



NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 17, 2022
 Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting was called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Cheryl Hamilton at 4:35 pm on May 16.

Roll Call:

Gigi Iavarone	Region 1
Jeanine Henneford	Region 2
Marilyn Blilie (via Zoom)	Region 3
Linda Thorberg	Region 4
Sue Kane	Region 5
Pat Panichas	Region 6
Jane Caruso	Region 7
Evelyn Chandler	Region 8
Connie Maloney	Women’s DP Technical Director
Nichole Otterson	Women’s DP Technical Coordinator
Cookie Batsche	Guest – NAWGJ President

REPORTS

1. National Technical Committee Chair - Cheryl Hamilton thanked the Technical Committee for their efforts in working on the new *Development Program Code of Points (Dev COP)*, their development of the National/Brevet course, and the upcoming Level 8-10 exam materials.
2. Women’s Development Program Technical Director - Connie Maloney reported that the National/Brevet Written exams are set to go live in coming weeks. Levels 8-10 Written exams have been completed and are being proofed for their August release date.
3. NAWGJ – Cookie Batsche described the results of a survey regarding the status of judges in the United States. Although 200 new judges completed Level 4/5 testing last year, over 30 states are experiencing a shortage of judges at the optional levels. She described the activities NAWGJ will undertake to recruit and retain new judges including clinics, targeted recruitment, and mentoring. In addition, she discussed feedback from judges regarding compensation and hotel accommodations at meets.

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

1. Clarification regarding judges’ affiliation in the *Women’s Program Rules & Policies (R&P)* and *Development Program Code of Points (Dev COP)*: A judge who critiques or coaches more than once a month on a regular basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that gymnastics club. Judges must make assigners aware of their affiliation.
2. Clarification regarding when a meet is considered complete. Update R&P, page 45.B.1.a. to reflect the addition of “End of the day is determined when all scores are final, and all score inquiries are settled.”
3. Clarification regarding judges’ use of electronic devices to record their scoring worksheets. Update R&P, page 24, D. 5 to reflect: “Judges must turn off messages, email notifications, etc. by switching their device to airplane mode.”
4. Recommendation to allow ankle length tights to be worn under OR over the leotard in competition.
 Motion: Evelyn Chandler
 Second: Jeanine Henneford
 PASSED

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, but no action was taken:

1. National / Brevet practical exam expectations.
2. Judges approaching Meet Directors to solicit meets.
3. Sports bra deduction to remain as stated.

Recommendation to adjourn at 9:00 pm.



NATIONAL TECHNICAL / DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2022

Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting called to order by National Technical Committee Chair Cheryl Hamilton and National Development Program Committee Chair Tom Koll at 8:00 am on Monday, May 16.

Roll Call:

Region	Development (Dev) Committee	Technical (Tech) Committee	Guests
National Chair	Tom Koll NDPCC	Cheryl Hamilton NTCC	Jennifer Krause NACC
Region 1	Shane McIntyre RDPCC	Gigi Iavarone RTCC	Claudia Kretschmer NXCC
Region 2	Tiffany Quincy RDPCC	Jeanine Henneford RTCC	Annie Heffernon VP, WAG
Region 3	Rich Villarreal RDPCC	Marilyn Blilie (via Zoom) RTCC	Connie Maloney Dev Tech Director
Region 4	Paige Roth RDPCC	Linda Thorberg RTCC	Nichole Otterson Dev Tech Coordinator
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter RDPCC	Sue Kane RTCC	Christy Naik Dev Program Director
Region 6	Jamie Winkler RDPCC	Pat Panichas RTCC	Heather Ould Xcel Program Manager
Region 7	Linda Johnson RDPCC	Jane Caruso RTCC	Cookie Batsche NAWGJ
Region 8	Brad Harris RDPCC	Evelyn Chandler RTCC	Jessica Santos NCAA

REPORTS

Cookie Batsche – NAWGJ, Jess Santos – NCAA, Claudia Kretschmer – NXCC, Jennifer Krause – NACC, Annie Heffernon – VP report, Christy Naik – Dev report, Connie Maloney – Tech report

