

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
August 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – August 8, 2024, 12:30 p.m.
Columbus, Ohio

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Tami Schaafsma.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC) (*Wed. via Zoom*)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Via Zoom:

Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)

Absent:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Vice Chairman (RACVC)

III. ALL STAR TRIP

The All Star Team will be traveling to Panama October 31, 2024 through November 6, 2024.

VI. HEAD TAXES

Possible consequences for not meeting the head tax obligation are future meets may not be placed on the state calendar and their meets may not be used as state qualifiers.

VII. REGIONAL MEETS

- A. State teams will be recognized during the march-in followed by individuals from that state at the Xcel and Level 6 through Level 8 Regional Championships.
- B. State team members for the winning state will be announced during awards.
- C. Volunteers will be needed to work the Regional Meets. Judges will be given the opportunity to volunteer to work the meet before a gym club is solicited. Sue Kane will assign the volunteer jobs to the judges. Gym clubs or booster clubs will be solicited to work jobs that are not covered by judges. Gym clubs or booster clubs will be paid per day based on the number of workers provided.
- D. Volunteers will not handle money at Regional Meets.
- E. Electronic payment will be used for admission fees at the Regional Meets.
- F. Norbert will make sure all equipment is accurate for each Regional Meet.

- G. Kristy Fries will do all state teams.
- H. Nancy Gibson will order the awards for the Xcel Regional Meet.
- I. Kittia Carpenter will order all the awards for all DEV Regional Meets.
- J. State team members will receive a plaque.

The Level 9/10 Regional All Around awards for 1st – 7th place will be the larger regional medal. 8th place and beyond will receive the smaller medal. The individual event awards will be the larger medal for 1st – 3rd and the smaller medal for 4th and beyond. For the Level 6-8 and Xcel Regional meets the top three placements for the individual events and All Around will be the larger regional medal. The remaining places will receive the smaller medal.

**Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Michelle Kocan
Passed: Unanimous**

As a committee we will utilize the judging community to volunteer to help run the Regional Meets to facilitate their volunteer requirements and once that availability is determined we will bid out the remaining opportunities for clubs and will compensate the awarded organizations an amount to be determined at a later date.

**Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Sue Kane
Passed: Unanimous**

- K. The Meet Director will be from the Regional Administrative Committee.
- L. Tami will apply for the sanction.
- M. Tami and Kittia will set up all of the sessions for the Level 6 through Level 10 Regional Meets. Tami, Kittia and Nancy will set up the sessions for the Xcel Regional Meet.

VIII. REGIONAL APPAREL

- A. The region has a lot of old regional apparel that needs to be sold, given away or disposed of. It was suggested that some of it could be taken on the All-Star trip to give to local gymnasts in Panama. It was also suggested that the items could be sold at the Xcel Regional Meet in order to recoup some of the expense.
- B. Each state can decide if they want to sell the regional leotards or give them away.
- C. Each state can have a design contest to develop a leotard for the committee to approve. The winner of the contest will need to be determined by October.

IX. JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS

The Judges Selection process was clarified to allow judges to be involved in the discussion but not in the voting. The current process is:

1. Collect Professional Involvement Forms.
2. Collect state recommendations.
3. The sub-committee of Kittia Carpenter, Sue Kane and Debbie Campbell will pick 12 people for nationals based on the state recommendations.
4. The Regional Administrative Committee votes on the judges to be recommended for Nationals.

The state recommendations are not required but are used as tools from the states as to who they recommend. It was suggested that the Meet Referees could evaluate the judges following meets throughout the year. The evaluations would be returned to Tami Schaafsma. Assigners input could be used in the selection process.

Each state will submit one list of 25 recommended judges for the Level 9/10 regional meet. If a judge was assigned to a National meet last year they will not be considered for the same meet this season. A maximum of five judges will be recommended for the L9/10 Regional Meet. These judges must be:

- 1 A Level 10 judge for the Level 9/10 regional meet
- 2 Must judge the Level 9/10 regionals in order to be eligible for Level 9/10 Nationals
- 3 Must judge Level 9 Easterns before being assigned to Level 10 Nationals
- 4 Must judge Level 8 regionals before judging Level 9/10 Regionals
- 5 Eastern judges from the previous year will be considered first for Level 10 Nationals.

A motion was made to have each state committee submit one list of 25 recommended judges from their state for Regionals.

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

A motion was made that there will be two judges from Kentucky and Indiana, three judges from Michigan and four judges from Illinois and Ohio and one flex judge assigned to the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. The Regional Technical Committee Chairman will act as a Meet Referee. The second Meet Referee will be the Regional Judging Director unless a spot is needed for a judge to fulfill the commitment of judging a Regional Meet in order to judge Nationals.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Sue Kane
Passed: Yea – 5 Nay – 3

A motion was made to evaluate the selection process on an annual basis specifically the number of judges per state.

Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

The number of judges at the Level 6/7/8 Regional Meet will remain the same.

It is recommended that the Xcel judges that are assigned to judge the Xcel Regional Meet take the on-line Xcel test.

A motion was made to have two judges from Kentucky and three judges from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio assigned to the Xcel Regional Meet. There will also be two judges, ideally, from the host state. However, the decision will be left to the Regional Administrative Committee. The Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Xcel

Chairman will be the meet referees unless they are unavailable. In this case the Regional Administrative Committee will determine the meet referees.

**Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous**

If a judge removes themselves from a Regional Meet three weeks or more in advanced of the competition the Regional Administrative Committee will attempt to select a judge from the same state as the judge who came off the meet. If the judge removes themselves from the meet within three weeks of the competition the judge will be replaced from the host state.

**Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Michelle Kocan
Passed: Unanimous**

There will continue to be a one-week time frame for judges to accept regional contracts.

The Professional Involvement Form was updated with a few changes to the questions and the addition of the state calendars. The updated form was placed on the Region 5 website with a closing date of August 30, 2024 at 11:59 Central Standard Time.

X. MEETING

The next Regional Administrative Committee meeting will be held September 11, 2024 at 9:00PM on Zoom.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

*Respectfully Submitted 8/16/24
Augusta A. Lipsey
Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary*