

SC USA Gymnastics Committee

Minutes 5-28-19

Roll Call: Ashley Lamborn, Ashleyanne Murray, Abby Reid, Karimah Thorne, Joey Smith, Joanne Child, Dana Browy, Mendi Knisley, Davita Ivey, and Dani Berry.

Meeting called to order at 9:44am.

Mendi Knisley was asked to be the secretary.

The following members plan to run again in their current position or for a different position on the SC USA Gymnastics Committee: Dana Browy, Joey Smith, Abby Reid, Sue Dolinar, Karimah Thorne, Davita Ivey, Ashleyanne Murray, Ashley Lamborn, Danni Berry, and Mendi Knisley.

Corrections to the current Committee's mailing addresses and email addresses were captured by Dana Browy.

Additions to the SC USA Gymnastics Committee's job descriptions – The Optional Representative will be updated to include the Louise Peck Scholarship, Senior Awards and Spirit of Pam Award. The Assistant State Chair will order and pick up the awards for all Programs of the Year Awards.

The Webmaster has completed the Meet Intent Form for the SC USA Gymnastics website and the Committee Elections for 2019-2021. Nominations for the SC USA Gymnastics Committee need to be submitted by June 14th. If a vote is needed, then voting will begin June 15th. All current SC USA Gymnastics members may participate in the voting. Please note that all USA Gymnastics memberships will be verified.

The XCEL, Compulsory and Optional Programs of the Year voting will be sent out by using a Google Doc or other means. All current SC USA Gymnastics members may participate in the voting. Please note that all USA Gymnastics memberships will be verified.

Periodically SC USA Gymnastics news will be sent by email as needed to share important information. The Quick Reference Guide and Competition Booklet will be given to all Committee Members and one copy per SC club. The Meet Flyers will need to be submitted by June 25th and will be sent to the membership by July 1st in a digital copy. Meet Flyers that are collected after June 25th and before July 1st will not be included in the digital copy, yet will be printed in the Competition Booklet to be given to clubs at the SC USA Gymnastics Annual Meeting on August 25th.

Training Camp Dates and Sites

Compulsory & XCEL – September 7 & 8 (location to be determined)

Optional – September 21 & 22 – Terry & Don's Gymnastics

The Training Camp Coordinators will look at adding choreography, new ideas for format, collegiate athletes and different clinicians for this year's training camps.

Anna Sexton arrived at 10:48am

A motion was made by Abby Reid to increase the Admission Fees for State Meets to the following:

Admission Fees for State Meets

Outside Facility

Adult - \$20 per weekend

Student/Senior 55+ - \$10 per weekend

Child – 5 & Under – Free
Family - \$50 per weekend

Home Gym Facility
Adult - \$10 per weekend
Student/Senior 55+ - \$5 per weekend
Child – 5 & Under – Free
Family - \$25 per weekend

2nd by Dani
Vote-unanimous

Web Site and Tracking Fees
Tracking fees will remain the same as the previous year – Level 1-2 - \$5, Level 3-10 - \$10, All XCEI - \$10

A motion was made by Dana to update the team late fees for tracking to the following:

Team Late Fees for tracking
Level 1-5 Deadline October 31st
Team Late Fees – Nov. 1-Nov. 30 - \$100
Dec. 1st and beyond - \$150

Level 6-10 Deadline December 31st
Team Late Fees – Jan. 1- Jan. 31 - \$100
Feb. 1st and beyond - \$150

If a team does not pay their tracking fee, the club will not be allowed to participate in the team competition at all levels at the SC USAG State Meets.

2nd by Karimah
Vote-unanimous

Meet Maker
Issues in using Meet Maker were discussed. One of the most significant issues in the past year was the inability to track the deposits for training camps. Ideas on how to solve this issue were discussed.

Ashley made a motion that for training camps, we will use meet reservations on the USA Gymnastics site and then have clubs mail in the entry payment by check to the Clinician Coordinator for each training camp.

2nd by Dani
Vote-unanimous

Dani made a motion that the Compulsory & XCEL training camp fees will be raised to \$50 and campers will be given a t-shirt. For the Optional training camp fee will be raised to \$90.

2nd by Davita
Vote-unanimous

Meet Maker fees will be paid by the State for Levels 6-10, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond State Meets. For the Compulsory, Bronze and Silver State Meets, the Meet Maker fees will be paid by the host club.

Abby made a motion to accept NAWGJ as the Assignor for SC gymnastics meets.

2nd by Davita
Vote-unanimous

The number of judges per panel for the State Meets were discussed. It was recommended that any level that had athletes competing to go to Regionals should have four judge panels.

Ashley made a motion for the judging panels to be as follows:

Judging Panels for State Meets

Level 1-2, Bronze - 2

Level 3-10 – 4

XCEL Silver – 4

XCEL Gold, Platinum & Diamond – 4

2nd by Abby

Vote-9 for, 1 against

Motion passed

The SC USA Gymnastics Committee reviewed the criteria for judges to be eligible to judge SC State Meets.

The policy is as follows:

SC USA Gymnastics Criteria for Selection of Judges for State Meets

The SC USA Gymnastics State Committee must approve the slate of judges for all State Meets. The following is the criteria for the selection process.

1. Fulfillment of Volunteer Requirements
2. Consideration for Regional Assignments
3. Rating and Experience
4. When all the above is relatively equal, then location, car pools, affiliation and membership to the NAWGJ and USAG Boards will be considered.

Judges Moving into South Carolina

When a judge (no matter what their rating 4/5 through Brevet) moves into the state, they will go to the bottom of the rotation for that year for State Meets. They will be considered to judge the State Meets on an as needed basis.

Clarifications for Assigning Judges to the State Meet:

1. If for any reason, you are unable to obtain the correct rating to judge the Level(s) at the State Meet you are contracted and assigned, then you will be replaced.
2. If for any reason, there are not four unaffiliated judges to be Chief Judges, the next unaffiliated judge in rank order will be used.
3. The USA Gymnastics Committee would prefer to use judges that are available for the entire meet, yet when situations arise that this is not possible, it would be the Committee's preference to split the meet among SC judges rather than to contract out of state.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

Judges that would like to be considered to judge the SC USA Gymnastics State Meets must volunteer a minimum of six (6) hours at ANY State Training Camp every other gymnastics season to be eligible for a SC State Meet Assignment. Volunteering at a SC Regional Training Camp could be used to fulfill this requirement when SC USA Gymnastics is able to provide this opportunity. (Please see next section for details).

Volunteering at Training Camps & SC Regional Qualifier Club

The SC USA Gymnastics Training Camps are held in the fall of each season. The SC USA Gymnastics Committee determines the levels, date and the location of each training camp. The training camps are USA Gymnastics sanctioned events, and all participants must be a USA Gymnastics member. As the schedule allows, additional clinics or presentations may be available creating CPE credit opportunities for judges.

Volunteering at a SC Regional Qualifier Training Camp would consist of working with SC athletes that have qualified to Regionals/Nationals at a SC USA Gymnastics hosted Training Camp. The date, time, and location of the SC Regional Qualifier Training Camp will be set and published by the SC USA Gymnastics Committee.

Please note that the SC State Meet Volunteer Requirement hours may also be used as In-Gym Hours for Region 8 Regional In-Gym Hours or Miscellaneous Volunteer Hours for CPE credit. Please use the correct form for each.

Clarifications to the Volunteer Hours

- 1) Judges are asked only to critique elements, parts of routines or entire routines and are at no time asked to coach and/or spot elements.
- 2) As many of the judges in our state serve dual roles as coach and judge, the judge may decide to coach at the training camp which would also fulfill the judge volunteer requirement
- 3) The SC USA Gymnastics Committee feels it is important for the SC judges to work with the SC athletes, therefore Regional and National training camps do not fulfill the volunteer requirement for eligibility to judge the SC USA Gymnastics State Meets.

The Committee decided not to change the requirement for State Meet eligibility for judges.

The Committee then discussed the selection process, contracts, presentation of slates to the Committee, replacement judges, and selection of meet referees.

Davita made a motion to accept the following procedures for the presentations of slates to the Committee, the selection process, event assignments, and replacing judges within one week of the State Meets.

The NAWGJ State Judging Director and the Assignor will present a slate of judges for approval at the August Committee meeting for approval. The slate should be obtained by collecting from each judge a form that includes the availability and levels willing to judge for each State Meet and any affiliations. The criteria for selecting judges for State Meets and procedures should be included on this form to communicate clearly to the judges all the information the SC USA Gymnastics Committee follows. The slate should be presented to the SC USA Gymnastics Committee including the availability, ranking, affiliation, and volunteer requirement of each judge for each State Meet. Only the NAWGJ SJD, Assignor, and SC USA Gymnastics Chairman may see the slates prior to presenting them to the SC USA Gymnastics Committee. At the August meeting, the slate will be discussed and judges will be selected for each State Meet by the Committee. The slates will be revisited after the last training camp by the NAWGJ SJD and Assignor to ensure that every judge has met all the requirements to be eligible to judge the State Meet they have been assigned. The NAWGJ SJD or Assignor will notify the Committee Chairman if replacements need to be made by November 1st. The SC USA Gymnastics Chairman and Meet Referee will work together to assign the Chief Judges and the event assignments. State Meet event assignments will be sent to the judges after the Regional event assignments have been sent. The SC USA Gymnastics Committee Chairman will assign a replacement judge if within two weeks prior to the State Meet without a Committee vote. The Chairman will make the replacement assignment by determining what is best for the meet and from the available judges. Other factors such as proximity, car pool, ranking, etc. may be considered; yet will not dictate the decision.