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

- ALL EVENTS (Compulsory & Optional)** - Clarification on fall timing: Fall time (45 seconds) begins when the gymnast is on her feet: **IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.**
- VAULT** (Levels 8 – 10 only) - Recommendation for all sanctioned competitions that the coach may display **or verbally announce** the number of the intended vault to be performed.
Motion: Evelyn Chandler (R8 Tech)
Second: Tiffany Quincy (R2 Dev)
PASSED
- VAULT** - Recommendation to revise the Level 6 deduction “Failure to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first” ~~VOID~~ to a **1.00 deduction**. Deduction applies to Tsukahara and Round-off entry Vaults only.
Motion: Brad Harris (R8 Dev)
Second: Paige Roth (R4 Dev)
PASSED

4. VAULT (Levels 8 – 10 ONLY) – Recommendation to allow immediate video review (if available and decisive) when the first vault is awarded a zero (0) for failure to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first. Review must be completed prior to attempting 2nd vault.
Motion: Kittia Carpenter (R5 Dev)
Second: Gigi Iavarone (R1 Tech)
PASSED
5. **VAULT, BARS, BEAM** - Recommendation to allow chalk markings to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. Any markings must immediately be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event.
Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)
Second: Rich Villarreal (R3 Dev)
PASSED
6. **BARS** - Recommendation to revise a Level 3 dismount as a squat **OR** pike on, jump off.
Motion: Linda Johnson (R7 Dev)
Second: Sue Kane (R5 Tech)
PASSED
7. ~~**BARS** - Recommendation to require entire judging panel (minimum 4 judges) to take deduction for spot if coach is blocking view while spotting, but at least half of the panel saw the spot.~~
~~Motion: Marilyn Blilie (R3 Tech)~~
~~Second: Rich Villarreal (R3 Dev)~~
~~In favor: 7~~
~~Opposed: 8~~
~~Abstention: 1~~
DEFEATED
8. **BARS, BEAM** - Recommendation to revise procedure for athlete falling due to equipment failure: If an athlete falls due to equipment failure, **judging will resume at the point of interruption or the series / combination when equipment failure occurred.**
Motion: Pat Panichas (R6 Tech)
Second: Brad Harris (R8 Dev)
PASSED
9. **BARS, BEAM, FLOOR** –
- A. Recommendation to revise Level 8 & 9 VP credit to allow a RESTRICTED element to be repeated if the element receives 0 VP credit the first time.
1. If the same element is performed a second time and meets the requirement to receive a VP:
 - There is No deduction for performing a 2nd restricted element since the first time it was not recognized as a VP.
 - Example: Level 9 gymnast attempts a Pak salto and does NOT touch the bar = No value part awarded.
 - Gymnast remounts and performs the Pak salto and catches the bar and continues routine = Value part awarded.
- Motion: Rich Villarreal (R3 Dev)
Second: Jamie Winkler (R6 Dev)
PASSED
- B. Level 9 Uneven Bars
MAXIMUM OF +0.10 AWARDED for “D/E” Bonus
- The 1st Restricted or Allowable “D/E” element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 “D/E” Bonus **ONE TIME ONLY.**
 1. 1st Restricted or Allowable “D/E” element results in **0 VP**: No Bonus is awarded.
 - An additional restricted or allowable “D/E” element receiving VP credit **MAY** be considered for +0.10 DV.
 - Example: Level 9 gymnast attempts a Pak salto and does NOT touch the bar = No value part awarded.
 - Gymnast remounts and performs the Pak salto and catches the bar and continues routine = Value part awarded, and **MAY** be considered for +0.10 DV.

