

## **JO Update**

Mobility – new level 6 can be skipped if you score a 31 AA in new Level 5 – mobility back and forth between the new level 5 and 6 will be allowed all year

Sanction Violations are receiving suspensions and fines

Coaches certification – new coaches must start from scratch and take the university courses to achieve placement

Bring cards to meets – must be available to verify u100

New meet director info is available in technique – digital music only requirement at meets, must have a display screen, must have phone on airplane mode

Electronic devices – coaches may use them to record only their own gymnasts – judges may use tablets for gymnastics purposes only – use of phones to text and talk on the field of play is still prohibited, this includes volunteers also

Changes for gymnasts/session for level 7 – look it up in R & P

States and Regions can set their own late fees for state and regional meet entries – cannot exceed \$50

Regional petitions – request due Monday after states - medical info due Wednesday after states

Video review – at states and above a coach can request a video review by meet referee if it is available – can only be used for a missed element that affects the start value - you still must submit an inquiry – meet ref decision is final

A flash camera is not a valid reason to allow a gymnast to repeat a routine

No other substance besides chalk and water can be put on the uneven bars

No deduction on bars for moving hands when in a vertical position

Affiliated judge can be used on a 1 judge panel for JO level 1 & 2

Judges fee at regionals increased \$10

JO program looking for consistency from judges all year – coaches and meet directors cannot encourage judges to be lenient at meets

Judges contracts now include – required break time – accommodations must include 2 beds and not sleeper sofa – judges paid the hourly fee for a minimum of 3 hours (make sure you use them for that time any way you need to)

## **State Chairman Meeting**

USA Gymnastics has a new Logo - USA Gymnastics sponsor – GK, Under Armour, Hilton, A-1

Schedule – State meet March 22-23, Level 9/10 Regionals April 11-12,

New Rules and Policies will no longer put new info in bold and italic – it will now be in a different font

Member Services and USA Gymnastics University

Mandated Coaching Certification for all coaches on the floor for meets – must have u100 completed to attend meets – all memberships are now expired and due for renewal – pre placement in the university is still available until July 2014

Clubs Care Campaign – info and help for clubs – increase awareness, info, resources and templates

We Care Campaign – info and help for parents – increase awareness

New Safety Book coming in Fall 2013 – new section on concussions

USA Gymnastics web site for parents questions

New Apple App for ipad for compulsory info on itunes - \$29.99 – not for iphone, code coming soon

No more printing and sending of any Pro or Instructor Member cards – online printing only

U100 yes or no not in its own column until Oct – pro number does not get flagged if they don't have u100 finished – you must look it up individually by member to check currently

New verification system for USA Gymnastic member numbers for athletes and professionals – can be used for entries to meets – carefully put instructions for meet entry on all meet info – problem could be that clubs go to your meet on web and enter the gymnast info and think that is the entry to your meet – most useful tool for meet directors to avoid violations

Be aware that new problems are rising with new legislation bills – be aware and the USA Gymnastics office can and will help

Xcel National Committee formed - 1 set of rules for the nation in xcel – NXC

Responsibility of the RXC(Regional Xcel Chair) – communicate with RC and SC – post info – questions for xcel program directed to SC then RXC then NXC – have now Rules, Skill Charts, Manual, Code of Points, FAQ's, Articles, Judging DVD - Coming Soon to XCEL – webinars, flip book, published code, more FAQ

How to sell it – it is a USA Gymnastics backed program, retain athletes, flexible and less demanding program, more diverse athletes, competition, fun, build lifelong friendships

Xcel state must do – decide what divisions your state will compete, decide # of judges needed on a panel for all meets, entry fees for meets, qualifying procedures, awards