

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 18, 2017; 10:03 a.m. – 5:59 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am 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)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting and thanked everyone for attending on a holiday.

IV. REGIONAL TRAINING CAMPS

The dates for the Regional Training Camps are set. Some of the dates of the 2017 camps have been changed in comparison to the 2016 dates due to the All Star trip and facility availability. There may be some changes made to the Sunday camp agenda.

The 2016 Regional Camps were well attended. There were many positive comments about the changes that were made in the Regional Training Camps last year.

There are four weekends of camps in 2017. They are Super Camp and Forward Progress on August 4-6 at Queen City in Cincinnati, OH; Hot Shot and Super Camp on September 8-10 at Indy Stars in Indianapolis, IN; High Performance and High Tech on October 13-15 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and Forward Progress and Hot Shot Camp on November 3-5 at Phenom in Oswego, IL. The registration fees have been raised to \$150.00 by the training camp committee. Registration for all camps is now open.

The first Tops Clinic was held with 48 gymnasts and coaches from each state. Any gymnasts that attended the National Tops testing were eligible to attend. In addition, those aiming for Hopes, clubs wanting to test TOPs this year and clubs interested in beginning TOPs in the gym were encouraged to attend. National staff members were brought in to cover basics and developmental skills.

The Regional Administrative Committee would like to develop an incentive for coaches to work the Regional Training Camps. A drawing will be held at each camp for current professional

members that work all three days of a camp. The winning professional member will attend the National Training Center to observe and learn at the Developmental Training Camp, Developmental Invite Camp or the Tops National Camp.

A motion was made to place any person working a Regional Training Camp all three days in a drawing to attend the Tops National Training Camp, Developmental Training Camp or Developmental Invite Camp at the National Training Center. A current professional member (coach or judge) in good standing is eligible.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

While the Regional Administrative Committee still sees value in and encourages judges' participation in Regional Training Camps, it will no longer be required in the selection of judges for Regionals/Nationals.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

IV. YEARLY REVIEW

A. Regional Technical Chairman Report (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. Region 5 took first place as a region with the Super Team Award. We won eleven out of the 16 age divisions with many All Around and event National Champions. Char also congratulated the Level 10's from our region who placed third, one point out of second place. We had 16 individual event and all-around champions compared to 12 last year.

Char congratulated the Region for the great state representation on the All Star Team. There are four clubs represented from Illinois, two from Michigan and two from Ohio. This represents eight different clubs which shows that talent is being spread across many clubs.

Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be due by August 15, 2017. Judges not meeting this deadline will be ineligible to judge State, Regional or National Championships. The PIF form is to be used to assist in the selection of judges. The Professional Involvement Form will be on the Judges page of the Region 5 website for easy access.

The use of the Professional Involvement Form (PIF) for judges was discussed. It was suggested that the Regional Application Form and the Professional Involvement Form be combined. The new PIF will have a deadline of August 15, 2017.

Each state must submit a rank order list of 18 judges to Char by September 1, 2017. These lists will be used for Regional assignments to Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regional Championships. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented because two to four judges per state are to be used as head judges. The goal is to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regional Meets by December 15, 2017. It will be on the Region 5 website when finalized.

Each state has a choice to have the RTCC use their Level 7 through 10 ranked judges list or a separate list for the Xcel Regional judges' assignments. If a separate list is used for Xcel Championships, a minimum of 12 judges should be ranked.

There were approximately 101 petitions for Level 8, 9 and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Sue Kane will take over this responsibility for the 2018 Regional Championship season.

The Regional Administrative Committee has suggested that an email account be established to receive all petitions.

Constant contact will be established for Region 5 so that communication between the committee members can be consistent.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by October 1, 2017. A copy of all the state criteria for 2016-2017, in Region 5, was shared with the RAC.

USA National/Brevet Course eligibility forms must be submitted to Char Christensen, Region 5 RTCC, no sooner than June 2 and no later than midnight Eastern time zone on November 2, 2017.

Confidentiality forms must be signed by all state, regional and national committees. All members are reminded that the ranking of judges can NEVER be shared with others as this breaches the confidentiality process.

All clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be sanctioned by USA Gymnastics to be used for CPE credit. Judges are reminded to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website. At the end of each clinic session, judges need their CPE forms signed by a designated official.

Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.

USA Gymnastics members are reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are the ones in the Rules and Policies. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the sanction form. Behavioral violations will be handled by Safe Sport. The U302 course, Recognizing and Responding Online Course, will be required every two years in the future. It is available free of charge at this time.

To qualify to the Regional Championships, an Individual Event Specialist must score a 9.0 at their State Meet. It is up to the States to determine the criteria for an Individual Event Specialist to compete in their State Meet. The criteria should be on each states website by October 1, 2017.

After this four year term is completed (2017-2021) Char Christensen has made the decision to retire as RTCC but she plans to continue judging. Char is working with Sue Kane to educate her on the position of RTCC. There may be other National or Brevet judges that are interested in learning about this elected position. If so, they should contact Char to be considered for possible volunteer opportunities.

For National judges assignment equal representation by state is not a consideration. As always, the goal is to have the best judges on the floor. There will always be four judges from Region 5 assigned to the Level 10 National Championships and three judges for the Level 9 Eastern Championships unless it is held in our region in which seven judges are assigned.

For the 2017 Championship season a Judging Selection Process subcommittee was developed. This subcommittee selected the judges who represented Region 5 at JO Nationals and Eastern Nationals. This procedure will continue for the 2018 Championship season. This procedure has been and will be placed on the Region 5 website.

B. REGIONAL XCEL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

Nancy suggested having the State Xcel Representative handle the entries into the Regional Championships at the state meets. If the entries are done online there would be no need for the written entry but there will need to be a way to designate whether the gymnast is on Team A or Team B. There is also no online designation for Individual Event Specialists.

Some regions have done away with state teams in order to fill the sessions.

There were some issues with the mini tramps (alternative springboard) at state and regional meets. Mini tramps may not be altered.

It is recommended that the Regional Xcel Championships continue with two meet referees. One referee will be the Regional Xcel Chairperson and the other will could be a judge that was the meet referee at an Xcel State Meet or the RTCC.

There has been discussion about having an Xcel Training Camp. Nancy will see how the Training Camp in Region 1 functions before developing a recommendation for Region 5.

A Region 5 Xcel Facebook page will be developed.

C. Regional Junior Olympic Chairman Report (Kittia Carpenter)

Region 5 placed third by 1 point at the Level 10 Junior Olympic National Championships with numerous individual event and all-around champions.

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. There are a number of rules and policies that have changed.

D. State Reports

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

1. Illinois had a successful year. They had their largest banquet ever with 620 participants. 200 of them were athletes.

Indiana (Amy Replogle)

1. This past season gymnastics was the same but they are working to increase their standing above 4th place at Regionals in the future.

2. This year they will honor compulsory champions at their banquet. An All Star camp for compulsory levels is also being planned.
3. There were 32 Level 10's at the 2017 State Meet.

Kentucky (Brian Blewitt)

1. Kentucky had a good year. There was a large increase in the number of Xcel gymnasts at the expense of compulsory gymnasts. Three clubs dropped their compulsory levels and only competed in the Xcel program. A third state meet will probably be added in 2018.
2. The annual banquet was large and went very well.
3. There were no committee elections but there was one addition to the committee to replace Brian's previous position.
4. Kentucky had four graduating seniors of which three will be continuing their gymnastics careers at the collegiate level. One will be competing as an acrobat.

Michigan (Tami Schaafsma)

1. Michigan held three state meets. There were 1300 gymnasts at the Level 3-6 State Meet, 512 at the Level 7-10 State Meet and 1209 at the Xcel State Meet. Tami or Lori (the Michigan Junior Olympic Chairperson) attended each State Meet.
2. The annual banquet will be held on July 20 in conjunction with the State Congress. The State Congress will concentrate on the developmental level.

