



WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM
Monday, April 27, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) at 12:03 PM on April 27, 2020.

Roll Call:

NJOCC	Tom Koll	Christy Naik – JOPD
Region 1	Shane McIntyre	Connie Maloney – JOTD
Region 2	Tiffany Quincy	Annie Heffernon – VP
Region 3	Rich Villareal	Cheryl Hamilton – NTCC
Region 4	Paige Roth	Claudia Kretschmer - NXCC
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter	
Region 6	Jamie Winkler	
Region 7	Linda Johnson	
Region 8	Brad Harris	

1. Discussion regarding JO National Program of the Year. As the remainder of the competitive season was suspended before the post season could take place, the criteria used by the JO Committee to decide on the JO Program of the Year would not be fair and accurate. The JO National Program of the Year will not be awarded for 2020.
2. Congratulations to the newly elected National Chairs:
Women's Program Committee Chair – Tom Koll
National Administrative Committee Chair – Jennifer Krause
International Elite Committee Chair – Kelli Hill
3. Discussion regarding the Women's Program Service Award. Tom asked for input from the Regional JO Chairs. Please send suggestions to Christy Naik.

All of the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective August 1, 2020, unless otherwise stated.

Women's Program Rules and Policies (R&P)

4. **R&P** Chapter 8, page 93.II.A.1.e. add 8): Recommendation to add:
8) A sting mat may be used on the top of the mat stack. However, a sting mat is not allowed on top of an inflatable mat. The uppermost landing surface when using an inflatable mat must be a minimum of a 10 cm (4-inch) skill cushion.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Linda Johnson

Passed



5. **R&P** Chapter 8, page 93.II.A.1. add f. and **COP** VAULT – 6.F.7.d.: Recommendation to update *R&P* to match *JO Code of Points*:
 - f. Level 6/7 apparatus specifications: Vault table, base mat, mat stack, additional minimum 8-inch mat opposite Table.
 - 1) Vault table: All age divisions may use the vault table at any manufacturer setting, with a maximum of 135 cm (± 1 cm).
 - 2) Base mat, minimum 4-inch (10 cm), must be positioned up against the Table.
 - 3) Mat Stack dimensions:
 - a. Minimum 5' Width, 10' Length, minimum 32" – 60" maximum Height, including base mat. Any combination of competition landing mats, skill cushions and / or port-a-pit may be used; however, the top layer of matting MUST be a minimum of a 4-inch (10 cm) skill cushion or the port-a-pit.
 - b. An inflatable mat may also be used in the configuration of matting; however, the uppermost landing surface must be a minimum of a 4-inch (10 cm) skill cushion.
 - c. A sting mat may be used on the top of the mat stack. However, a sting mat is not allowed on top of an inflatable mat. The uppermost landing surface when using an inflatable mat must be a minimum of a 10 cm (4-inch) skill cushion.
 - 4) An additional minimum 8-inch mat is required on the floor at the end of the mat stack, opposite the Table.
6. **R&P** Chapter 8, page 96.V.A: Recommendation to update maximum thickness of floor surface:

The floor surface must be a minimum of 1 ¼" thick (3.2 cm) to a maximum of 7 ½" thick (19.05 cm) ($\pm ½$ ")

Motion: Shane McIntyre
Second: Jamie Winkler
Passed
7. Discussion on state qualification procedures to allow use of 2020 scores for 2021 season. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 in states and regions, the JO Committee supports that State and Regional committees offer flexibility when making decisions relating to qualification for 2021* State Meets at all levels. This flexibility includes consideration for using 2020 qualification scores to qualify to 2021* State Meets, provided that the athlete is competing at the same level as 2020.

Athletes moving to a new level, as well as athletes requesting to drop back a level, will continue to follow policies outlined in the *Women's Program Rules and Policies*. The Regional and/or National chair must approve any deviations to the existing *Women's Program Rules and Policies* proposed by State or Regional Administrative committees.

*This would also pertain to state meets scheduled for the Fall of 2020, where applicable.
8. Discussion regarding athletes moving between the JO and Xcel competitive programs. The JO Committee is in agreement that the responsibility of assigning level-specific declaration dates should remain with each State Administrative Committee (SAC). SAC's are encouraged to review the current level declaration dates to provide guidelines and justification to allow for the most fair and reasonable competitive experience for all.
9. Tom provided an update to the group on the progress of the new compulsories. All tasks are nearing completion, and Tom expects to have the compulsory book ready to send to USA Gymnastics within the designated timelines.

Meeting Adjourned 1:10 PM, Monday, April 27, 2020.