2. 1st Restricted or Allowable “D/E” element **receives VP credit** but is performed **with a fall**: NO Bonus is awarded.
 - a) Additional Restricted “D/E” elements receiving VP credit: Deduct 0.50 each time for additional Restricted elements from the SV. Do NOT award VP or SR.
 - b) Additional Allowable “D/E” elements receiving VP credit, MAY be considered for +0.10 DV.
 3. 1st Restricted and any allowable “D/E” elements count as “C” in Connection Value Principles.
- C. Level 9 Balance Beam and Floor Exercise
MAXIMUM OF +0.10 AWARDED for “D/E” Bonus
- The 1st Restricted “D/E” (Acro) element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 “D/E” Bonus **ONE TIME ONLY**.
 1. 1st Restricted “D/E” element results in **0 VP**: No Bonus is awarded.
 - An additional Restricted “D/E” element receiving VP credit MAY be considered for +0.10 DV.
 2. 1st Restricted “D/E” element **receives VP credit** but is performed **with a fall**: NO Bonus is awarded.
 - Additional Restricted “D/E” elements receiving VP credit: Deduct 0.50 each time for additional Restricted elements from the SV. Do NOT award VP or SR
 3. 1st Restricted “D/E” element counts as “C” in Connection Value Principles.
- D. Clarification for a Level 10 REPEATED “D” or “E” ELEMENT:
 Level 10 DV Bonus credit allowance when an element is repeated:
1. D/E Bonus can be awarded **one time ONLY**.
 - a. The first time a “D/E” element receives VP credit; however, if performed with a fall No Bonus is awarded.
 - Example: A gymnast performs a Tkatchev, touches the bar and falls: Award VP, NO bonus.
 - b. The second time the same “D/E” element is performed and meets the requirement to receive a VP (performed without a spot or fall), Bonus is awarded.
 - Example: Gymnast remounts the bar and performs the Tkatchev again and catches the bar connecting to an overshoot to clear support = Award VP, DV, and CV.

10. **BEAM, FLOOR** - Recommendation to add to the description of element #2.19 (Cat leap):

Scissors leap forward or backward with bent legs - **parallel or turned out** (Cat leap) or extended legs (Hitch-kick)
 Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1 Dev)
 Second: Jeanine Henneford (R2 Tech)
 PASSED

11. **FLOOR** - Recommendation to require video review, if video is available, when submitting an inquiry for

Floor Exercise overtime deductions.
 Motion: Gigi Iavarone (R1 Tech)
 Second: Evelyn Chandler (R8 Tech)
 PASSED

NEW ELEMENTS

BALANCE BEAM: Mount #1.301: Free Split jump with change of legs (minimum of 30° leg separation) prior to split position – landing on one or two feet, approach at end of beam (Whipple)
 Motion: Jeanine Henneford (R2 Tech)
 Second: Tiffany Quincy (R2 Dev)

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, no action was taken:

1. Coach performing compulsory routine next to athlete during competition.
2. No formal time deduction in between each floor routine in a modified capital cup format at competitions.
3. Give back up to 0.10 rule – IES competitors not eligible, rule not applicable at Regionals for AA
4. Bars angle deduction clarification.
5. Video review for when a performed skill has a different value from what was awarded by judge.
6. Composition deductions to be flashed, similar to collegiate.
7. Level 2 Balance Beam mount.

Recommendation to adjourn at 4:20 pm.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2022

Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting was called to order by National Development Program Committee Chair Tom Koll at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Shane McIntyre	Region 1
Tiffany Quincy	Region 2
Rich Villarreal	Region 3
Paige Roth	Region 4
Kittia Carpenter	Region 5
Jamie Winkler	Region 6
Linda Johnson	Region 7
Brad Harris	Region 8
Annie Heffernon	VP, Women’s Program
Christy Naik	Women’s Development Program Director
Claudia Kretschmer	National Xcel Committee Chair

1. Regional nominations for the Dev National Program of the year:

- Region 1 – Black Diamond Gymnastics – UT
- Region 2 – Ascend Gymnastics - WA
- Region 3 – World Champions Centre - TX
- Region 4 – Flips Gymnastics - MN
- Region 5 – Buckeye Gymnastics - OH
- Region 6 – Rochester Gymnastics Academy - NY
- Region 7 – Hill’s Gymnastics - MD
- Region 8 – Georgia Elite Gymnastics - GA

Congratulations to the 2022 Dev National Program of the Year – Ascend Gymnastics (R2)

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

1. All apparatus requirements for both the Xcel and Development Programs will be joined together in a new Women’s Program Rules & Policies (R&P) chapter for the 2022-2023 season and beyond. Unless a specific deduction applies, apparatus requirements have been removed from the Dev Code of Points and will be reflected in this new chapter.
2. Recommendation to **revise** the Women’s Program Rules & Policies (R&P) regarding hand placement mats / clubs bringing their own equipment:
 - ADD to new R&P chapter: The hand placement mat must be manufactured by a gymnastics equipment manufacturer **and must be a minimum of 39.4 x 51.2 in length and** cannot exceed 5 cm (2 inches) in height.
 - REMOVE FROM: Page 57.II.D.3.b. & page 96.II.B.2.c.: ~~If the Meet Director cannot supply the above-mentioned Round-off hand placement mats, they may allow clubs to bring their own, provided the mat meets the criteria as stated above~~
 - REPLACE WITH: Clubs may not bring their own competitive equipment to be used by athletes during a competition
 - REPLACE on page 96.II.B.2.a.: All Meet Directors of Level **8** 6 and above competitions...