Ohio (Nina Dent)

1. All State Meets were successful. Ohio had nine gymnasts competing at the Level 9 Eastern Championships and two gymnasts competing at the Level 10 Championships.
2. The annual banquet will be held in two weeks.
3. Nina will be retiring from gymnastics at the end of this term. Due to this process the committee is being reduced to five committee members. This will allow the new State Chairman to set the committee as they see fit.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The yearly financial report was distributed. There was discussion concerning a motion passed by the Regional Administrative Chairs to provide Level 9 Easterns and Western Nationals Qualifiers apparel valued at up to \$125.00. No action decision was made.

The Apparel Chairperson and Webmaster will receive a stipend.

VI. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Qualifying Scores

1. The Level 10 qualifying score will remain the same.
2. The raising of the Level 9 qualifying score was discussed. It was determined that some age division may not be filled if the qualifying score is raised. Therefore, the Level 9 qualifying score will remain the same for the upcoming season and the discussion will be revisited next year after the new rules are in place.

B. Site

1. A bid from Ohio will have priority for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

2. A bid from Kentucky will have priority for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.
3. A bid from Indiana will have priority for the Xcel Regional Championships.

C. Gate Fees

A motion was made to raise the gate fees to \$15.00 per day for Level 9/10 Regional Championships. Seniors and/or children under the age of 6 will be \$5.00.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

D. Entry Fees

A motion was made to raise the entry fees for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships to \$125.00 due to the possibility of having a Thursday session.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

VI. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

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 2017 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

VII. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The 2017 Regional Congress will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Brian will work on obtaining volunteers. Justin Wolford, from the national office, will plan the trivia night.
- B. Brian will contact the presenters in the Coaching-Live and Coaching sessions to determine if they will need demonstrators.
- C. Help will be needed to set up for the banquet.
- D. The Trivia Night will be held on Friday.
- E. The vintage T-Shirt contest that was held at last year's Regional Congress was not well received. Tami Schaafsma will work on developing a spirit contest for the weekend.

VIII. ALL STAR/AMBASSADOR TRIP

- A. The All Star trip destination was Costa Rica. Nina arranged to have the girls try four fruits that they probably had never had before on their way from the airport. They also saw a volcano, alligators, a lot of monkeys and sloths. They held a toucan and had butterflies flying all around them. They also experienced white water rafting.
- B. The plan for the 2017 All Star trip is to travel to Montreal, Canada to watch the World Championships. A stop on the way to Niagara Falls is planned. More details are forthcoming in July.

- C. The Ambassador Trip was to the Bahamas again. Al and Cindy Scharns provided rooms for the girls. They made the girls feel very special. The tickets had pictures of the girls on them. Louisiana or Trinidad are being considered for 2017.

IX. LETTER OF CONCERN

A letter of concern was received from a coach concerning participation in regional activities at the National Championships. There was much discussion about how to handle gymnasts that do not participate in some of the activities at the National Championships due to participating in end of the year school activities. This problem usually only occurs when the Championships are in Region 5. At the present time, Region 5 will retain its current procedures requiring all gymnasts to participate in the arranged activities.

X, BID FORM

The current bid form was distributed for review. The Regional Administrative Committee recommends that if there is more than one age division in a session that the awards be distributed by event across age groups, not age divisions.

XI. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES MANUAL

- A. The Regional Championship Manual was distributed for review. The Xcel team competition was discussed. There is no room to add more gymnasts in the all star sessions. The team format will remain the same.

A motion was made to raise the qualifying score for Xcel Silver to 36.00

Motion: Brian Blewitt
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

- B. It was suggested that one person be assigned at each state meet to complete the official entry sheet for the Regional Championships. They will be responsible for obtaining the official score sheet and marking whether each qualifying gymnast will be attending the regional meet, if the gymnast is an Individual Event Specialist or whether they are petitioning.
- C. There was discussion concerning the new hospitality rule. It was suggested that this rule be included in the Regional registration packet. Only credentialed coaches will receive hospitality.
- D. Gym Mazie has been contracted to run the Region 5 Apparel Store.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm

Respectfully Submitted 6/23/17

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary