



WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Des Moines, IA
May 18, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) at 1:00pm.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Shane McIntyre
Region 2	Laurie Reid
Region 3	Mark Folger
Region 4	Bryon Hough
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter
Region 6	Larry Goldsmith
Region 7	Linda Johnson
Region 8	Brad Harris
Women's JO Program Director	Annie Heffernon

- Nominations for JO National Program of the Year
 - Region 1 – Gymcats Gymnastics, Henderson, NV.
 - Region 2 – Metropolitan Gymnastics, Kent, WA.
 - Region 3 – Texas Dreams Gymnastics, Coppell, TX.
 - Region 4 – Twin City Twisters, Champlin, MN.
 - Region 5 – Twistars USA, Dimondale, MI.
 - Region 6 – ACE Gymnastics, Ipswich, MA
 - Region 7 – North Stars Gymnastics Academy, Boonton, NJ.
 - Region 8 – Georgia Elite Gymnastics, Watkinsville, GA.

Congratulations to the JO National Program of the Year: North Stars Gymnastics Academy.

- JO Calendar – dates approved through 2020 as follows:

Meet	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Last Date for L 9/10 State Championships	March 18-20	March 17-19	March 16-18	March 15-17	March 27-29
Last Date for L 9/10 Regionals	April 8-10	April 7-9	April 13-15	April 12-14	April 17-19
East/West Championships	April 28 - May 1	April 27-30	May 3-6	May 2-5	April 30 - May 3
JO Nationals	May 6-8	May 5-7	May 11-13	May 10-12	May 8-10

- The Committee agrees that new floor compulsory floor music will NOT be considered for 2017.
- Recommendation to **amend** page 74 III.B. of the *R&P*, to read: Athletes whose competitive experience has been in any system (including USA Gymnastics Xcel Program) must enter the Junior Olympic Program at Level 4.

Motion: Linda Johnson
 Second: Bryon Hough
 Passed



5. Recommendation to add the following to page 89 B.1.d. of the *R&P*: For the safety of the athlete, the Meet Director must securely fasten the vault runway to the floor with tape or velcro.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Laurie Reid

Passed

6. Clarification: Meet Directors may not refuse entries from competitors who wish to enter a competition that serves as a Sectional Meet or any competition that serves as a qualifier to State Championships and above.

7. Recommendation to delete the first sentence on page 105 N.2.e of the *R&P*. Remove "Awards for separate age divisions and/or levels are not required."

Motion: Shane McIntyre

Second: Larry Goldsmith

Passed

8. Recommendation to amend page 106 of the *R&P*: Remove I.A. Change I.B to read "I.A. Levels 1,2,3,4" Change the subsequent letters to I.B through I.G.

Motion: Linda Johnson

Second: Brad Harris

Passed

9. Recommendation to award the top 8 places at Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships for individual events and the All-Around.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Bryon Hough

Passed

10. Region 1 submitted a proposal regarding "Super Bonus" for Level 10 Uneven Bars. No action was taken at this time.

11. Clarification to page 88 H.4.d. and H.4.e. in the *R&P*:

d. At Levels 1-5, the mount mat (not a board) may be placed on an 8" skill cushion for the purpose of mounting.

e. At levels 6-10, the board (or mount mat) MAY NOT be placed on an 8" skill cushion for the purpose of mounting.

12. Recommendation to amend the following on page 23 of the *R&P*:

II. Eligibility and JO Participation Requirements for Foreign Athletes Residing in the USA

A. Foreign athletes (US Citizens residing in a foreign country or non-US Citizens): Foreign athletes who have competitive experience outside the US and now reside in the US are eligible to petition by submitting a formal written request to the Regional Jr. Olympic Committee Chairman for entry into the Jr. Olympic Program at Level 8 or above or the State Administrative Committee Chairman for Level 7 or below. The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates the skill level for which she is submitting the petition and proof of residency outside the US.

