

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
March 1, 2021; 8:35 p.m. – 10:10 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35pm 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)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Beckey Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. DISCUSSION ON STATE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics has clarified that a gymnast that remained at the same level as last year may use last year's scores for qualifying into State Championships. (Women's Junior Olympic Committee minutes, April 27, 2020)

"Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 in states and regions, the JO Committee supports that State and Regional committees offer flexibility when making decisions relating to qualification for 2021 State Meets at all levels. This flexibility includes consideration for using 2020 qualification scores to qualify to 2021* State Meets, provided that the athlete is competing at the same level as 2020. Athletes moving to a new level, as well as athletes requesting to drop back a level, will continue to follow policies outlined in the Women's Program Rules and Policies. The Regional and/or National chair must approve any deviations to the existing Women's Program Rules and Policies proposed by State or Regional Administrative committees. *This would also pertain to state meets scheduled for the Fall of 2020, where applicable".*

IV. VIRTUAL STATE MEET DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Kittia Carpenter, on E-mail, to allow qualification to Regional Championships from virtual state meets. After some discussion, via E-Mail, it was decided that a Zoom meeting was necessary to finalize the procedures for qualifying into the Regional Championships from a virtual state meet.

Illinois is the only state in our region currently offering virtual state meets, although this could change.

There was concern raised about the quality and consistency of uploaded virtual meets verses live virtual meets.

Following additional discussion, the following motion was made.

All gymnasts that participate in a virtual state meet must receive a score 1.0 points higher than the Regional qualifying score to qualify to the Regional Championships. This applies to all levels and divisions.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Jason Button
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made that all Individual Event Specialists that participate in a virtual state meet must receive a score of 9.25 to qualify into the Regional Championships. This applies to all levels and divisions.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

After further discussion the Regional Administrative Committee (RAC) amended the Feb. 17, 2021 RAC minutes to state that petitions will not be accepted for virtual state meets. Gymnasts who are injured prior to or during a live or virtual state meet are still allowed to petition into the Level 8, 9 or 10 Regional Championships.

V. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST

After the Level 9/10 Regional Championship host pulled her bid, Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy looked into hosting the meet.

A motion was made, by E-mail on February 26, 2021, to accept the bid from Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy upon receiving the layout.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nancy Gibson

Following discussion and approval of the layout at this meeting the motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted 3/2/21

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary