so that the members schedules can be more easily cleared.

V. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

Region 5 had a very good year. We had more all-around champions than we have ever had. There were five champions at the JO Nationals. The excitement continued to build through the second day. We were told by other regions that we were very impressive. The last two sessions of the Championship were phenomenal. Our gymnasts hit one after another. There was perfect silence during their performances with everyone watching. Our juniors were not as strong. Prior to the last two sessions we were tied. There were numerous gyms represented in our success.

One of the goals of our Training Camps is to give back to the coaches by having national staff at our camps. We want important information brought to our coaches including the latest skills and drills. We want to increase the knowledge of everyone.

VI. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated Region 5 for their phenomenal success this year. Region 5 was the overall Super Team National Champion for the first time in five years. At Level 9 Eastern Junior Olympic Championships, Region 5 won the Super Team award for the fifth time in a row.

Judges Involvement and Application forms must be submitted by August 20, 2019. Judges not making the deadline will be ineligible to judge Regional Championships. These forms are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. These forms can be audited by committee members. Char will ask the Regional webmaster to do a spread sheet listing of the available judges.

The ranked list of judges, from each state, for Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regionals and Xcel Regionals must be submitted to Char by September 10, 2019. Affiliation needs to be noted because two to four head judges are needed per state. It is our goal to have judges know their event assignments for Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regionals by December 15th.

Each state has the choice to use one ranked list of 20 judges for all Regionals or a separate ranked list of 16 judges for Xcel Regionals.

There were an estimated 128 petitions for Levels 8, 9 and 10 Regionals. Sue Kane was thanked for her assistance with the petitions.

Judges can attend any training camp to observe and gain knowledge. If they want to volunteer as a coach, they must contact Tami Schaffsma to complete the application process. An attempt is made to have two judges per camp for the judge's rotation on Sundays. Judges must contact Char Christensen, RTCC, if they want to be considered for the judges' rotations.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by October 1, 2019. This will allow all judges to know the criteria they are being evaluated on for state meet assignments. It was suggested that a subcommittee could be assigned to determine the state meet judging assignments similar to what is done by our region.

Meet Directors within our region are reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are in the Rules and Policies. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the sanction form. A new format for 2019-2020 has been approved and it is described in the JO and WTC Minutes from May, 2019.

No changes have been made concerning Individual Specialists. The qualifying score of 9.0 will remain to qualify to Regionals from their State Meet.

VII. XCEL/JO COMPARISON

The Xcel Program continues to grow. Every region in the country saw an increase in their Xcel numbers while all but two regions saw a decrease in their Junior Olympic numbers. The national committee is working hard to make the new compulsories fun and exciting. There is concern that gyms are skipping the compulsories. By doing so, fundamentals are being missed. The choreography is fun and more like optional routines. There has been a lot of crossover between the two programs. Michigan is trying something new this year. A declaration date of January 15, 2020 is being implemented in which all gymnasts must declare if they will be in the Xcel program or the JO program.

VIII. LEVEL 9/10 MEET REFEREES

There was discussion about assigning a second Meet Referee as a permanent position for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships.

IX. XCEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

An angle of repulsion deduction has been added to vault for the Gold, Platinum and Diamond divisions.

A Level 9 judge is need to judge the Diamond Division.

The Diamond numbers within our region have increased.

There have been a lot of Yurchenko's competed in the 2018-2019 season.

During the 2019-2020 competitive season "D" level elements performed by Diamond gymnasts will be tracked.

State meets should be scheduled three weeks prior to the Regional Championships.

Individual Event Specialists should be notated on the spread sheets.

State teams should rotate together during the Regional Championships.

Due to the number of gymnasts at the 2019 Xcel Regional Championships the Regional Administrative Committee discussed using percentages for Xcel gymnasts to qualify to the Regional Championships. The problem with using percentages is some gymnasts will not know if they qualified for Regionals until after the meet. It was suggested that two Xcel regional meets be offered, one for Xcel Silver and one for the Gold, Platinum and Diamond divisions. Deleting Silver Regionals is not an option although there were a lot of complaints about having a four day meet. Michigan is scheduled to have the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships in 2020 with Ohio hosting the Level 9/10 Regional Championships and Indiana hosting the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to have the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships on May 1-3, 2020 and the Level 6 and Silver Regional Championships on May 15-17, 2020.

**Motion: Robert Neat
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Aye – 5, Nay – 3,**

A motion was made to have Illinois host the inaugural Level 6 and Silver Xcel Regional Championship on May 15-17, 2020.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Patrick Jordan and Brian Blewitt
Passed: Unan.**

Illinois will host the 2020 Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships. The 2021 Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships will be held on the weekend of the Junior National Championships, May 14-16, 2021.

A motion was made to set 35.00 as the qualifying score to Level 6 Regional Championships.

**Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous**

A subcommittee consisting of Nancy Gibson, Robert Neat, Patrick Jordan and Kittia Carpenter will determine the format used at the Xcel Silver Regional Meet to assure that the State Teams rotate together. Their recommendation will be presented to the Regional Administrative Committee at the next meeting in September.

X. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Debbie Campbell)

We received good feedback on the Regional judging panels. There was only one complaint about the judging.

Region 5 is the only region that does not have four judge panels at the Level 8 Regional Championships. We need to give judges more experience at the regional level. It is a long weekend and we will be losing judges soon because older judges are considering retiring after this quadrennium. The younger judges need to be educated so they will be qualified to judge when they get to the higher level. The best way to educate younger judges is by putting them in a chair but it is unfair to ask the meet host to cover the cost. 16 judges have been added as regional judges with the addition of the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Meet.

A motion was made to have four judge panels at the Level 8 Regional Championships with the Region supporting the additional judges.

**Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Aye – 5, Nay – 2, Abstain – 1**

A motion was made to have three of the judges assigned to the Level 9/10 Regional Championship be assigned to a second regional meet to maintain judging stability. One of these judges would be assigned to each of the remaining Regional Championships.

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous**

The Level 7/8 Regional Championship will need 24 judges. Five judges from each state except Kentucky will be assigned. Four judges will be assigned from Kentucky. The host state will receive the benefit of getting an extra judge on the Level 8 Championship and one less on the Level 7 Championship.

XI. TRAINING CAMPS

The Region is paying National Staff to come to some of our Regional Training Camps. There has been some chatter about paying Regional coaches to work the Training Camps. It is believed by the Regional Committee that knowledge from national staff members is needed to move forward. We are trying to bring the best and latest information to our region. With the National Team Staff, we get the latest of everything. The Regional Committee disagrees with paying regional coaches but agree that educational opportunities should be provided. It was suggested that the camp subcommittee develop ways to “pay” the coaches for working the camps.

A motion was made to have a drawing for one - three day working clinician attend the Tops National Camp or a Developmental Camp.

Motion: Patrick Jordan
2nd: Robert Neat
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to have a drawing for one Regional Administrative Committee member to attend the Tops National Camp or a Developmental Camp each year.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

XII. REGIONAL CONGRESS VS. NATIONAL CONGRESS 2020

Cheryl Jarrett does not want Region 5 to host a Regional Congress in 2020 because the National Congress will be in St. Louis. The national office will not put a Regional Congress in our region in 2020. The Regional Administrative Committee feels that without a Regional Congress next year our state congresses will be better attended. The Regional banquet will have to be held during a Training Camp.

XIII. 2019 REGIONAL CONGRESS

This year's Regional Congress will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

A Friday evening fun event was discussed. Some ideas were a Trivia Night, Jeopardy Game, or Scavenger Hunt. Hilary Carlson will be asked to run the Jeopardy Game with state teams.

The Regional Banquet will be held on Saturday evening of the Congress. People will be allowed to watch the awards ceremony following the Banquet.

State baskets will be raffled off at the end of the banquet.

An Old T-Shirt Contest will be held during the Congress.

Volunteers are being recruited for the Congress.

XIV. REGIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All financial statements from the regional competitions were reviewed. Each meet resulted in a profit.

XV. COMPETITION FEES

There have been some competition hosts that have been delinquent with their Regional competition fees. Michigan and Illinois have one team each that is delinquent and Ohio has five teams. Consequences for their delinquency was discussed. These teams will not be denied the opportunity to host a sanctioned meet but their scores will not count toward qualification.

XVI. HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee originally had six members. Following the resignation of one person there has been only five participating members for the past two years. After some discussion it was determined that the current number of members will remain.

The Regional Administrative Committee would like to have a larger pool of nominees from which to choose to submit to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Regional Webmaster will be contacted to develop a nomination form that can be submitted online.

The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call is set for this Friday with the Selection Committee to determine the inductees into the 2019 USA Gymnastics Region 5 Hall of Fame.

XVII. TRAINING CAMPS

Qualification into the High Tech Camp will remain the same.

High Performance Camp is open to Level 10 gymnasts scoring 35.00 or higher in the All Around at the 2019 Regional Championships.

Forward Momentum Camp has combined Forward Progress and Super Camp. Level 7-10 gymnasts qualify for this camp.

The Hot Shot Camp qualification remains the same.

The Rising Stars Camp is for Level 4 and 5 gymnasts aged 10 or under scoring 37.00 at their previous state meet. Gymnasts scoring 36.00 All-Around may be considered to fill the camp.

XVIII. ALL STAR TRIP

A trip to Guatemala was the original destination for the All Star Team trip but due to the increase of kidnapping for ransom, this site was changed. Puerto Rico was considered but due to the civil war in that country, it was also deleted. Greece or France are now being considered. If the team travels to Paris, they could take the train to Lyon and train in a gym there and return by train. Kittia Carpenter will look into a trip to France.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Campbell asked about individual room assignments for judges at Regional competitions. Regional meets are very long and they become very difficult if the judge does not get enough sleep due to the sleep habits of another judge, such as snoring. The National Committee is looking into this situation. It was suggested that the state NAWGJ's check the costs associated with the Level 9 and 10 Regionals and consider sharing the cost of the additional rooms. This topic will be discussed further.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm

Respectfully Submitted 7/30/19

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary