

Women's Program
Technical Committee Meeting
May 12-13, 2014
Jackson, MS
Approved June 9, 2014

I. Roll Call: Chairman Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Region 1	Neela Nelson
Region 2	Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Carole Bunge
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Char Christensen
Region 6	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Marian Dykes
JO Technical Director	Connie Maloney

II. Xcel technical clarification or questions

A. Bronze Floor Exercise:

1. A Cartwheel ¼ turn out to a second cartwheel involves a pivot on the landing foot which breaks the direct connection. It is possible to have a direct connection if the two side cartwheels are performed totally sideways or if the first cartwheel finishes with a ¼ turn and the free leg steps forward directly into the second cartwheel.
2. A Round-off rebound, step-out to another acro skill will not count for the Acro Special Requirement since the rebound breaks the direct connection. Any time an acro element lands on two feet, the next acro element must immediately take-off from two feet in order to be considered directly-connected. Exception for Bronze and Silver Divisions: a Round-off rebound to backward roll will count as an Acro series

B. Silver Floor Exercise: A roll element of any type CANNOT be used to fulfill the acro flight element Special Requirement.

C. Bronze Balance Beam: In order to receive credit for the Special Requirement of a minimum of 180° turn on one or two feet, the gymnast must complete at least 91° of the 180° turn (at least one degree past half of the turn).

D. Silver and Gold Uneven Bars:

1. Silver and Gold divisions are not allowed to perform any giant circles, on low bar or high bar.
2. Mount: Glide out and back to stand is one "A" element; the gymnast then performs a Back Hip Pullover mount to count as a 2nd "A" element.

III. J.O. and Xcel Bar Element Clarification

For both the JO and Xcel programs, a cast to squat, pike or straddle onto the bar is considered one element (#2.102). The description in the *JO and Xcel Code of Points* will be changed to "Cast to squat, stoop, or straddle on LB, also with jump to grasp HB."

Therefore, if a gymnast performs a cast squat/pike/straddle on, then immediately performs a 360° sole circle or a sole circle dismount, it is considered two "A" elements.

Reminder: Level 10's may perform without penalty only one transfer from LB to HB that is initiated from the feet. Each additional LB jump to HB transfer initiated from the feet receives a 0.10 penalty.

IV. Procedures for answering Technical questions for the Xcel program

The Regional Xcel Chair sends any Xcel technical questions to their respective RTCC, who answers the question after consulting with other Technical Committee members. The questions and answers will be shared with the rest of Technical Committee, the Xcel Committee members and if necessary, will be added to the Q & A on the Xcel webpage.

V. JO Update

The JO Update presentation for the summer congresses will include the video clips of the new elements performed at the 2014 JO Nationals and NIT (see May 2014 Joint JO and Technical Committee minutes).

VI. Fee structure recommendations

Committee discussed when the hourly fee begins.

Recommendation to the National Office that at State meet and above competitions which require a video analysis in addition to the judges' meeting, the paid judging time starts with the scheduled meeting time, up to one hour prior to the scheduled march-in time.

Motion: L. Thorberg

Second: M. Dykes

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VII. Scoring Concerns

The committee recommends that each judge must either independently input their score electronically or submit the score in writing on a separate score slip. If only one keypad is available per event, both judges must write their own score and both (or all four) scores should be entered electronically to ensure an accurate average score. There should also be a paper trail to record the individual judges' score and the average.

In order to ensure accurate results, both vaults scores should be entered into electronic scoring system, especially at qualifying and championship competitions.

VIII. Practice Judging for newly rated judges

The Technical Committee strongly recommends that a judge who receives a new rating should practice judge at the new level prior to being assigned to judge a competition at that level.

IX. Level 6 Floor Acro Special Requirement:

A. Level 6 gymnast performs a routine with the following acro passes:

Round-off, flic-flac, Back salto

Round-off, Back salto

The deletion or addition of a flic-flac will not change the connection or make it a different series, so in this example, the 2nd back salto will not receive value-part credit and cannot be used to fulfill the Special Requirement. Note: This also applies to any level; if an acro salto element is performed from a Round-off, Flic-flac and later just from a Round-off, the 2nd series would be considered the same. The salto in the 2nd series would not fulfill value-part and/or Special Requirement credit.

Example for Level 10: first acro pass is RO, FF, 2/1 twist; last pass is RO, 2/1 twist. The salto in the last pass would not receive C value, nor would it fulfill the Special Requirement of a minimum of C acro in last tumbling pass.

B. Level 6 gymnast performs the following acro series:

Round-off, flic-flac, back salto

Round-off, flic-flac, flic-flac

In this example, the 3rd flic-flac performed is not awarded value-part credit; therefore, it cannot be considered an acro series and will not fulfill the Special Requirement. However, if the two series were switched in the order of appearance, the gymnast would receive both Acro Special Requirements (that is, first pass RO, FF, FF; 2nd pass RO, FF, Back salto).

X. Basic Rolls on Balance Beam for the *Jr. Olympic and Xcel Code of Points*

The following description will be added to the forward roll (#6.101) and backward roll (#6.104) and their variations listed under the same number: Start and ending position as well as hand position is optional.

XI. Judges' Training merchandise

The scripts that accompany the Level 10 practice judging and technique DVDs used for the 2013 USA Brevet and National Courses are currently being updated and will be available for purchase from the online store by the end of the summer.

XII. Next meeting is scheduled for October 24-26, 2014 in Indianapolis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm Tuesday, May 13.