

State Board Meeting Minutes

6/17/04

Telecon – Jody Newman, Cathy Cahoy, Danelle Catlett, Cyndi Atchison, Carol Balerud  
Absent: Barb Bottieri

1. Review of specific jobs on the Board.

**Carol was appointed Secretary. Reviewed Board positions: Compulsory Coordinator – Cyndi, Optional Coordinator- Danelle, Education Coordinator – Cathy, Judges Liasion-Carol. The following Board members terms expire this year: Carol, Cathy, Danelle.**

2. Recommendations for 2005 Regional Judges

**Three options were discussed as a way to determine the additional Regional Judge for 2005. Option 1 - continue the current rotation basis\* , Optional 2 - select judges for Regionals by State Committee vote, or Option 3- select National judges, then Level 10s on a rotational basis.**

**After much discussion, the following judge(s) was selected for 2005 Regionals: Carol Houlton. Alternates - Terri Watermeier and Jeanelle Moline.**

**This selection was only for 2005, subsequent selection critiera will be decided by the new State Committee, taking into account any judging recertification changes next year.**

**\*Previously we used a rotational basis for National and Level 10 judges who met the following critieria: 1) Judges must be members in good standing of USAG, 2) Judges must have judged at least 2 seasons as a Level 10, 3) Judges must have judged the Level 7-10 Nebraska State meet the year they would judge the Regional meet, 4) Judges must be active in the State and Region (attend clinics regularly, etc.)**

3. Age divisions for Level 8 and below (exception: Regional Boards decide Level 8 age groups when there is a Level 8 Regional meet)

**No action because our Regional Boards decides Level 8 age groups when there is a Level 8 Regional meet.**

4. Sectional meets (to hold or not to hold) and procedures/formats.

**It was decided not to hold Sectional meets.**

5. Team competition and format

**Three scores per level count for team awards.**

6. Dates for State Meets.

**Compulsory State Meet will be held on the week-end of December 11-12, 2004.**

7. Number of State meets for Level 5, 6 and 7.

**No action.**

8. State qualifying scores and/or procedures for Level 9 and below.

**Level 7 and Level 8 qualifying scores were raised to 30.00.**

- Level 4 – 26.00
- Level 5 – 28.00
- Level 6 – 28.00
- Level 7 – 30.00
- Level 8 – 30.00
- Level 9 – 32.00
- Level 10 – 32.00

9. Score ranges for Level 2,3,4/5 Achievement Awards.

**Same as previous years, Blue ribbon for 9.0 and above, Red ribbon for 8.0-8.975, White ribbon for 7.0-7.975, Yellow ribbon for 6.0-6.975.**

10. Placement awards in addition to achievement awards for Level 4/5.

**It was decided to only allow achievement and/or participation awards at Level 4. No placement awards at Level 4. This is intended to keep the entry fee for Level 4 meets as low as possible.**

**Whether to allow Level 4 placement awards at the State meet will be decided by the new Committee**

**It is recommended that both placement and achievement awards are used at Level 5, in accordance with the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies.**

11. Flashing of start values at Level 8, 9, 10 State Meets

**Flashing of start values at Level 8,9, 10 meets is required.**  
**This means more score flashers. Other gyms have agreed to help with this**

12. Open Scoring at Level 8, 9, 10 State Meets.

**Open scoring will be used at the Level 8, 9, and 10 State Meet.**

13. Selection of judges' assigning/contracting organization

**NAWGJ is again the recommended assigning organization.**

14. Selection of judges for State Meets (all levels)

**Tabled until the new State Committee has been elected.**

15. Recommendation of officials for Regional Meets (9 & 10) to RTC.

**See #2 above.**

16. Allowing coaches to bring additional boards to State Meets.

**It was decided to continue to allow coaches to bring additional boards to State meet, however, the boards must stay at the event the entire meet. Bringing additional boards is not allowed at Regionals or Nationals.**

17. Event specialist competition procedures and qualifying scores

**Qualifying scores for event specialists to State are:**

**7.5 for Levels 7 and 8,**

**8.0 for Levels 9 and 10**

**Event Specialists' scores can count for team awards, however, separate placement awards must be given.**

18. State Bids and sites.

**Tabled until the new State Committee has been elected.**

*Note: At the State Meeting, it was discussed that Premiere Gymnastics was the only bid for the compulsory State Meet so the bid was awarded to Premiere.*

19. Violations of sanctions – course of action by State Board

**Based a requirement from the Regional Board, the NE State Committee will be creating and publishing a policy for sanction violations. This item was tabled until the new State Committee has been elected.**

20. State meet admission and entry fees.

**Entry Fees: Compulsory \$35 / Optional \$45 (If the competitions are held at an outside facility, the entry fees may be adjusted pending prior approval by the State Board.)**

**Admission fees: \$4 adult, \$2 in the gym; /\$5 adult, \$3 if other facility is used.**

21. Set designated date for dropping back

**One month before State Meet (form in State Rules and Policy Booklet)**

**Submit the mobility form to Jody at least 1 month before the applicable State Meet. The athlete must qualify to State Meet at the lower level.**

22. 2004 State Meeting

**Discussed having the 2004 State Meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2004 at Solid Rock. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m.**

23. Clinic –

**If possible, a Safety certification exam will be scheduled on August 8, 2004 to coincide with the State Meeting. Cathy will check with Dave Contreas to see if he is available on 8/8/04. Jody will check with Don Houlton to try to schedule an optional clinic on a week-end that would not conflict with any upcoming Regional Training Camps.**

*Note: At the State Meeting, it was discussed that NAWGJ would coordinate a compulsory critique to be scheduled in late September.*

*An optional clinic was discussed, possibly the week-end of 10/30/04. Time and place will be coordinated by the new State Committee.*

24. Web Page

**Discussion on whether to create a web page for Nebraska gymnastics. Due to financial constraints, it was decided to postpone pursuing a web page at this time.**

25. Competition Fee (\$10 by State Meet of that season)

**No change to the \$10 Competition fee. It is effective for the entire calendar year. For example, if a gymnast competes in both the Fall and Winter season, \$10 is only due once per year.**