

Joint Jr. Olympic/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2010 Dallas, Texas

I. Roll Call: Chairmen Tom Koll & Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on May 10th.

	Technical Committee	JO Committee	Administrative Committee
Region 1	Neela Nelson	Dan Witenstein	
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill	Laurie Reid	Meg Doxtator
Region 3	Carole Bunge	Cheryl Jarrett	
Region 4	Linda Thorberg	Bryon Hough	
Region 5	Char Christensen	John Geddert	
Region 6	Pat Panichas	Larry Goldsmith	
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein	Linda Johnson	
Region 8	Marian Dykes	Brad Harris	Deb Kornegay
Asst. Tech. Comm. Chair	Audrey Schweyer		
NACC	Kathy Ostberg		
Vice President - Program	Kathy Kelly		
JO Program Director	Connie Maloney		
Guest- NAWGJ President	Carole Ide		

II. Judges' Compensation Package

Discussion regarding the mileage reimbursement for judges who drive to meet the carpool.

Recommendation for the national office to consider reimbursing full mileage (no deduction of the 30-mile round trip) to all individuals involved in the carpool when renegotiating the Judges' Compensation Package that will be effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: M. Elfenbein

Passed

III. FLOOR EXERCISE CONCERNS

A. Clarification: Stag leap forward with leg change (Stag-switch leg leap) will be added to the JO Code under #1.104 = A

B. **Recommendation that a double stag jump with 1/1 (360°) turn and double stag leap with 1/1 (360°) turn be valued at "B" (#1.201), effective August 1, 2010.**

Motion: L. Reid

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED

C. Dance Passage Re-defined

In order to allow for more creativity and simplification, the committees made some changes to the Dance Passage Special Requirement (changes in *italics* type):

Recommendation to redefine the Floor Exercise Special Requirement, effective August 1, 2010, as:

Dance passage with a minimum of two (2) different Group 1 elements, directly or indirectly connected, one of which is a leap (one foot take-off) requiring a 180° cross or side split position.

An indirect connection would allow for running steps, small leaps, hops, *chassés*, *assemblés*, or *any kind of turn on 1 or 2 feet* between the two dance Value Part elements.

- **No pauses or stops are allowed within the dance passage.**
 - **Example: *Using a lunge preparation that creates a pause prior to a turn on one foot would break the dance passage.***
- **Acro elements performed between the dance value part elements will break the dance passage.**
- **Change in *JO Code of Points*, pg. 224, 3.d.: Group 1 elements in the dance passage may land on one or both feet as the first and/or second/last element of the dance passage. *Rebounding out of a leap/jump is allowed and does NOT constitute a pause or stop.***
- **The leap with 180° split**
 1. **If the cross position is used, it must have the forward leg extended.**
 2. **If the forward leg of one of the two dance value parts finishes in a stag position, it will NOT fulfill the Special Requirement.**

3. If the rear leg finishes in a stag position, it WILL fulfill the Special Requirement.
 4. The stride leap forward with change of legs to wolf position (#1.404) DOES NOT require a 180° split; therefore it will not fulfill that part of the Special Requirement.
- The second (or last) element may also land in a prone or split-sit position.

Motion: L. Johnson

Second: C. Jarrett

PASSED

As a result of the above changes, delete the following from the JO Code of Points, pg. 224,

- 3.a. 2nd bullet: Pivots on two feet and 1/1 (360°) turns (or more) on one foot are not permitted because they are stationary. Exception: Chaines turns...
- 3.e. Jumps (take-off from two feet) must land on one foot as the first element and may land on one or both feet for the second (or last) element.

D. Clarification for recognizing Dance Value Parts

If a dance element is performed that is a variation of an element listed in the *JO Code of Points* and the root skill is recognizable, it may be given the same value as the root skill and can be used to fulfill the Dance passage Special Requirement.

- Example: Tuck jump to prone position = Tuck jump

E. Floor Exercise re-wording of the Special Requirement of a Salto performed as the last isolated salto or within the last salto connection, as described in the January 2010 clarifications:

Delete the reference to “dismount”.