2nd by Karimah

Vote-unanimous

Selection of the Meet Referees for State Meets was discussed. Joey made a motion the SC USA Gymnastics Chairman and the NAWGJ SJD will select the Meet Referees to be submitted to the Committee except for the

Bronze & Silver XCEL State Meet. For the Bronze & Silver XCEL State Meet a rotation will be created based on rank order. If the judge selected is not available to judge the meet, then they will drop to the bottom of the rotation list. Any Level 10, National, or Brevet will be eligible to be a Meet Referee for the State Meets. Only the NAWGJ SJD, Assignor, and SC USA Gymnastics Chairman may see the slates and the selected Meet Referees prior to presenting them to the SC USA Gymnastics Committee.

2nd Ashleyanne

Vote-unanimous

Joey made a motion for the following regarding contracts:

After selected to judge a State Meet at the August Committee meeting, a judge must be sent a contract by the NAWGJ SJD or Assignor for the Compulsory State Meet by September 1st and by November 1st for all other State Meets. The judge must return the contract within 30 days of receipt. If a judge accepts and signs a contract for the State Meet and then pulls off the meet after October 31st for the Compulsory State Meet or after January 15th for all other State Meets, then he/she will be placed at the bottom of the rotation list for the same State Meet the following year regardless of rank order. The only exceptions will be deaths in the family or illness that requires a doctor's visit.

2nd by Anna

Vote-unanimous

State Meet Entry Fees

It was recommended that the Silver Entry Fee be raised to \$80 to supplement the requirement of the four-judge panel for that level. The State Chairman will ask for permission from the Region 8 Chairman to implement this change as it is above the allowable entry fee amount recommended by the Rules and Policies. All other State Meet Fees will remain the same as the previous year.

Level 1-2 - \$70, Bronze - \$75, Level 3-5 - \$75, Gold - \$80, Levels 6-10, Platinum & Diamond - \$90, and Event Specialist – Same fee as the Level they are competing.

State Meet Tax

All the State Meet Tax amounts will remain the same as the previous year including the Bronze & Silver meet tax. It was determined not to raise the Bronze & Silver State Meet Tax as voted on last year due to the new requirement of having a four-judge panel for the Silver level.

Meet Tax: Level 1-5 - \$5 per gymnast, Bronze & Silver - \$7 per gymnast, Levels 6-10, Platinum & Diamond do not pay a meet tax.

The qualifying scores for the State Meet are 32.00 AA for all Levels, except for Level 1 & 2. Level 1 & 2 must participate in at least one USA qualifying competition prior to State Meet. For an event specialist, the qualifying score is 8.75 per event. It was determined that these should remain the same for the upcoming season.

Davita left at 12:05pm.

Age Groups were discussed and no change was recommended. Currently, the age groups are using actual birthdates to determine equal age group with no more than 15 in an age group and no more than two years for Levels 1 & 2 and three years for all other levels in the span of years beginning at the youngest age.

The State Meet awards were discussed, and it was suggested that they remain the same. The awards are 50% + 1 placement medals for events and 100% placement medals in the AA. Team awards are determined by the top three scores at each event.

The SC USA Gymnastics Committee emphasized that ties are not broken at awards, even in the team awards. The Committee will communicate that ties are not broken by putting it on the quick reference guide, in Meet Director packet, and ask the Awards Coordinator to communicate it when giving awards to the host clubs.

Joey made a motion to accept that the state meet tax, qualifying scores, age groups, and entry fees for all levels except for silver will remain the same as the previous season.

2nd by Ashley

Vote-unanimous

Ashleyanne left at 12:35pm.

For the Club of the Year and Programs of the Year Mendi made a motion to make the following changes:
Club of the Year – Only those athletes that have qualified and competed at Easterns and JO Nationals will be considered. Additionally, information regarding the number of Level 9 & 10 athletes each club has qualify to Regionals that year will be communicated to the SC USA Gymnastics Committee prior to voting.

Programs of the Year – The last two bonus points will be the following:

1. 10 bonus points for Level 9 or 10 gymnasts who place 4th-6th on an event or in the all-around at Easterns or JO Nationals (carried over to the next season)
2. 20 bonus points for Level 9 or 10 gymnasts who place 1st-3rd on an event or in the all-around at Easterns or JO Nationals (carried over to the next season)

2nd by Karimah

Vote-unanimous

The Committee would like to complete the calculations and voting for the Programs of the year by May 31st. An online voting option will be developed. All current SC USA Gymnastics members may participate in the voting. Please note that all USA Gymnastics memberships will be verified.

A few ideas were discussed for the State Meet Gifts – lunch bags, sunglasses, water bottles, and beach towels. If you have other ideas, please send them to Joanne.

SC USA Gymnastics Committee Meeting August 25th 10am

Open Meeting – August 25th 2pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Mendi Knisley