Motion: Linda Johnson (R7)

Second: Paige Roth (R4)

PASSED

3. Recommendation to **revise** the R&P regarding spotting enhancements:

Add to new Chapter 11: When a raised surface is needed to spot release moves, it is recommended that a spotting block(s) or folded mat(s) be used; however, there is no penalty for standing on the board, provided that the board (or spotting device(s)) is removed immediately after the release move is performed.

Motion: Shane McIntyre (R1)

Second: Tiffany Quincy (R2)

PASSED

4. Recommendation to add to the R&P regarding alternates on the floor at Level 9 Easterns and Westerns and Level 10 National Championships:

Page 109.III.C.: Only competing gymnasts and their coach(es) are allowed onto the competition area, and ONLY during the session in which they are competing.

- add 3. EXCEPTION: At Level 9 Easterns and Westerns, and Level 10 Nationals, alternates are allowed to be on the field-of-play and join their respective regional team for formal march-in.

Motion: Jamie Winkler (R6)

Second: Linda Johnson (R7)

PASSED

5. Recommendation to **add** to new apparatus specifications chapter in the R&P regarding the Beam matting: **If available (not required):** maximum of 9 inches using Sting mats, 4-inch throw and / or 8-inch skill cushions may be placed on top of allowable CLM's in **ALL matted** areas (under the Beam and / or dismount area.)

Motion: Kittia Carpenter (R5)

Second: Linda Johnson (R7)

Passed

6. Clarification on page 99 of the R&P regarding the use of mats on floor: Two mats in opposite corners of the same diagonal are allowed.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, no action was taken:

1. Petitioning into Dev Level 7 and below from another organization.
2. The use of the pit pillow for Level 6/7 Vault.
3. Side matting alongside the Mat Stack for Level 6/7 Vault.
4. Different Vault landing positions between Level 6 and Level 7.
5. Level 9 and Level 10 All-Star teams point count for Super Team.

Recommendation to adjourn at 9:01 pm.



NATIONAL XCEL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting was called to order by National Xcel Committee Chair at 8:30 am.

Roll Call:

Jill Preston	Region 1
Dianne Palmer	Region 2
Louise Janecky	Region 3
Megan Bankole	Region 4
Nancy Gibson	Region 5
Gail Caspare	Region 6
Jen Skorski (via Zoom)	Region 7
Pam Kitchen	Region 8
Claudia Kretschmer	National Xcel Committee Chair
Heather Ould	Women's Xcel Program Manager
Christy Naik	Women's Development Program Director

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

1. All apparatus requirements for both the Xcel and Development Programs will be joined together in a new Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P) chapter for the 2022-2023 season and beyond.

2. Recommendation to adopt the following joint Development Program/Technical Committee changes for the Xcel Program:
 - Video Review is allowed in the following instances:
 - Floor: Recommendation to require video review, if video is available, when submitting an inquiry for Floor Exercise overtime deductions.
 - Vault: Recommendation to allow immediate video review (if available and decisive) when the first vault is awarded a zero (0) for failure to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first. Review must be completed prior to attempting 2nd vault.
 - New Element: Beam - 1.301 – Whipple – C
 - Vault - Recommendation for **all sanctioned competitions** that the coach may display or verbally announce the number of the intended vault to be performed.
 - Fall Time: Clarification on fall timing: Fall time begins when the gymnast is on her feet: IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.
 - Equipment Failure: If an athlete falls due to equipment failure, judging will resume at the point of interruption or the series / combination when equipment failure occurred.

Motion: Gail Caspare (R6)
 Second: Nancy Gibson (R5)
 PASSED

3. Recommendation to revise the Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P) regarding spotting enhancements to coincide with the WDPC modifications.

