

Region 8 USA Gymnastics Committee Meeting
June 28, 2022
Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Airport
Orlando, FL

Members present:

Mike Holdefer	AL(via zoom)	Cynthia Dedeaux	MS
Toni Rand	FL	Karen Pleasants	NC
Michelle Pomerantz	GA	Joanne Child	SC
Jackie Latino	LA	Mendi Knisley	SC
Larry Corrigan	TN		
Deb Kornegay	RACC		
Evelyn Chandler	RTCC		
Brad Harris	RDPCC		
Pam Kitchen	RXCC		
Diane Thompson	RJD (via zoom)		

Meeting called to order 10:00am EST
Welcome to Mendi Knisley to the committee!

- Contact information from Region 8 webpage and R&P, and emergency address list passed and confirmed by members.
- Thank you notes from the regional meet directors were shared.
- IRS mileage rate increase to 62.5 noted.

NAWGJ – Regional Contractor - <Diane Thompson recused>
MOTION - Toni, 2nd Joanne
Keep NAWGJ as the regional contractor.
PASSED – unanimous

Future Regional Competitions

Discussion regarding Xcel Regionals:

- Deb reviewed numbers of gymnasts that qualified, entered and competed at Xcel Regionals.
How do we add the Sapphire division ?
- Possibly remove on session of Gold, and do 2 Diamond sessions and 1 Diamond/Sapphire session
 - Reduce number of Silvers
 - Consider adding the Sapphire session as the last session on Sunday

Conclusion: Larry, Mike and Deb will work together to set numbers

Deb reported that Xcel regionals and L 6/7/8 schedules ran well, however, numbers need to decrease due to too many ties.

New Topic: The required criteria of running L 9/10 Regionals, dealing with apparel and shipping costs, could be insurmountable to other potential hosts. The goal is to keep the integrity of the competition, keep costs down and avoid the aggravation and situations with potentially large increases in apparel. To help Region 8 with rising costs, and to keep this weekend running smoothly, we will discuss and consider giving priority to the Dev Program Chair to host this meet each year, in the event that the committee feels the other bids cannot meet the criteria needed to handle the magnitude of this regional meet.

<Brad Harris recused from meeting for discussion/vote on Dev Chair hosting L 9/10 Regionals>

MOTION – Cynthia, 2nd Jackie

Priority will be given to the Region 8 Dev Program Chair to host Level 9/10 Regional Championships. All other bids will be reviewed to make sure they meet the criteria and have the capability to handle the volume and magnitude of hosting this National qualifying competition in order to be considered.

PASSED – unanimous

Regional entry fees:

Xcel and L 9/10 regional entry fees will remain the same.

MOTION – Joanne, 2nd Larry

Increase entry fee for L 6/7/8 Regionals to \$120

PASSED – unanimous

Regional gate fees:

MOTION – Michelle, 2nd Toni

Increase all gate fees by \$5 (child, adult and weekend pass)

PASSED: unanimous

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1ST-12TH GRADE)
1	\$20.00	\$15.00
2	\$30.00	\$20.00
3	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charged for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17) (7/28/22)

Discussed with no change:

- There will be no additional charges for bringing extra coaches to regionals.
- We will no longer print certificates for regional athletes.
- No change in open scoring at regionals (No open scoring at Xcel).

Region 8 is going green!

- Rotation sheets will be taped to head table. Clubs highlight their club's name, scratch the athletes if needed as we have done for several years. Rotation sheets reprinted with any changes and taped to head table. Coaches take a photo to use as their rotation sheet. Rotation sheets will be printed for Judges and timers. This can be practiced at all state meets.

Number of judges for L 6/7/8 Regionals will stay the same – 4 judge panels.
Number of judges per state for L 9/10 regionals determined by each states percentage of qualifiers to previous year's Level 9/10 Regionals was presented by Evelyn.

2024 Regional Bid selections

<Brad and Larry recused>

MOTION – Toni, 2nd Mike

Award Tampa Bay Turners with Level 9/10 Regionals

PASSED – unanimous

<Mendi, Larry, & Michelle recused>

MOTION – Toni, 2nd Joanne

Award Greenville, SC with Xcel Regionals

PASSED – 6 for, 3 against

<Mike recused>

MOTION – Cynthia, 2nd Jackie

Award Bama Bounders with L 6/7/8 Regionals

PASSED – vote resulted in a tie, Deb broke the tie

<Presentation by Garland Activewear>

REPORTS:

Brad – RDPCC

Minutes will be coming out soon, meeting went well. Wild Card session got positive feedback, well reviewed, and working on logistics more proposals going forward.

Evelyn – RTCC

Not much change due to new dev code being released. Positive move with judges testing procedures – less stress, more education, and added feedback. New chair of tech committee, Linda Thorburg.

Deb - RACC

Owner of multiple clubs can operate under one club but state must set a deadline date to declare.