“Falls on the last salto performed as the last isolated salto or within the last salto connection”

a. If the salto was initiated but was not completed to land on the feet first,

- deduct 0.50 from the Start Value for not meeting last salto Special Requirement (due to no value)
- deduct 0.50 for the fall.

b. If the salto was NOT initiated,

- deduct 0.50 from the Start Value for not meeting last salto Special Requirement (due to no value)
- deduct 0.30 from the Start Value for no attempt to perform a “last salto”
- deduct 0.50 for a fall (if a fall occurs)

Example: A gymnast performs two tumbling passes early in the routine. Near the end of her exercise, she runs down the diagonal, performs a round-off, flic-flac and then just rebounds and runs backward without a salto (balks).

- deduct 0.5 from the Start Value for not fulfilling the Special Requirement of the last salto with the correct value
- deduct 0.3 from the Start Value for no attempt to perform a “last salto” element
- no deduction for a fall

F. Performance of an “unallowable” Salto Value Part - as the last salto or last salto within the last salto series

Clarification: Add to the JOC Code of Points, pg 225, 4a

At Level 8 or 9, if the salto performed to fulfill the “Last Salto” Special Requirement is a Value Part that is not allowed at the specific level,

- deduct 0.50 for missing the Special Requirement
- deduct 0.30 for no attempt to perform a last salto of value
- deduct 0.50 for performing an “unallowable” element for the level

G. Dance Connection Bonus

Recommendation to allow the same dance element (from Group 1 or 2) to be used in a direct connection on Floor Exercise to receive C+ C (same or different) Connection Value bonus of +0.10, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: J Geddert

Second: B. Harris

PASSED, 2 opposed

H. Coach on the Floor Exercise mat

Recommendation to reduce the Chief Judge deduction for coach on the floor exercise mat at Optional levels from 1.00 to 0.50, effective August 1, 2010.

Motion: L. Goldsmith

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

I. Meet protocol on Floor Exercise

Clarification that gymnasts and coaches are permitted to stand around the floor exercise area (and cheer), provided that they do not obstruct the view of the judges and spectators.

IV. GENERAL & VAULT

A. The committees discussed the possible implementation of certain parts of the proposed structure changes for 2013. Considering the number of changes required for clubs, states and regions to accommodate early implementation, no action was taken at this time.

B. Warm-up concerns:

Reminder to Meet Directors that there must be a minimum of 15 minutes scheduled for General stretch. No equipment may be used (except for bar settings). If a gymnast or coach disregards the rules, and is witnessed by USAG officer or State Committee member, it should be reported on the sanction form.

Pre-meet timed warm-ups – If a coach/athlete disregards the timer and exceeds the warm-up time, the timer must report the infraction to the Meet Director or Meet Referee.

Pre-meet warm-up on vault clarification: The “timed” pre-competition warm-up for vault is based on time (times the number of athletes in the largest squad), NOT on a specific number of vaults. Only the competition “Touch Warm-up” has a guarantee of a certain number of vaults.)

~~B. Fall deduction for Bars and Beam:~~

~~Recommendation that in the attempt to remount after a fall, the gymnast falls again before the judging has resumed (performing an element on bars or beam time resumes), the 0.50 deduction would not be applied.~~

~~Motion: T. Koll~~

~~Second: C. Jarrett~~

~~DEFEATED~~

C. Vault Runway

Recommendation to allow athletic tape, Velcro strips or small chalk marks to be placed across the width of the vault runway. The markings should be removed no later than at the end of the rotation. Effective immediately.

Motion: D. Witenstein

Second: L. Goldsmith

12 in favor, 5 against

PASSED

D. Vault Value change

Recommendation for Levels 8-10 to change the value of the following vaults to 7.00:

#1.106 ¼ - ½ turn on - with repulsion to feet off

#4.101 RO, FF on - repulsion to feet off

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Dykes

PASSED

E. Foot Form Deduction on Vault

Recommendation for Optional Vault (Levels 7-10) to add a deduction of “up to 0.10” for incorrect foot form in each phase (pre-flight, support, after-flight) of the vault.

Motion: N. Nelson

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

F. Level 7 Vault Touch Warm-up

Recommendation that for meets/sessions with only Level 7 gymnasts, the competition touch warm-up allow for only two vaults per gymnast.

Motion: M. Dykes

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

G. Competition Touch Warm-up on Vault

Recommendation to reword #11 on page 28 of the *JO Code of Points* and page 43, 4.c. in the *Rules and Policies* as follows:

During competition touch warm-up, each athlete is guaranteed a specific number of vaults (jumps over the table). The vault touch warm-up is NOT regulated by time.