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4)
 Second: Jill Preston (R1)

PASSED

4. Recommendation to add the Women's Rules & Policies (R&P) regarding supplemental matting for balance beam and update the Code of Points (as applicable to clarify):
 - Beam matting: If available (not required): maximum of 9 inches using Sting mats, 4-inch throw and / or 8-inch skill cushions may be placed on top of allowable CLM's in **ALL** matted areas (under the Beam and / or dismount area.)

Motion: Jill Preston (R1)

Second: Gail Caspare (R6)

PASSED

5. Recommendation to revise the Women's Program Rules & Policies (R&P) regarding hand placement mat dimensions and clubs may not bring their own hand placement mat:

MODIFY to new R&P chapter for Xcel: II. Vault – D. – 3. (Page 60 Current R&P PDF Document)

- **Proposed Language:** A hand placement mat may be placed on the runway (but not on the board) **ONLY** for vaults that require placing the hands on the runway in front of the board (Round-off or Front handspring entry.) The hand placement mat must be manufactured by a gymnastics equipment manufacturer **and must be a minimum of 39.4 x 51.2** in length and cannot exceed 5 cm (2 inches) in height. ~~No other type matting is allowed.~~
 - a. All Meet Directors of **Platinum** competitions **or above** MUST provide a minimum of one manufactured Round-off hand placement mat.
 - ~~b. If the Meet Director cannot supply the above mentioned Round-off hand placement mats, they may allow clubs to bring their own, provided the mat meets the criteria as stated above.~~ **REPLACE WITH: Clubs may not bring their own hand placement mat to be used by athletes during a competition.**
 - c. If a Round-off entry hand placement mat is used, it must be placed Velcro-side down on the runway.

Motion: Dianne Palmer (R2)

Second: Louise Janecky (R3)

PASSED

6. Recommendation to modify the Rules & Policies and related Code of Points sections regarding Entry Requirements:

- To allow for entry into the Xcel program at the Gold Division:
 - R&P PDF Page 52 – XCEL AGE/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND MOBILITY SCORES OVERVIEW CHART
 - Current Language: Gold – Pre-Requisite Scores: 31.00 AA at Silver Division or 8.0 IES
 - New Language: Gold – Pre-Requisite Scores: None
 - R&P PDF Page 52 – C. Entry into Xcel Divisions- #1
 - Current Language: Gymnasts who have no previous competitive experience may enter at Bronze or Silver, at their coach's discretion. The Gold Division is NOT an entry division. The Mobility Score from Silver to Gold is 31.00 AA or 8.0 IES.
 - New Language: Gymnasts who have no previous competitive experience may enter at Bronze, Silver, or Gold Division, at their coach's discretion. ~~The Gold Division is NOT an entry division. The Mobility Score from Silver to Gold is 31.00 AA or 8.0 IES.~~

Motion: Dianne Palmer (R2)

Second: Pam Kitchen (R8)

PASSED

- To clarify the entry requirements from the Development Program: Must have completed all-around at a minimum of one (1) sanctioned meet at the specified Development Program level to enter in the appropriate Xcel Division.

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4)

Second: Jen Skorski (R7)

PASSED

7. Motion to Approve Code of Point modifications/clarifications presented by the Xcel Program Manager.

- Modification of Terminology from Stride Leap to Split Leap
- Clarification of Split Requirement of 150° (Platinum/Diamond on Floor; Diamond on Beam). Splits of this degree would receive value part as listed in the code (as any split within 135° or more would). Therefore, they would not necessarily be "A" skills for any split at that angle since they are existing elements within the Table of Elements which may have a higher value part.
 - Split angle of 150° or more would receive:
 - The VP listed within the Table of Elements
 - Special Requirement
 - No deduction for insufficient split
 - Split angle of 135° - 149° would receive:
 - The VP listed within the Table of Elements
 - Special Requirement
 - Deduction of up to 0.20 for insufficient split
 - Split angle of 130° - 134° would receive:
 - "A" VP
 - Special Requirement
 - Deduction of up to 0.20 for insufficient split
- Additional items approved were formally voted on in the Joint Xcel Technical Committee meeting, refer to those minutes for action items.

