

All Around News



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Boy, what a summer and fall of traveling and clinics. I think coaches and judges alike were pleased to have the new Junior Olympic rules final. The recertification of judges went well. Most judges have completed the process of recertification. The gymnast and coaches already working in this system also deserve much praise. I am not sure how you choreograph a routine when the rules are changing daily. What a challenge. Details to the new International judging system can be found at the FIG web site <http://bios.fig-gymnastics.com/down.htm>

FIG Brevet Course

Region 8 was represented by an outstanding group of judges at the FIG Brevet Course held in Indianapolis January 21-24. Region 8 participants included Sue Ammerman, Kristie Phillips Bannister, Sheryl Dundas Buroker, Lucy Fox, Joan Gnat, Carole Ide, René Niccolai, Chelle Stack and Olga Koroleva. I was lucky to attend as an audit.

The complicated new system is based on a combined total of two separate scores - The A and the B score. The A score is based on routine content and is comprised of difficulty value, event group requirements and connection value. The B score is based on performance and is comprised of execution, composition and artistry. The B score has a maximum of 10.0 - however, the final score is the combined total of the A and B scores. Therefore, the perfect 10 is for the B score only and not the final score. Scores seen on practice judging videos at the FIG Brevet course ranged from the mid tens to fifteen plus. At this point, what a truly championship routine will score is a little of a question. The scoring system is open ended.

The ladies at this course are to be commended. The system is so new, with clarification on the rules coming out daily. In addition to having to have a tremendous working knowledge of the new system, judging shorthand and perfect technique, there is a new challenge to computing a score - the mathematics involved. As all judging courses, there was a great deal of stress. Region 8 congratulates all of the outstanding judges who attended the FIG Brevet Course.

With new rules in place, many questions are coming up. The RTCC portion of the Region 8 web site is under construction. It should be back up and running very soon. There will continue to be a question and answers section of my web page. This is a great resource for rules clarifications. Always feel free to submit a question to me via e-mail. Please be patient in waiting for an answer. I may take a couple of weeks to get your reply back depending on volume of questions and my meet travel schedule.

Time moves so fast. Plans are already underway for clinics next summer. The Region 8 Congress in Ft. Lauderdale promises to be a great clinic with a variety of topics. Whether you select Region 8 Congress to attend or another clinic, I would encourage judges to attend techniques sessions and coaches to attend rules sessions. At all levels, this blend of rules and techniques is invaluable in making you a more proficient gymnastics professional.

Availability forms for 2007 Regional Championships are in this newsletter. You will not receive an individual mailing. Completed forms must be returned to Marian Dykes by June 1, 2006.

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Region 8 2005-2006 Verification of In-Gym Experience

Name: _____ Rating: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email: _____ @ _____

DATE OF VISIT	HOURS IN GYM	GYM CLUB	LEVEL OF GYMNASTS	COACH'S SIGNATURE
TOTAL				

You must have this card completely filled out with at least 9 hours of in-gym experience, signed and returned to Marian Dykes, 4651 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Ga 30341. Completed cards **must be received by June 1, 2006** to be eligible to judge any 2007 Region 8 Regional Competition. Fax - (770) 457-0943. You will receive confirmation of receipt within ten days.

In order to be eligible to judge a regional meet in 2007 in Region 8, a judge must have in gym experience. A judge must complete at least 9 hours of in gym experience between 6/2/05 and 6/1/06.

Each experience must be a minimum of 2 hours. The level of gymnasts must be equal to or greater than the level of meet the judge wishes to be considered for. (i.e. Level 9 & 10 Regionals = in gym experience with Level 10 or Elite. Level 8 Regionals = in gym experience with Level 8, 9, 10 or Elite, etc.) Training sessions at a meet may not be used.

A maximum of 3 hours may be completed in a college setting.

A maximum of 3 hours may be from a Regional or National JO or Elite Training Camp. (A training camp may only count for either in gym experience or clinic experience - not both.)

This experience must be an interactive experience; it is not sufficient to sit in the stands and watch workout. Judges must call ahead to schedule gym time. The judge's activities should be under the supervision of the gym's coach.

The judge should keep in mind that the gym club you are visiting is a business. The judges should remain professional and cordial at all times.