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As a new optional season starts, the membership needs to be reminded of several updates and changes.

Petition guidelines:

- In order to petition to the Level 9 or 10 Regional Championships, the coach must provide a photocopy of a least one pre-state meet score from the current season (at the level to which the gymnast is petitioning) indicating that she has achieved an All-Around score that is a minimum of 35.00 AA. If the gymnast competed in the previous year's Regional, East/West or National meet, she may submit that All-Around score, provided that it is a minimum of 35.00 AA and is also at the level to which the gymnast is petitioning.
- Petitions for Regionals should be mailed to Marian Dykes – it is the coaches responsibility to get all information needed for the petition. The petition must be received no later than the Wednesday following the state meet. Please call or FAX Marian to notify her that a petition is coming. A check for the entry fee must accompany the petition sent to Marian. If the petition is accepted, Marian will forward the check to the Meet Director.

2008 Updates

Judges' Meetings prior to competition (all levels)

Judges /Meet Referees are reminded that the following procedures should be considered for inclusion during the meeting prior to competition:

1. logistics of the meet/scoring system, meet mechanics, etc.
2. rule changes
3. equipment issues
4. info from Meet Director
5. professional protocol reminders

Official Score sheets

Per the R&P page 64. B.4. the judges are not required to sign the official score sheets. The Chief Judge checks that the scores of all judges, the average score, as well as time and line violations are properly recorded during the competition.

Determination of Final Event Score - R & P Page 10.D.

Clarification: The procedure of using the score of the Chief Judge or Meet Referee to average with

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the original average score of the two judges (Base score) is NO LONGER USED.

It is the professional responsibility of the judges to come to an agreement if their scores are initially out of range. If the judges are unable to compromise, the Chief Judge may mandate that the scores be brought into the allowable range.

Inquiries

Reminder to judges: if a coach has a question regarding an exercise during the competition, the judges should advise the coach to submit an Inquiry Form to officially receive information. There should be no casual conversation regarding the evaluation of an exercise between a coach and a judge during the competition.

Affiliation - R & P, Page 63:

Affiliation of an official at a specific meet refers to:

- An immediate family member is defined as a parent/step-parent, grandparent, sibling or any member of the household.
- A judge who is an immediate family member of a competing gymnast, or of a coach or club owner of a competing team, is considered affiliated with that specific club team and may not be assigned as a Chief Judge at meets in which that club is competing.

Refer to Rules and Policies, page 63, II.B: In non-qualifying Open Invitationals with two or four judge panels, affiliated judges may be assigned as Chief or Panel Judges, provided that the Meet Director lists the judges and their affiliation on the pre-meet information.

Start Value

Since the flashing of Start Values is now required, it is the responsibility of the meet director to insure that Start Value flashers are provided for each judge, unless the Start Values are to be written on the gymnast's competitor card.

Judges' Accreditation

Clarifications regarding procedures:

- Former judges who have no current rating may start testing again at the level they previously held.
- Judges who hold a current foreign Brevet and are now living in the U.S. will be required to submit documentation of their Brevet and attend a Level 10 Optional judging/rules clinic prior to being assigned to a Jr. Olympic meet. A person who held a foreign Brevet in the past, but does not hold a current Brevet rating, may begin testing at Level 10.
- All Optional-rated officials must test at Level 5/6 in order to judge at the Compulsory levels.
- CPE deficient: If there is a need to assign a judge who has not completed their CPE, the assignor must inform the meet referee, so that the specific judge's fee will be reduced by \$5.00 per hour as (per the Rules and Policies, page 66, A. 9. c.2).
- When hosting a clinic, it is the clinic organizer's responsibility to have staff available, in addition to the clinician, to sign the CPE forms. Reminder that for multi-track clinics (like Regional Congress), only sessions that pertain to coaching and/or judging of competitive gymnastics can be used for CPE hours. It was suggested to designate the CPE-eligible sessions by an asterisk and to title the judging/coaching tracks as Women's Artistic, rather than judges/coaches.

Courses for 2009

- Level 10 Re-certification was discussed and a decision was made to discontinue this level of certification. All individuals attempting to attain the Level 10 rating must successfully pass the Level 10 Theoretical and Practical exams at 80% on each part.
- National Course (multiple dates)
Eligibility:
 1. Current Brevet or National rating
 2. Held a Level 10 rating a minimum of two complete cycles (8 years)
 3. Must have attended a minimum of two USAG Regional or National Congresses or National NAWGJ Symposium in the current cycle (June 2005 – Dec. 31, 2008).
 4. Must hold a current USAG Professional membership and current safety certification
 5. Must be current with CPE requirements

Format:

Written Exam (10 questions on general and each event)

Practical exam (5 routines per event)

Criteria for attaining a National rating:

- 85% average with a minimum of 80% on each part (Written/Practical)
- If a judge scores a minimum of 80% on each part, but does not achieve an 85% total*, he/she will receive a Level 10 rating.
- Anyone scoring below 80% on either part must either take the National Course re-test or take the Level 10 exam.

* A one time National Course re-test will be offered at the National Congress

- USAG BREVET COURSE

Eligibility:

1. Current FIG or USAG Brevet
2. Previous Senior National (Elite) team member (minimum of 21 yrs. of age)
3. Current USAG Professional membership and safety certification
4. Current with CPE requirements

Course format/criteria for passing will be determined at a later date.

Fill out and mail your availability
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