Pam – RXCC

Claudia K is new National Xcel Chair. After pilot year, decision will be made if going forward with Sapphire division. Xcel code being released soon.

<LUNCH>

National Judges selections:

MOTION – Larry, 2nd Toni

Accept L 9/10 regional judges as presented. Mary Lou Dillard, Cookie Batsche, Joan Gnat, Sharyn Stricklad, Denise Weaver, Sheila Ragle, Kathlyn Skeslock, Becky Oppenheimer, Kristi Aguilar, Diane Thompson, Portia Probst, Kim Stenson, Mary Hoagland, Mendi Knisley, Dawn Roy, and Audrey Green.

PASSED – unanimous

MOTION – Larry, 2nd Jackie

Accept L 6/7/8 regional judges as presented. Karen Tilton, Judy Dobransky, Wendy Seabrook, Annette Burgin, Kevn McNamara, Nikki Spinelli, Amy Duiguid, Katie Kohlmeyer, Cynthia Davis, Dana Kling, Kim Joye, Helena Brizzi, Brenda Eberhardt, Kristi Aguilar, Kaitlin Adams, Kathy Kuhn, Laurie Moore, Reg Shurden, Bobbye Strickland, Lisa Hardin, Cheri Hampton, Karen Pleasants, Terri Robertson, Stephanie Phillips, Pat Faulkner, Jackie Gifford, Paul Padron, Rose Brady, Kerma Headrick, Sibby Lane, Dawn Roy, and Audrey Green.

PASSED – unanimous

MOTION – Jackie, 2nd Brad

Accept Xcel regional judges as presented. Gayli Craver, Jamie Wallace, Marci Kaplan, Serena Albauer, Sharon Kelly, Cathy Campfield, Michelle Martin, Rose Robertson, Bobbye Strickland, Lisa Hardin, Jennie Adams, Jessica Thigpen, Janet Efland, Lisa Bayan, Sibby Lane, and Dawn Roy.

PASSED – unanimous

MOTION – Michelle, 2nd Karen

All judges that would like to be considered for Eastern/Nationals need to reapply each cycle.

PASSED – unanimous

Level 6/7/8 and Xcel Regionals

MOTION – Michelle, 2nd Mike

When there is a scratch on a state team, and that State only has 8 qualifiers, allow a replacement.

PASSED – unanimous

State Team Score for Diamond count 4 scores now that state have full teams. There will be no Sapphire State Team in 2023.

Check box will be added to MeetMaker for coaches to commit to Level 6/7/8 and Xcel Regional.

Region 8 Congress dates: (Nashville, Atlanta or Orlando)

1st choice - June 16-18, 2023

2nd choice - June 8-9, 2023

3rd choice – July 14-16, 2023

Other topics:

-What to do about clubs that declare that only athletes going to regionals are those who qualify for State Team? No athlete will be allowed to enter after the entry deadline so that an athlete would not be able to wait until they found out if they would get on the team and then enter - An athlete can enter by deadline date and receive NO REFUND if they do not go because they did not make the team.

- Refunds are up to the SACC and RACC. - From R&P page 63 - State / Regional entry fee refunds are at the discretion of the State Administrative Committee Chair / Regional Administrative Committee Chair.

-ALL Regionals:

Break ties on events for 1st & 2nd place, not AA

MOTION – Brad, 2nd Larry

Top 2 AA athletes in the Wild Card session at Nationals will be allowed to attend National Training Camp.

PASSED – unanimous

***Note – all other Wild Card athletes will be allowed to attend 8/9/10 Training Camp.

<GK presentation>

MOTION – Brad, 2nd Pam

Approve GK as Region 8 apparel representative.

PASSED – unanimous

Michelle and Jackie will be subcommittee to finalize Xcel and Level 6/7/8 State Team Leotards and warm ups.

Planners have been distributed to committee members.

Address book will be on-line only.

Soph/Jr form will be on-line.

2025 Regionals

MOTION – Michelle, 2nd Toni

April 25-27, 2025 will be the date for L 6/7/8 Regionals.

May 2-4, 2025 will be the date for Xcel Regionals.

PASSED – unanimous

State Chairman reminders:

-declare IES and report list to RACC

- continue to send minutes to RACC
- state meet logos must be approved – New USA Gymnastics brand should be released around National Congress.
- post yearly FS
- send state judging selection to Evelyn by Nov 1, 2022
- update state webpage and send link to Deb before 8/1/22
- state meets must happen 3 weeks before regionals
- create declaration dates for Dev and Xcel
- inventory report to 8/15/22
- each state's competitive information report due 8/31/22 to Deb

***Please attend Women's Program Reception Thursday, Aug. 18th at 7pm.

***Mandatory State Chairman workshop Monday, Aug 22nd, 2022 8:30am-3pm

Winter meeting: December 6th 10:00 A.M. Atlanta, GA

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm