

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 18, 2018; 10:03 a.m. – 5:59 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am 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)
Amy Repogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, 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. Three members of the Regional Administrative Committee will be retiring but it is expected that Becky Burden-Cuddeback will do an excellent job for Michigan as will Patrick Jordan for Ohio and Bob Neat for Indiana.

IV. REGIONAL MEET STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

	# registered	# competed	Petitions	Profit
Level 10	308	270	46	\$34,137.06
Level 9	410	373	34	
Level 8	640	609	35	\$64,034.47
Level 7	691	660	14	
Xcel	1912	1839		\$87,830.00

It is strongly recommended that all Regional Championships use an iPad system for scoring. All Meet Directors need to have an iPad system to bid on a Regional Championship. It is recommended that each judge have an iPad. This recommendation will be investigated further and additional discussion will occur at the September Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

It was requested that David Stiles, RACC, negotiate a rental price for the equipment supplied by Midwest. Spieth-America Equipment is willing to supply equipment for free to Regions 1, 5 and

8. The Committee was reminded that Midwest has supplied numerous gifts to our Regional Congress and AAI has continued to be supportive of USA Gymnastics.

It was recommended that a \$1,000.00 fine be charged for each rule that is not followed by the Regional Championship Meet Director. A check-off list should be included in the Regional Championship Procedure Manual.

A motion was made to create a check-list of responsibilities of the Regional Championships Meet Director. This list will be placed in the Regional Championship Procedure Manual with up to \$1,000.00 fine attached per infraction.

Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Amy Replogle
Passed: Unanimous

A discussion ensued about the formality of calling rotations and announcing the team score after each rotation at the Xcel Regional Championships. It was decided that for the Team Competition sessions that calling rotations/announcing Team scores will be the procedure. The Meet Director would determine the All-Star session procedure.

V. REGIONAL BIDS

Vendors hired by the Meet Directors of the Regional Championships have been unaware that they cannot sell items with the Region 5 logo on them. A contract with a vendor should be signed with a clear description of what can be sold. They must be made aware that the Region 5 vendor is the main vendor. The vendor company should be listed on the bid form and the number of experienced volunteers should also be listed on the bid form. This will be added to the new check-off list being created for the Regional Championships Procedures Manual.

The on-line store at Congress was not very successful. It was suggested that a person be hired to attend all three Regional Championships and Congress to sell the Region 5 apparel. Dave will check with Annie Heffernon if other vendors (other than GK Elite) can be sold at State and Regional Meets.

Raised seating should be the primary seating at Regional Championships. There should be no floor level seating/chairs. The Meet Directors need to bring in bleachers.

VI. REGIONAL FORMATS

It is recommended that the competitors for the team competition be in the same session.

VII. QUALIFYING SCORES

On-line entry into the Regional Championships will be mandated at the State Meets. The club administrator for each club must be available or a gym representative who must have the administrator password.

The age divisions for the Regional Championships will be determined by the ages of all around competitors and petitioned athletes. The age of the individual event specialists will not be included in the age division determination.

There was discussion about raising the qualifying score for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships to 34.50 or 35.00 but it was determined that raising the score would only eliminate one session. Competition on Thursday would still have to be held. If the qualifying score was raised the older age groups would be affected the most. As numbers grow, raising the qualifying score will be revisited. The qualifying score for 2019 will remain 34.00.

The Xcel Silver qualifying score was 36.00 in 2018. The Regional Administrative Committee discussed qualification to Regionals by percentage. If percentage is used the age groups would have to be determined prior to the state meets. Due to new vaults being implemented for Xcel Silver during the 2019 season and because the Xcel Regional Championships will be held in Kentucky the Xcel Silver Regional Qualifying score will remain 36.00. The 2018 Xcel Regional Championships had eight sessions of Silver and eight session of Gold.

VIII. PETITION PROCESS

Region 5 had 129 petitions in 2018. There were also a lot of scratches from petitions. At the joint WTC/JO Committee meeting an update of the petitioning process was passed. If an athlete begins her fourth event, is injured during the routine and unable to complete her fourth event, she may petition to Regionals if her score from her first three (3) events is equal to or greater than 75% of the required petition score. This does not apply if qualification is by percentage or designated number per age group. Please refer to the May 14, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committees.

Level 7 and Xcel gymnasts cannot petition to the Regional Championships.

IX. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

Beginning August 1, 2018 the vault warm-up time for Level 6 and 7 will be two (2) minutes per athlete.

For Level 9 and 10 gymnasts the warm-up time on bars, for all sanctioned competitions, will be 2.5 minutes per athlete, including bar settings.

All boards meeting USA Gymnastics specifications are allowed, however, it is required to provide a springboard with coil springs.

The Junior Olympic inquiry form will be updated to allow questions on optional composition deductions.

An alternate skill cushion made of softer foam (4 ft. x 6 ft. and eight (8) inches high) will be allowed for bar releases ONLY. This skill cushion is not allowed for dismounts or landings on any event.

The Xcel Regional Meet Director will have the choice of using a strip or the bump in for warm-ups on floor. For the bump in warm-up an adult monitor is required.

The Women's Junior Olympic Committee Meeting and the Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committee minutes are on line and should be reviewed for additional changes.

X. REGIONAL AWARDS

Ties will not be broken at any Regional Championships. If there is a tie for the gold medal, all gymnasts involved in the tie will receive a gold medal. It is suggested that enough awards be purchased to allow for ties. A tie for the last place award will also not be broken.

A motion was made to award the same percentage of awards at the Xcel Regional Championship as are awarded at the Level 7/8 and 9/10 Regional Championships. 33.33% of the gymnasts will receive placement awards at the Xcel Regional Championship.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous**

XI. JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS

For the Level 9/10 and Xcel Regional Championships three judges from the larger states and two judges from Kentucky and two additional judges from the host state will be assigned as this has been the procedure since 2015. This will also be the process for assigning judges to the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

During the 2018 Championship season 4-6 judges pulled off a Regional Championship for various reasons.

Motion: If a judge, after a verbal commitment, comes off a Regional Meet for circumstances other than illness or death in the family, they cannot be assigned a Regional Meet the following year. The approval of the extenuating circumstance will be determined by the Regional Administrative Committee.

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

It was suggested that the judges at the Xcel Regional Championships be paid the hourly rate rather than the championship daily rate. After additional discussion it was decided that the pay formula for Judges at the Xcel Regional Championships would follow the same formula as the Level 7-10 Regional Championships.

It is recommended that a ranked list of 14 Xcel judges from each state be submitted to the Regional Technical Chairman. A separate list of 14 Junior Olympic judges should also be submitted. These state rankings are due by September 10, 2018.

The Professional Involvement Form (PIF) and Regional Application used for the past three years will be combined to one form called the Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application. This form will be on the Region 5 website on July 15, 2018 and it must be completed by August 15, 2018 to be considered for State, Regional And National Championships.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by September 10, 2018.

The Judges Selection Committee will recommend six judges to be presented to the Regional Administrative Committee for selection to the JO Nationals and Level 9 Easterns.

The motion was made to accept the selection process for Level 9 Easterns and JO Nationals as was done the last two years with the modification that the subcommittee will be made up of the RTCC, RJD and RJOCC. The subcommittee will bring to the Regional Administrative Committee, at the fall meeting, 6 judges for JO's and 6 for Easterns. The Regional Administrative Committee will select 4 judges to represent Region 5 at the Level 10 Nationals and 4 judges to represent Region 5 at Level 9 Easterns. The two judges not selected for the JO Nationals will be placed in the pool for Level 9 Easterns. The four judges not selected for the JO National or Easterns will be alternates for both of these National Championships. The new revisions will be placed on the Region 5 Website.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

XII. REGIONAL CALENDAR

August 3-5, 2018	Super Camp/Forward Progress	Kalamazoo, MI
August 9-11, 2018	National Congress	Providence, RI
September 7-9, 2018	Hot Shot/Super Camp	Greenfield, IN
September 14-16, 2018	Regional Congress	Louisville, KY
September 28-30, 2018	High Performance/Hi-Tech	Ann Arbor, MI
November 2-4, 2018	Hot Shot/Forward Progress	Mason, OH
March 15-17, 2019	Level 9 and 10 State Meets	
March 22-24, 2019	Level 9 and 10 State Meets	
April 11-14, 2019	Level 9 and 10 Regionals	Michigan
April 26-28, 2019	Level 7 and 8 Regionals	Illinois
May 3-5, 2019	Xcel Regionals	Kentucky
May 10-12, 2019	Eastern Nationals	
May 17-18, 2019	JO Nationals	
(T) May 31 – June 2, 2019	TOPS/Hopes Training Camp and TOPS Testing	
(T) June 7-9, 2019	Hi-Tech Coaches Seminar	

(T) Tentative

XIII. REGIONAL CONGRESS BANQUET

To shorten and make the banquet more interesting it was suggested that the awards be mixed (Hall of Fame, then the All Star Team, then Hall of Fame, etc.). A video with a voice over of the career of the Hall of Fame inductees will be developed. The inductees will be given five minutes for their acceptance speech. The video will act as the presenter.

Each Regional Administrative Committee member will take part in the awards ceremony.

It was suggested that the Banquet be held from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on Friday night.

XIV. HALL OF FAME

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. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked

nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2018 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

XV. ALL STAR TRIP

The All Star Team will be taking a trip to Jamaica in October. Gymnast will room together. Parents of the All Star Team will be invited and are welcome to attend. Parents cannot be in the same hotel room with the gymnasts. There will be chaperones that are not the coaches of the gymnasts. It was suggested that Nina Dent be the delegation leader. She has been a big help for Kittia previously. On past trips she has been very diligent on keeping track of all the athletes.

XVI. CLARIFICATION

The US Center for Safe Sport is for all sexual abuse and physical abuse allegations. Bullying, emotional abuse and verbal abuse fall under the jurisdiction of USA Gymnastics.

XVII. FINANCIALS

It was suggested that the stipend for the Region 5 webmaster, Don Holton, and the Region 5 videographer, Jason McDonald, be raised to \$2,000.00 per year. It was also suggested that a contract be developed listing all the expectations of the videographer and webmaster.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm

Respectfully Submitted 6/24/18

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary