

Junior Olympic Technical Committee: Zoom Meeting June 25, 2020

Elena Savenkova, JO Development Coordinator
Natalia Klimouk, Coach Representative
Olga Kutuzova, Judges' Representative
Nataliya Kozitskaya, IEC Chair: guest

Caroline Hunt Rhythmic Program Director, (non-voting)

The JOTC received feedback from the RPC Chair provided to her from RG clubs related to the number of competitive routines for Levels 3 and 4 in 2021 and the technical requirements for Levels 5 and 6.

The JOTC received a unanimous proposal of the IEC regarding lower levels competitive season 2021: 2 events for Levels 3 and 4, and 3 events for both levels 5 and 6, removing rope. The JOTC will await feedback from the entire community of rhythmic clubs and coaches following the July 1 all-program meeting regarding Levels 5 and 6 to evaluate the feedback of US clubs given the impact of COVID19 on training conditions, finances, etc.

Decisions taken:

1. Technical requirements for the JO Program will remain the SAME for 2020-2021 season (already communicated to the program membership)
2. Competition routines in 2021:
 - a. Level 3 Floor and Ball
 - b. Level 4 Floor and Rope
 - c. Level 5: Floor, Hoop, Clubs
 - d. Level 6: all 4 events
3. Proposed structure for returning to competition in two phases:

Phase 1: any local/invitational sanctioned event prior to January 1, 2021: For local invitationals in the Fall of 2020: The JOTC recommends to the RPC that all JO Levels compete a maximum of 2 events prior to January 1, 2021 to ensure the safe return to training and competition.

Levels 3 and 4: see above (a,b)

Level 5: Floor and Hoop

Level 6: Floor and Ball

Level 7: Hoop and Ball

Level 8: Ball and Clubs

Phase 2: Any sanctioned event from January 1, 2021 through June 2021.

Levels 3 and 4: see above (a,b)
Level 5: Floor and Hoop and Clubs
Level 6: all 4 events
Level 7: all 4 events
Level 8: all 4 events

4. Recommend to the RPC that for all Levels competing less routines than planned, a reduced entry fee be required

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Suzi DiTullio,	NAC Chair
Natalya Kozitskaya	IEC Chair
Olga Kutuzova	Judges' Representative
Rebecca Sereda	Athlete Representative
Serena Lu	Athlete Representative
Elena Savenkova	Member at Large
Caroline Hunt	Rhythmic Program Director, (non-voting)

Feedback received regarding the competition season of 2021:

1. Reviewed feedback from the Chair, Suzi
2. Reviewed feedback from the JOTC and the IEC (see above)
3. Accepted proposals of the JOTC

Official recommendations:

1. RPC strongly recommends sanctioned local and invitational events apply a reduced entry fee (one less routine performed) Meet Entry Fee for Levels 3-4: \$50, Level 5-\$80
2. Meet Entry Fees for State and Regional- by August 1st.

Additional topics:

Continuing Professional Education (CPE): given the extensive online materials already available and in the pipeline, the RPC supports the CPE requirement in 2020 for judges and will supplement and publish the information so that judges can fulfill their requirements following the online resources.

Elite Development

1. Opportunities targeting gymnasts and coaches July-end of October in the absence of elite development training camps in 2020
2. No Level 9 gymnasts become Level 10 in 2020 due to an inability to hold qualifying competitions
3. JR and SR FIG Groups: The RPC supports the IEC recommendation that coaches may prepare FIG Groups following any year of the apparatus chart (for those wishing to work ahead) and will award apparatus groupings separately to support Group development: Example: in 2021 a JR Group may compete the 2021 apparatus or the 2022/2023 apparatus. FIG JR Group events forthcoming:
 - a. 2021: Junior Pan American Games: June
 - b. ~~2022: Youth Olympic Games~~ (N.B: this event has been cancelled by the IOC)
 - c. 2023: Junior World Championships

Note: For JR FIG Groups:

- The FIG Jr Group apparatus program is published on the FIG website
- Groups consist of 5 gymnasts on the field of play at one time, with a 6th who is an active reserve

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi DiTullio, RPC Chair

(July 7, 2020), revised follow survey results (Levels 5 and 6) and IOC cancellation of YOG 2022, and approved July 23, 2020