



Joint Xcel/Technical Committee Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Chairs Claudia Kretschmer and Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Roll Call:

	<u>Xcel</u>	<u>Technical</u>
Region 1	Jill Preston	Gigi Iavarone
Region 2	Dianne Palmer	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Louise Janecky	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Megan Robinson	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Nancy Gibson	Char Christensen
Region 6	Gail Caspare	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Jane Caruso	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Elaine Wulf	Marian Dykes
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney	

1. Claudia reviewed Xcel Program philosophy and importance of maintaining its core values.
2. JUDGING CONCERNS
 - a. Recommendation that Level 9 and above judges be assigned to judge Diamond Division, whenever possible.
Motion: Linda Thorberg
Second: Gail Caspare
PASSED
 - b. The Technical Committee is in the process of developing a form to be used (and carried to meets) specifying any exceptions to be made for an athlete due to a physical disability. This form will be posted on the Women-Forms page of the usagym.org website.
 - c. Online Xcel Judges' Course/Exam
 - 1) An interactive online course and exam is being developed by an Xcel sub-committee. This Online Course will be offered to encourage individuals who do not hold a Junior Olympic Judges' rating to become involved in judging Xcel competitions and also for judges who previously held a Junior Olympic rating to be "grandfathered" to judge Xcel. The members of the subcommittee are: Jane Caruso, Gail Caspare, Dianne Palmer, Nancy Gibson, Megan Robinson and Technical Committee reps: Marian Dykes and Char Christensen.
 - 2) The Technical reps will proof and give feedback on the sections as they are developed. Cheryl Hamilton volunteered to write the exam questions. Several sections are ready for proofing and further input from the National Xcel Committee, with an expected roll-out date of August 1, 2019.
 - d. Technical Committee reported to the Xcel Committee on the description of a "backless leotard" which be in effect as of August 1, 2020 for Xcel and JO programs. Refer to the May 2019 Technical Committee minutes.



- e. The committees suggested that meets using 1-judge panels have a floating Meet Referee if possible.

3. VAULT

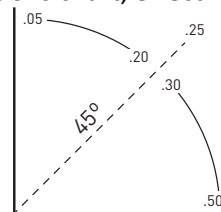
- a. The Xcel Committee reported that Vault 2.301 Handspring on- Salto forward tucked off will be removed from the Diamond Vault Chart, effective August, 1, 2019. Refer to motion in May 2019 Xcel Committee minutes.

- b. ~~Recommendation to add a deduction for Angle of Repulsion (for non-salto vaults only) of "Up to 1.00" to the Gold, Platinum, and Diamond Vault Deductions chart, effective August 1, 2019.~~

Motion: Carole Bunge,
Second: Linda Thorberg
4 In favor; 10 Opposed; 2 Abstentions
DEFEATED

- c. Recommendation to add a deduction for Angle of Repulsion (for non-salto vaults only) of "Up to 0.50" to the Gold, Platinum, and Diamond Vault Deductions chart, effective August 1, 2019.

Motion: Gail Caspare
Second: Linda Thorberg
9 in favor; 6 opposed; 1 Abstention
PASSED



4. BARS

- a. Recommendation to change the skill description of a "Cast off to stand dismount" in the Bronze Additional Skills Chart to read "Cast off with release of the bar prior to arriving in stand " (1 single element; not eligible for cast Special Requirement or cast Value Part) and to add a deduction of 0.30 for lack of release of the bar prior to landing, when indicated.

Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Jane Caruso
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. BEAM

- a. The committees requested the following additions/changes be made to the wording in the *Xcel Code of Points* and the *Junior Olympic Code of Points*:

- 1) BB 9.104 Front tuck/pike, also with ½ turn dsmount: add to the description "from 1 foot (and swing) or from 2 feet"
- 2) BB 5.103 Stand on one leg (whole foot) free leg in forward or sideward hold above 90° (2 sec.) add "also with hand holding free leg" to match wording in *Junior Olympic Code of Points*.
- 3) BB 5.208 Jump to cross or side handstand: add to description "from 1 foot (dive) or 2 feet (Jump)
- 4) FX 5.103 – referring to the one-foot front tuck description-at bottom of the box, add - will NOT be considered "an Aerial" or Salto for Special Requirement purposes.



- b. Discussion regarding specific Beam skills:
 - 1) Front walkover to bridge to back lying position is consider a variation of 7.101-"A" Value Part.
 - 2) Bronze Division -Lever to Touch Beam requirements: No angle requirements. Body shape deductions may be applied. The back foot of the lever need not return to the beam in order to receive Value-Part credit.

6. FLOOR

- a. The two committees agreed to the following stipulations regarding hand placement on the floor during backward rolls for Bronze and Silver Divisions: Placing the hands on the floor next to the legs/buttocks will not receive a deduction. If, in addition to the hand placement, a rhythm error occurs, a deduction may be taken for the rhythm error.
 - In the *Xcel Code of Points*, page FLOOR-3, II, A, 2, a and II, A, 3, a - add bullet with clarification "Hand placement on floor prior to backward roll is allowed."
- b. Technical Committeee informed the Xcel Committee that Floor Element 1.310 Ring jump (straight front leg) with 1/1 (360°) turn is being raised to "D" 1.410. The Stag-ring jump with a 1/1 (360°) turn remains a "C" 1.310.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.