Motion: Louise Janecky (R3)

Second: Jen Skorski (R7)

PASSED

8. Approve the following Sapphire Pilot competition Procedures:

- Hosting Competitions
 - Only Pilot Regions 3, 6, 7, and 8 may host Sapphire Competitions.
 - Competitions in Regions 1, 2, 4, and 5 may not host a Sapphire Competition.
- Athlete Participation:
 - Athletes from Participating Regions:
 - Athletes from participating Regions can compete in Sapphire Division in a Pilot Region (Regions 3,6,7,8)
 - Athletes from participating Regions cannot compete in a Sapphire Division in a non-Pilot Region competition (Regions 1,2,4,5). They may compete in another Division or Level at that competition.
 - Athletes from Non-Participating Regions: Athletes from non-participating Regions can compete in the Sapphire Division in a Pilot Region Competition (3,6,7,8).
 - Declaration Date: All athletes are required to follow their state's specific declaration date related to competition. All athletes (Both Sapphire Division and non-Sapphire Division) need to honor the declaration dates related to the Division/Level of Competition.
- Judges:
 - Judges must have a Level 9 Rating to Judge Sapphire Athletes in the Pilot Region Competitions (Regions 3,6,7,8).

- Follow all USA Gymnastics Guidelines:
 - The Pilot Program Division follows all USA Gymnastics guidelines.
 - Athletes must have a valid athlete membership.
 - The athlete would be designated in the Sapphire Division within the meet reservation system.
- Meet Software Designation – Recommend meet software utilize XA to designate Sapphire (XS-is already utilized for Xcel Silver).

Motion: Louise Janecky (R3)

Second: Gayle Caspare

PASSED

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, no action was taken:

1. Service Awards: Please send nomination into Christy Naik.
2. Region Chair Reports: Summary provided by each Region Chair.
3. USA Gymnastics Report: Update on national information for the Women's Development Program and Women's Xcel Program – Christy Naik, Heather Ould
4. Chairman provided summary of items from the administrative committee and joint development program/technical committee meeting.
5. Discussion regarding resource materials including Online Quiz, Judging Course, and Judges Exam. The Xcel Committee and Xcel Program Manager will begin work to update the resource materials. (Further Information provided within Action Items)
6. Xcel Philosophy – Review of Xcel Philosophy.
7. Discussion on new elements, and updates to be presented in the joint meeting with the Technical Committee for consideration.
8. Congress Presentations: Discussion related priorities to highlight within presentations.
9. Sapphire Pilot Program: In addition to items voted upon, further discussion related to questions received and next steps for the program including formal rules development and Frequently Asked Questions Document (FAQ).

Recommendation to adjourn at 8:03 pm.



JOINT XCEL/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Marriott Phoenix Chandler – Chandler, AZ

Meeting was called to order by National Xcel and Technical Committee Chairs at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Xcel Committee	Technical Committee	Region
Jill Preston	Gigi Iavarone	Region 1
Dianne Palmer	Jeanine Henneford	Region 2
Louise Janecky	Marilyn Blilie (via Zoom)	Region 3
Megan Bankole	Linda Thorberg	Region 4
Nancy Gibson	Sue Kane	Region 5
Gail Caspare	Pat Panichas	Region 6
Jen Skorski (via Zoom)	Jane Caruso	Region 7
Pam Kitchen	Evelyn Chandler	Region 8
Claudia Kretschmer	Cheryl Hamilton	Committee Chair

USA Gymnastics Staff	
Connie Maloney	Women's Development Program Technical Director
Christy Naik	Women's Development Program Director
Heather Ould	Women's Xcel Program Manager
Nichole Otterson	Women's Development Program Technical Coordinator

Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2022.

- BARS** - Recommendation to allow New / Updated Elements:
 - Basket Swing – "A" VP – Open to all Divisions
 - Add a stretched variation for the existing ¾ back circle dismount. (Current element is limited to Silver Division only)
 - Jump to Squat on Mount – "A" VP – Limited to Silver, Gold, Diamond, Platinum

Motion: Linda Thorberg (R4-TC)

Second: Nancy Gibson (R5 – XC)

PASSED

- BARS** – Recommendation to revise Two-part Mount Clarification:
 - Clarification: Only two-part mount skills are allowed. If a 3rd mounting skill is performed it will not receive VP credit and will receive execution deductions.
 - Clarification: If two glide swings are performed (without feet touching between glides) it will only count as one (1) element.

