

WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Jackson, MS
May 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOC) at 3:30pm

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

1. Nominations for JO National Program of the year
 - Region 1 – San Mateo Gymnastics, San Mateo, CA.
 - Region 2 – Auburn Gymnastics Center, Auburn, WA.
 - Region 3 – Metroplex Gymnastics, Allen, TX.
 - Region 4 – Twin City Twisters, Champlin, MN.
 - Region 5 – Twistars USA, Dimondale, MI.
 - Region 6 – Brestyan's Gymnastics, Burlington, MA.
 - Region 7 – Sportsplex Gymnastics, Landover, MD.
 - Region 8 – Southeastern Gymnastics, Weddington, NC.

Congratulations to the JO National Program of the year: Southeastern Gymnastics.

2. JO Calendar – dates approved through 2017 as follows:

Meet	2015	2016	2017
Last Date for 9/10 State Championships	March 27-29	March 18-20	March 17-19
9/10 Regionals	April 17-19	April 8-10	April 7-9
East/West Championships	May 7-10	April 28 - May 1	April 27-30
JO Nationals and NIT	May 14-17	May 5-8	May 4-7

3. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2014, **amend** page 67 of the *R&P*, 2.a.3):

A 60' minimum, **80' maximum** runway is allowed for Levels 1-5.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Shayne McIntyre

Passed

4. Recommendation to **amend** page 16 of the *R&P*, III.C. and to **add 1.** to the following:

- C. Any gymnast who has had previous competitive experience in any system (including USA Gymnastics) and who is a minimum of 14 years of age OR is at least a freshman in High School is eligible to petition to the State Administrative Committee for entry in **Level 7 and below**. The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates her skill level.

1. Athletes (US citizens or Non-US Citizens) who have resided outside the US, have competitive experience outside the US, and now reside in the US, are eligible to petition to the Regional JO Chairman for entry into the JO Program at Level 8 or above. 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.

Motion: Bryon Hough

Second: Linda Johnson
Passed

5. Recommendation to add JR E, JR F, and SR E, SR F age divisions to JO Nationals to replace the JO NIT, allowing more opportunities for athletes at Level 10 to compete in the JO National Championships. Effective August 1, 2015.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Bryon Hough
7 yes, 1 abstain
Passed – As stated by the USA Gymnastics National Office, this motion is subject to USA Gymnastics, in cooperation with each Region, and GK Elite Sportswear reaching an agreement regarding funding. **This motion officially passed November 12, 2014.**
6. Recommendation that both Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships have 16 age divisions. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Shane McIntyre
Second: Mark Folger
Passed
7. Recommendation to increase the number of qualifiers to both Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships from 6 to 7 athletes in each of the 16 age divisions. In the event of a 3-way tie for 7th place All-Around in any age division, the tie breaking procedures will be applied to determine the rank order of the athletes. The 9th place athlete will not be eligible for East/West Championships unless there is space available in another region in that age division. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Kittia Carpenter
7 yes, 1 abstain
Passed - As stated by the USA Gymnastics National Office, this motion is subject to USA Gymnastics, in cooperation with each Region, and GK Elite Sportswear reaching an agreement regarding funding. **This motion officially passed November 12, 2014.**
8. Recommendation to give each Regional Administrative Committee the right to set regional qualifying scores for Levels 9 and 10. Qualifying scores must be approved by the National JO Chairman and the National Technical Chairman. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Mark Folger
Passed
9. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2014, at Level 9 and 10 State Championships and above, timed warm-ups on **Uneven Bars only** will be 2.5 minutes per athlete.
Motion: Mark Folger
Second: Larry Goldsmith
Passed
10. Recommendation to amend p. 14 C.5. of the R&P to the **following**:
If, due to religious reasons or valid unforeseen circumstances, a gymnast is unable to compete with her designated age group, she may compete on another day (or in another session) with the approval of the SACC. She will not be eligible for ANY awards. Her score may be used for mobility or qualification purposes (if qualification is by score, not placement or percentage **in a given age group**) to the next meet.
Motion: Laurie Reid
Second: Kittia Carpenter
Passed
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm