

Illinois USAG Women's Gymnastics State Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2008

A General Planning Meeting of the USAG Women's State Committee was held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Normal, IL. State Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. A quorum was present; those in attendance were:

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	Cyndi Zimmerman, J. O. Chairman	Randy Parrish, Level 9 – 10 Chairman -
Mary Joe Roehrig, Level 8 ABSENT	Steve Cacchione, Level 7 Chairman	Andy Morreale, Level 6 Chairman
Judy Redmond, Level 5 Chairman	Wendy McGrath, Secretary	Terry Theobald, Election Commissioner
Don McPherson, Safety ABSENT	Jeanne Johnson, NAWGJ Representative	Leonard Isaacs, Education ABSENT
Todd Gardiner, Elite Chair ABSENT	Teresa Millmore, Level 4 Chairman	

JUDGES SELECTION

For the beginning of the meeting only, special guests from NAWGJ were North Assigning Judge, Mary Lou Ackman and South Assigning Judge, Billie Stone. Jeanne Johnson was present in her capacity as NAWGJ Representative and non-voting member of the IL-USAG Committee.

The Committee put forth a strong effort to make our judges selection as fair and consistent as possible and to remain true to our philosophy to have the best judges at our meets. Members also took into consideration the concerns voiced by Jeanne Johnson at our previous meeting, to make the effort to include more judges in the state series to try and stem judges attrition. We further took into account the NAWGJ recommendation to include the up and coming judges in the state meets.

To accomplish this, the Committee and the representatives from NAWGJ spent 2 hours reviewing the merits or demerits of each judge who submitted a Professional Involvement Form. Based on that information the Committee moved into voting mode.

Motion No. 1: Not to accept any Professional Involvement Form that was turned in past the due date.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman
Seconded by Judy Redmond
Passed Unanimously

PHYSICAL VOTING SELECTION

The Committee maintained a blind vote, by position. The vote was conducted and then tabulated by Norbert Bendixen. A Meet Referee was selected from that list, as well as 1st and 2nd alternate judges. Find the following determination of that vote:

(Everyone is a Level 10 or higher, except where noted.)

Level 9 – 10	Level 8	Level 7 – 4 North	Level 6 – 4 South	Level 5
Sandy Oldham MR	Susan Brosnan MR	Paula Noe MR	Betty Axelson MR	Hilary Carlson MR
Mary Lou Ackman	Mary Lou Ackman	Mary Lou Ackman	Susan Brosnan	Heather Forbes (8)
Susan Brosnan	Hilary Carlson	Susan Brosnan	Jenny Cacchione	Kathleen Gebhardt
Jenny Cacchione	Carrie Marquardt	Hilary Carlson	Heather Forbes (8)	Judith Harwood
Hilary Carlson	Linda McDonald	Leigh Ann Klaus	Kathleen Gebhardt	Mary Kraus
Kathleen Gebhardt	Paula Noe	Carrie Marquardt	Jeanne Johnson	Cathy Peebles
Judith Harwood	Sandy Oldham	Linda McDonald	Teresa Millmore	Billie Stone
Jeanne Johnson	Judyth Redmond	Cathy Peebles	Stacey Mooney	Amy Tritt
Christi Kearns	Richard Sabel	Sue Woloszyk (9)	Billie Stone	Sue Woloszyk (9)
Mary Kraus	Christi Kearns 1 A	Mary Kraus 1 A	Christi Kearns 1 A	Richard Sabel 1 A
Carrie Marquardt	Arlene Norris 2 A	Liz Greene 2 A	Mary Kraus 2 A	Betty Axelson 2 A
Linda McDonald				
Stacey Mooney				
Paula Noe				
Cathy Peebles				
Sharon Sargeant				
Billie Stone				
Arlene Norris 1 A				
Judyth Redmond 2 A				

PREP-OPTIONAL

Randy Parrish, the IL Prep-Optional Representative, reported on his findings from Region V Congress. The Illinois rules are as follows:

- Minimum age requirement is 10 years old for all divisions.
- If a gymnast from another state competes in Illinois and is younger than 10 years old she must compete as a 10 year old.
- Qualification to the Prep-Optional State Meet - A gymnast must compete in at least one Prep-Optional Competition. If an athlete is unable to compete due to injury or illness she may be petitioned with a doctor's note to the SAC.

All information regarding the Prep/Optional rules can be found ONLY at the Prep/Optional website.

Individual state rules are linked from there:

http://web.me.com/claudiakretschmer/Region5_Prep-Opt/Welcome.html

INDIVIDUAL EVENT SPECIALIST

Motion No.2: 2008/2009 Event Specialists will use February 1, 2009 as the date to declare their intent to compete at a State Meet.

- The qualifying score will be set at 8.975.
- The last date to qualify for Level is to be consistent with the State Calendar.

Proposed by Judy Redmond

Seconded by Andy Morreale

7 – In Favor

1 – Opposed

Passed

Motion No. 3: Event Specialists shall be limited to Levels 8, 9 and 10.

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Teresa Millmore
Passed Unanimously

AMERICAN CUP

The USA Gymnastics American Cup will be held at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on February 21, 2009. The state will look into aiding in this endeavor.

STATE TRAINING CAMP

Tabled to the next meeting.

QUESTIONNAIRE

As a reminder, Norbert Bendixen would like all questions in by October 25, 2008 and disseminated by November 1, 2008. This information has been posted on the IL-USAG website since September.

USA GYMNASTICS DRESS CODE

ILLINOIS COACHES – in case you missed this USAG communication, your State Committee will inundate clubs, meet directors, pro members and parent boosters with the new rule, which can be found on Page 11 of the USAG Rules & Policies and paraphrased here:

COACHES ATTIRE AT STATE AND ABOVE COMPETITIONS. (State Committees may also implement at meets below State Championships):

- Shoes; closed toe athletic shoes
- Pants: Athletic warm-ups or “Docker-style” pants (*no jeans*)
- Shorts: Athletic or tailored shorts that are a reasonable length (example-7” inseam)
- No shorts with tears, holes or short-shorts.
- Shirts: Collared shirts, business casual shirts, or T-shirts with gym logo. No spaghetti straps, low-cut tops or midriff revealing shirts.
- Hats: no hats or visors

Question – How will this be enforced? The first year only, the IL-USAG Committee will provide a non-conforming coach with an appropriate shirt, **but it is hoped that all Professional Members will act according to the rules set forth by their governing body and that no further action will be necessary.**

COACH IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS FOR ALL STATE MEETS

The IL-USAG Committee will supply wrist bands for meet directors. Meet directors should look for these with the awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Cacchione suggested that the Committee address the procedure of a committee member who is also a judge, not having the ability to vote for judges in the selection process.

The next Committee meeting will be held over the Christmas holiday break, at a time and place to be determined at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. CST

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Wendy R. McGrath, Secretary

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