



NATIONAL XCEL COMMITTEE MEETING
Des Moines, IA.
May 20, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Claudia Kretschmer (NXCC) at 8:00am.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Jill Preston	Via Skype
Region 2	Dianne Palmer	
Region 3	Louise Janecky	
Region 4	Paige Roth	
Region 5	Nancy Gibson	
Region 6	David Auger	
Region 7	Jane Caruso	
Region 8	Elaine Wulf	
NXCC	Claudia Kretschmer	
JO Program Director	Annie Heffernon	
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney	
Technical Advisor	Marian Dykes	

Claudia Kretschmer welcomed the committee members, congratulated everyone on a very successful season for the National Xcel Program, and thanked all the committee members for their hard work to make the program successful. She stressed the importance of maintaining the original philosophy of the program for the benefit of the athletes.

I. REGIONAL REPORTS

- Region 1 – Jill Preston reported approximately 3000 Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics with over 1300 participating in the Regional competition. Regional concerns include mobility and judging requirements.
- Region 2 – Dianne Palmer reported approximately 1200 Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include continuing education for coaches and judges.
- Region 3 – Louise Janecky reported an increase from last year in Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include meet format and the execution of Xcel competitions. Region 3 will have an Xcel Regional Invitational May 23, 2015.
- Region 4 – Paige Roth reported continued growth in Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include JO athletes competing Xcel, creating some discontent amongst participants.
- Region 5 – Nancy Gibson reported approximately 3400 Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include the necessity for Xcel rules and policies to remain consistent and the execution of Xcel competitions.
- Region 6 – David Auger reported approximately 5100 Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include difficulty restrictions.
- Region 7 – Jane Caruso reported some growth in Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Regional concerns include participation in the region. Members are waiting to see how it goes before they are willing to participate.
- Region 8 – Elaine Wulf reported continued growth in Xcel athletes registered with USA Gymnastics. Approximately 1600 athletes participated in the Region 8 Championships. Regional concerns include the necessity for Xcel rules and policies to remain consistent.

II. MOBILITY

- A. Recommendation to delete D.2. on page 46 of the *R&P*. **DELETE** "If a gymnast does not qualify to Xcel State Championships, dropping back through the divisions is at the discretion of the coach."
Motion: Nancy Gibson
Second: Elaine Wulf
Passed



III. GENERAL

- A. Recommendation, in conjunction with the Technical Committee, that to be eligible to judge Platinum and Diamond Divisions, a minimum Level 7/8 rating is required. The assigner can request permission from the Regional Technical Committee Chairperson to assign a lower rated judge if necessary.
Motion: Louise Janecky
Second: Jill Preston
Passed
- B. Recommendation to delete the first sentence of M.2.e. on page 68 of the R&P. **DELETE** "Awards for separate age divisions and/or competitive divisions are not required."
Motion: Paige Roth
Second: David Auger
Passed
- C. ~~Recommendation to the Technical Committee that Open Scoring be allowed at all Xcel Meets.~~
Motion: Jane Caruso
Second: Louise Janecky
In Favor: 3
Opposed: 5
Defeated
- D. Recommendation to the Technical Committee that the State Administrative Committee be allowed to determine if Open Scoring is allowed at State Championships.
Motion: Paige Roth
Second: Jane Caruso
In Favor: 9
Opposed: 7
Passed
- E. Recommendation to the Technical Committee that the Regional Administrative Committee be allowed to determine if Open Scoring is allowed at Regional Championships.
Motion: Paige Roth
Second: Jane Caruso
In Favor: 14
Opposed: 2
Passed
- F. Recommendation to allow the Regional Administrative Committee to determine the eligibility of the gymnasts to enter into State and Regional Championships.
Motion: Diane Palmer
Second: Louise Janecky
Passed
- G. ~~Recommendation for the Diamond Division that the value part credit requirements be 5 A's, 1B, and 1 C.~~
Motion: David Auger
Second: Louise Janecky
In Favor: 2
Opposed: 6
Defeated
- H. Add/change the following to page 67 G.5. of the R&P regarding video review:
a. 5. No video review is allowed at any Xcel competition during the processing of an inquiry unless the following criteria are met:
i. At state meets and above, a coach can request video review by the Meet Referee and the highest rated unaffiliated judge (if video is available) in the event that the inquiry



involves possibility that the judges missed an element that would affect the Start Value. The video review process may NOT be used to appeal a judgment of degree assessment, i.e degree of casts, handstands, incomplete turns, direct connection of elements, or leg separation in leaps as well as other like skills.

1. If the Meet Referee or highest rated judge is affiliated with the athlete in question, the video review will be conducted by the two highest rated unaffiliated judges, or the highest rated unaffiliated judge and a USA Gymnastics officer.
2. The Meet Referee must inform the judging panel that a video review will be initiated as well as the final decision.

IV. VAULT

- A. ~~Recommendation, in conjunction with the Technical Committee, for the Gold, Platinum and Diamond divisions of the Xcel Program, to apply the up to 1.00 deduction for angle of repulsion to all non-salto vaults that go over the table and are intended to land on the feet.~~

Motion: Carole Bunge
Second: Linda Thorberg
In Favor: 10
Opposed: 6
Defeated

V. UNEVEN BARS

- A. Recommendation, in conjunction with the Technical Committee, that in the Gold Division, for a cast to receive "A" value part credit, the cast must be performed to a minimum of 45 degrees below horizontal.

Motion: Paige Roth
Second: David Auger
In Favor: 12
Opposed: 2
Abstain: 1
Passed

- B. Recommendation to add to the Bronze AND Silver Division skill charts a cast squat-on jump-off forward as an "A" value part dismount.

Motion: Louise Janecky
Second: Jane Caruso
Passed

VI. BALANCE BEAM

- A. **Acro skill landing (exit) clarification** - The following landings (exits) of an acro skill are all considered the SAME skill:

- step out on first foot to a stand
- step out on the first foot to a lunge
- step out on the first foot to kneel on the second (back) leg

The following landing of the acro skill is considered a DIFFERENT skill:

- land directly in a kneel on the first leg
- Example: Stepping down on the first leg to kneel on the second leg is considered the same as a Back Walkover that steps down on one foot after the other to a stand or lunge.

VII. FLOOR EXERCISE

- A. Clarification: For Bronze and Silver Divisions – the dance passage special requirement must be fulfilled using elements described/listed on the appropriate division's "A" skill chart or Group 1 elements listed in the Xcel Code of Points.

Motion to adjourn: David Auger
Second: Nancy Gibson, Adjourned 3:25pm