1. Non-U.S. citizen athletes who are living in the United States and training in a U.S. gymnastics club are eligible to compete and receive awards for all USA Gymnastics Jr. Olympic sanctioned events, including State, Regional, East/West, and J.O. National Championships.
 - a. If a non-citizen athlete places in the top four (4) All-Around at Jr. Olympic Nationals, she will



receive the award for her AA placement; however, she is not eligible to become a member of the Jr. Olympic National Team. In this instance, the next US citizen in rank order will be placed on the Jr. Olympic National Team.

2. Foreign athletes (those that reside and/or train in another country) are eligible for individual as well as Team awards at any Invitational competition that has secured a foreign sanction from USA Gymnastics.
- B. Foreign Elite athletes who have represented a foreign country and Foreign Elite National Team Members (current or former): A non-US Citizen, Elite gymnast, residing in the US who wants to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program who is currently named to, has previously competed for, or has represented a foreign national team, must petition to enter to the Jr. Olympic program by sending a formal written request to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chair. In addition to the formal request, the athlete must also obtain documentation from the country's federation in which she has competed, granting the athlete permission to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program for the US Club. This documentation must be sent to the Senior Vice President of Women's Program at USA Gymnastics.
1. The two-step process must be complete before the athlete's scores achieved in the Jr. Olympic Program are valid for any qualifying purposes.
 2. Once proper documentation has been received by USA Gymnastics, the athlete may compete in the Jr. Olympic Program and represent her club up to, and including Regional Championships for the current competitive season.
 3. For the athlete to remain eligible to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program, this process must be completed annually.
 4. If the athlete has retained a green card (demonstrating intent to become a US Citizen), and wishes to participate in the Jr. Olympic Program, she must petition to enter the Jr. Olympic Program by sending a formal written request to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chair. In addition to the formal request, the athlete must also obtain documentation from the foreign country's federation in which she has competed, releasing the athlete from the Foreign National Team to compete in the Jr. Olympic Program for the US Club. This documentation must be sent to the Senior Vice President of Women's Program at USA Gymnastics.
 - a. The two-step process must be complete before the athlete's scores achieved in the Jr. Olympic Program are valid for any qualifying purposes.
 - b. Once proper documentation has been received by USA Gymnastics, the athlete may compete in the Jr. Olympic Program and represent her club up to, and including East/West Championships and Jr. Olympic National Championships.
 - c. If the athlete has a green card but is not yet a US Citizen, and places in the top four (4) All-Around at Jr. Olympic Nationals, she will receive the award for her AA placement; however, she is not eligible to become a member of the Jr. Olympic National Team. In this instance, the next US citizen in rank order will be placed on the Jr. Olympic National Team.
13. ~~Recommendation to allow Level 4 athletes who achieve a 35.00 All-Around in a USA Gymnastics-sanctioned competition to advance directly to Level 6.~~
Motion: Laurie Reid
Second: Larry Goldsmith
In Favor: 2 Opposed: 6
Defeated



14. Clarification for timed warm-ups for mixed levels in a squad - Page 99 of the R&P, II.A.2.a.4):

If a squad has more than one level competing, the timed warm-up will be determined by the combined total number of minutes allowed for each level (see chart below).

Example 1:

Squad	# gymnasts	Level	Warm-up Time
A	10	All Level 6/7	15 min (10 x 1.5)
B	10	All Level 6/7	15 min (10 x 1.5)
C	10	All Level 6/7	15 min (10 x 1.5)
D	10	8 at Level 6/7; 2 at Level 8	16 min (8 x 1.5 plus 2 x 2 min)

Example 2:

Squad	# gymnasts	Level	Warm-up Time
A	8	All Level 6	12 min (8 x 1.5)
B	8	All Level 7	12 min (8 x 1.5)
C	10	All Level 6	15 min (10 x 1.5)
D	8	6 Level 7, 2 Level 8	13 min (6 x 1.5 plus 2 x 20)

In Example 2, all squads would have 15 minutes (time of the largest squad) for vault and floor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.