



WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Cincinnati, OH

May 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) at 3:00pm on May 14, 2018.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Shane McIntyre
Region 2	Ivan Alexov
Region 3	Rich Villarreal
Region 4	Paige Roth
Region 5	Kittia Carpenter
Region 6	Jamie Winkler
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 – SCEGA, Temecula, CA.

Region 2 – Auburn Gymnastics, Auburn, WA.

Region 3 – Texas Dreams Gymnastics, Coppell, TX.

Region 4 – Chow's Gymnastics, West Des Moines, IA.

Region 5 – Legacy Elite Gymnastics, Carol Stream, IL.

Region 6 – Connecticut Gymnastics Academy, Wallingford, CT.

Region 7 – World Class Gymnastics, Newport News, VA.

Region 8 – Southeastern Gymnastics, Weddington, NC.

Congratulations to the JO National Program of the Year: Southeastern Gymnastics, Weddington, NC.

2. Congratulations to the newly elected National Chairs:

National Technical Chair – Cheryl Hamilton

National Xcel Chair – Claudia Kretschmer

National Junior Olympic Chair – Tom Koll

3. Discussion regarding the Women's Program Service Award. Tom asked for input from the Regional Chairs. Send suggestions to Tom Koll and Annie Heffernon.

4. Effective August 1, 2018, recommendation to amend the Women's Rules and Policies page 63, H.1. and page 99, H.1. to read:

1. Only unaltered manufactured vaulting boards are approved for sanctioned USA Gymnastics competitions. The height of the board (22 cm \pm 1.5 cm) is measured from the floor to the highest point of the board, including the covering. All springboards meeting the stated specifications are allowed, however, it is required to provide a springboard with coil springs.

Motion: Shane McIntyre

Second: Jamie Winkler

Passed



5. Effective August 1, 2018, recommendation to allow an alternate skill cushion made of softer foam, minimum 4 ft. x 6 ft. and eight (8) inches high for bar releases ONLY (to be placed under the gymnast during the release and immediately removed). This is NOT allowed for dismounts or landings on any event.
Motion: Kittia Carpenter
Second: Shane McIntyre
In Favor: 6
Opposed: 1
Abstention: 1
Passed
6. Effective August 1, 2018, recommendation to add to the *Women's Rules and Policies*: State and Regional Programs of the year are determined annually by RACs and SACs who set the criteria, including the following:
 - Program exhibits excellence at multiple Junior Olympic levels with an emphasis at the highest level in the current year.
 - Displays good sportsmanship, team spirit, and ethics.
 - Contributes to regional efforts (camps, clinics, congresses, volunteer positions).Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Ivan Alexov
Passed
7. Discussion regarding the determination of age divisions for Regional and National Championships. Effective August 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 competitive season, only regional qualifiers (including petitioned gymnasts) who achieve the minimum qualifying score to Eastern/Western Championships or JO Nationals at State Championships will be included in age determination. Individual Event Specialists will NOT be included.
8. Effective August 1, 2018, recommendation to allow an additional entrance technique for Compulsory Acro elements (Balance Beam and Floor Exercise) to allow the back leg to bend (mountain climber entrance), torso upright, hips tucked under, shoulder angle open, neutral head position and arms cover the ears.
Motion: Ivan Alexov
Second: Paige Roth
Passed
9. Discussion regarding re-structuring of the Regions. No action taken at this time.
10. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the proposed 2021 Compulsory routines.

Meeting Adjourned.