Motion: Jane Caruso (R7-TC)

Second: Gail Caspare (R6 – XC)

PASSED

- BARS** – Recommendation to revise Rules & Policies and applicable text within the Code of Points to specify combination of matting allowed for low bar mounts only (Bronze/Silver/Gold Division).
 - R&P Chapter 6 – I.H.4.a. For Bronze, Silver and Gold divisions: any combination of manufactured mats, skill cushions or padded spotting/skill blocks may be used for mounting purposes **on the low bar**.

- Code of Points: Any combination of competition landing mats, skill cushions and panel mats may be used to facilitate the mount **on the low bar**.

Motion: Gigi Iavarone (R1-TC)
 Second: Megan Bankole (R4-XC)
 PASSED

4. **BEAM** – Recommendation to allow a 10° Variance from Vertical on Handstands with a flat .10 deduction for handstands within 1-10° from vertical.

Motion: Dianne Palmer (R2-XC)
 Second: Evelyn Chandler (R8-TC)
 PASSED

5. **FLOOR** – Recommendation to add Backward Roll to push-up shape as a variation to the existing Backward Roll element (Group 4 Rolls -#4.102) on floor which is open to all Divisions.

Motion: Pam Kitchen (R8-XC)
 Second: Jeanine Henneford (R2-TC)
 PASSED

6. **ALL EVENTS** – Recommendation to revise Code of Point with the following deductions/clarifications.

- Vault: Bronze Vault 1 B – Delete the “Failure to use levering action into the handstand” deduction
- Bars: Modify the Bar Element Leg Swing Backward to allow Leg Swing Forward or Backward.
- Beam Hold Requirement: Modify the hold requirement for handstands on beam that a hold is not required for “A” handstand elements. Any “B” handstand element or higher would require a 2-second hold if specified for the element within the Table of Elements.
- Floor: Elements/Pass Considered the Same – Insert “Flight” – In the following instance, elements listed under the same number will be considered the same: 1. **Flight/Salto** with 2-foot landing or step-out.
- Incorrect Attire: Return the Incorrect Attire deduction to 0.20.
- Beam/Floor: Modify Artistry language to match the Development Program
- Beam: Insufficient Variation in Rhythm and Tempo – Add “CONSIDER: Insufficient variation in rhythm/tempo in non-VP movements; - Lack of fluid connection / series of disconnected elements or movements”
- Floor: Add Deduction – Failure to show synchronization of music with ending pose – 0.10.

Motion: Louise Janecky (R3)
 Second: Jen Skorski (R7)
 PASSED

7. **ALL EVENTS** – Recommendation to allow Video Review at Xcel State Meets and above if a missing Special Requirement is reflected in a lower Start Value, after a written inquiry has been submitted.

Motion: Jill Preston (R1-XC)
 Second: Jane Caruso (R7-TC)
 FOR – 7 / AGAINST – 7 / ABSTAIN – 2: The vote resulted in a Tie
 The motion then went to NTCC & NXCC for Tie Breaker – FOR-1 / AGAINST-1
 The motion will advance to the Women’s Program Committee for a vote.

8. **XCEL JUDGING GUIDELINES** - Recommendation to require a minimum Level 9 Rating for Xcel Sapphire Pilot

Division. (This will be Reflected within the formal rules document for the Sapphire Pilot Program).

Motion: Megan Bankole (R4-XC)

Second: Sue Kane (R5-TC)

PASSED

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the following topics, no action taken:

1. Judges Courses: Discussion related to updating of the Judges Course/Exam and Online Quiz. The plan will be to update existing course items first. Also discussed the development of new additional course materials for Platinum/Diamond.
2. Base Score Video: The Xcel committee is requesting a new Base Score Video from the Technical Committee. No formal timeline has been determined at this time. Fall 2022 was discussed as possible timing.
3. Sapphire Pilot Program:
 - a. Discussion of vault values, no action taken. The committees will reassess after the pilot year.

Recommendation to adjourn at 5:39 pm.