- After presenting to the judges, gymnasts are allowed one "runback" from the board before the vault attempts are counted.
- Level 1- 7 gymnasts are allowed a maximum of two (2) touch warm-up vaults.
- Level 8-10 gymnasts are allowed a maximum of three (3) touch warm-up vaults
- Each gymnast is allowed to stand on the vault table and jump or salto off one time ONLY, in addition to their specific number of allowable vaults.

Motion: P. Panichas

Second: L. Mulvihill

PASSED, 2 abstentions

H. Level 8 Vault Value

Recommendation for Level 8 Vault chart to change the value of vault #5.101 (RO, FF ½ on - Handspring off) from 9.10 to 9.20.

Motion: B. Harris

Second: M. Elfenbein

PASSED

V. BALANCE BEAM

A. New elements performed at the 2010 JO National Championships:

Recommendation to accept the values for the following new Beam elements:

1. Side Aerial to an immediate scale with back leg maintained at a minimum of horizontal for two seconds. (Asi Peko-Region 1) #7.503 Value = E
2. Free aerial walkover forward with 2/1 (720°) twist dismount of the end of the beam (Cammi Muhr-Region 3) #9.402 Value = D

Motion: C. Christensen

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

B. Description of Stretch jump on Beam

Recommendation to make the following change of wording in the *JO Code of Points* (Beam element #2.108) to indicate that the stretch jump no longer is required to move forward or show an arch to receive A value part.

1st illustration: Stretched jump or arch jump

2nd illustration: Stretched jump with ½ turn (180°)

3rd illustration: Stretched jump with change/beat of legs

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: B. Hough

PASSED

C. Clarification of the compositional requirement of use of acrobatic elements in two different directions on Beam in the *JO Code of Points*, page 147 IV. A. 1.

To be considered as a forward or sideward element, the element must move through a forward or sideward plane and must be from Groups 1-Mounts, 6-Rolls, 7-Walkovers/Cartwheels and 8-Saltos.

A kick-up to handstand - step down is a Group 5 element, and therefore cannot be used to fulfill this compositional requirement.

D. Acro, Mixed and Dance Series Clarifications, page 146, III. in *JO Code of Points*

Recommendation to change the deduction for lack of tempo/poor rhythm between elements performed in a series to up to 0.20 for:

- acrobatic (forward acro, counter acro, backward non-flight acro)
- mixed series
- dance connections

Note: The connection of two or more backward acro elements, with a minimum of one flight, is still evaluated as either connected or not connected. If not, deduct 0.50 for missing the Special Requirement and do not award value part credit for the second element IF both elements are the same.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: A. Schweyer

PASSED

JO Code of Points: Page 146 Reword

Under III. A. 1. Backward Acro flight series

- a. Arms moving as low as the thighs or further back **“after landing”** will break the series.

E. Beam Element Value changes

~~Recommendation to change the value of Beam # 2.302 – 2nd illustration: Starting in cross position, straddle jump with ¼ turn to finish in side stand from “C” to “B”.~~

~~Motion: C. Bunge~~

~~Second: A. Schweyer~~

~~DEFEATED~~

Recommendation to raise the value of Beam #2.306 (see 2nd description) - Pike jump from cross position (hip < 90°) with ¾ turn (270°) from “C” to “D”.

Motion: M. Eifenbein

Second: C. Jarrett

PASSED

F. Beam Clarifications:

1. Beam element # 5.203 - Balance stand on one foot, free leg in sideward upward hold above 140° (2 sec.) may be performed also by holding the leg with the hand.

2. Gr. 4 Body waves (#4.101, 4.102, 4.103, 4.201, 4.202, 4.203) add to the description that the balance stand requires a 2 second hold. (#4.204-Toe rise) does not require a 2-second hold.

3. Clarification that any press handstand used as a mount or within the exercise is not required to have a two-second hold to receive value part credit.

On Page 145 of the *JO Code of Points*, B. Level 7 Special Requirements –

1. b. 3) Add to b) There is no hold requirement for a turning handstand **OR a press to handstand** performed within the exercise.

VI. UNEVEN BARS

A. Clarification: all flyaway dismounts must be initiated from the High Bar in order to receive value part credit.

B. Extra swings

Recommendation that whenever more than one extra swing is performed following a single element, the maximum deduction is 0.60.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: L. Reid

PASSED

C. Level 7 Bar Dismount

Recommendation that, for Level 7 only, no penalty for extra swing be applied if a counter swing is performed prior to salto forward (front flyaway) dismount.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: D. Witenstein

PASSED

D. Clarification on Group 8 – Bar Dismount descriptions

Delete the reference to starting position - “(Handstand on HB)” from any dismount currently described as such in the *JO Code of Points*.

E. Level 7 and 8 Bars: Circle Element from Group 3, 6 or 7 Special Requirement

Recommendation to allow Level 7 and 8 gymnasts to perform the following selected “C” elements for “B” value part credit in order to fulfill the Group 3, 6, 7 Special Requirement:

- #6304 Back stalder to handstand, also with half (180°) turn,
- #7.309 Piked sole circle backward to handstand, also with half (180°) turn

Note: These selected elements are in addition to the Clear hip circle to handstand, also with ½ (180°) turn, already permitted at both Level 7 and 8.

Motion: D. Witenstein

Second: N. Nelson

PASSED, 10 in favor, 2 opposed, 7 abstentions

VII. Kathy Kelly reported on the recommendations made by the National Administrative Committee in their meeting held on May 9, 2010. Refer to the minutes of the National Administrative Committee.

VIII. Petitions

Petitions to JO-NIT: Currently petitions are due the Monday before Regionals for those athletes who are unable to compete at the Regional Championships in order to determine the number of extra slots available on a percentage basis for the NIT. Athletes injured at the Regional meet had no possibility of petitioning in 2010; however, there were open slots in many of the age divisions.

Recommendation to allow additional petitions to the JO-NIT for gymnasts who are injured between the petition deadline up to and including at the Regional Championships. These late petitions must be submitted within two days following the Regional meet. Approval will be based upon meeting the petition requirements as well as available space after qualifiers have been notified.

Motion: J. Geddert

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

VIX. The committees requested that all professional members follow the proper channels of communication by using the “Hotline” found in the *Rules and Policies* on page xiv. The first point of contact is your State Administrative Committee Chair; however, technical questions must be copied to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman; specific JO program questions to the Regional JO Chairman.

VX. Level 8 Beam and Floor

~~Recommendation to allow Level 8 gymnasts to perform one acro C on beam and one acro C on floor exercise to receive B credit, effective August 1, 2010.~~

~~Motion: M. Dykes~~

~~Second: A. Schweyer~~

~~DEFEATED (7 in favor, 11 opposed)~~

VXI. NEW BUSINESS

A. BARS

1. Level 10 Bars: Clarification of the specific compositional deduction for Bars for Level 10 only: Squat on LB with or without sole circle to grasp the high bar

Level 10s may perform only one element that places the feet on the LB and then jumps from the LB to the HB. If more than one such element is performed, a 0.10 deduction is taken each time.

2. Recommendation to change the wording on BARS, JO Code of Points, Page 66, B.1.b. in regards to two bar changes for Level 9.

"A fall from the high bar with continuation of routine (*performance of a listed value part element*) on the Low Bar is considered as a bar change."

Delete the following bulleted sentence: "After a fall, climbing onto the LB, then jump to HB is considered a bar change."

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: C. Christensen

PASSED

3. Clarification on Bar Technique, JO Code of Points, Pg 57. G. 2. b - Uprise to handstand

In order to receive "B" value part credit, the gymnast must show a closed shoulder angle, pulling the shoulders over the bar (not an extended shoulder position in a long swing).

B. BEAM

1. Recommendation to raise Beam elements #7.408 (Flic-flac with $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1/1 turn before hand support) and #7.411 (gainer flic-flac with $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1/1 turn before hand support) from D to E

Motion: N. Nelson

Second: C. Bunge

PASSED

2. Recommendation to raise the value of Beam element #7.402 - D (last description/illustration) Free (aerial) walkover forward to land on two feet (Davidson) to #7.502 - E.

Motion: T. Koll

Second: L. Johnson

PASSED

C. BEAM & FLOOR EXERCISE

Recommendation to add a deduction of "up to 0.10" on beam and floor exercise for "Failure to perform value parts from the turn category in high relevé."

M. Dykes

L. Thorberg

PASSED

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2011 following JO Nationals/JO-NIT in Long Beach, California.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.