

IHSGCA May Meeting Agenda

May 10th, 2016



Call to order:

7:11

Attendance:

Zack Crandall, Erik Bostrom, Frank Novakowski, Blaise Blasko, Adrian Batista
Vic Avigliano, Dave Donaldson, Greg Gebhardt, Dave Calisch, Brandon Tucker
Eric Harima, Keith Mukai, Mike Costa, Ryan Dul, Doug Foerch, Mike Galfi, Chad Jaros, Sam Zeman,
Tom Huml, Gregg Didech, Scott Phillips, Alex Pajor, Rick Meyer, Howard Rubin, Scott Hagel
(Total = 25)

Current Balance: \$11,280.46

State Meet: Good luck!

- Fri.-Sat., May 13-14, 2016
- Hinsdale Central HS
 - Thanks to Mark and his staff for hosting!
 - Message from Mark:
 - Saturday morning session timed warm ups will begin at 10:00am, with a maximum of 15 min. rotations.

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 pm
- Hoffman Estates HS
- Officials: 1. Avigliano-PH 2. Blasko--V 3. Donaldson--FX 4. Didech--PB 5. CJ Johnson--HB 6. Mukai—SR
 - THANK YOU for volunteering to judge this meet!!!
 - **Be sure each gymnast has a coach in attendance**

Officials:

- **Brandon: Frustrated that we are at a point where he can't fill a top 15 list. He had a gymnast who deserved to be at the state meet. As officials begin to retire we will not have experienced officials to step in, and it is selfish of us to expect officials to judge forever, just because no one will fill their place. If everyone keeps putting off judging, newer officials will not have practiced enough by the time we need them. We need people to get involved, and send the right kids with the right scores being given. We need people to be willing to learn all 6 events. It is unacceptable that some judges don't want to practice their weaker events and are unwilling to judge certain events. We cannot let the sport die because of judges. We need people NOW. We are already suffering finding judges, and finding good judges and we need to get on this now, or we won't have properly judged state series. We may not have to worry about the state cutting us, but rather cutting ourselves if we don't fill meets with judges. Good coaches make good officials, and also the opposite. All of you are qualified and need to get involved.**

- Continue to rate your officials
 - It is very important to do this
 - The IHSA wants to see ratings that are up to date
 - This should be done throughout the State Meet. The IHSA uses two years' worth of ratings to determine the State Judges.
- Please consider registering to officiate
- ***If you are already licensed and need to renew, the renewal dates are between May 1 and June 30. After June 30, a late fee will be added to the renewal cost.***

2016 Voting:

- To be eligible to vote you must be a Full Member: Dues paid, and have attended two meetings prior to the May meeting.
- Executive board/secretary (1 position available)
- Steering committee (5 positions available)
- Hall of Fame committee (2 positions available)
- Outstanding Press Coverage Award
 - For Coach of the year at large spots:
 - **Mike Galfi Nominates Frank Novakowski, Zack Seconds**
 - **Scott Hagel Nominates Erik Bostrom, Howie seconds**
- VOTING RESULTS:
 - **Exec/Secretary: Chad Jaros**
 - **Steering Committee: Eric Harima, Dave Calisch, Ric Meyer, Greg Gebhardt, Brandon Tucker**
 - **HOF: Blaise Blasko, Howie Rubin**
 - **Press: Bill Stone**

Philanthropy:

- IHSGCA Scholarship winners:
 - Shane Donovan (Schaumburg)
 - Diordje Mrkajic (Glenbard West)
 - Congratulations to these deserving winners!
- All-Star meet sponsors and parent support letters were emailed to association
 - **Please spread the word on this opportunity to your gymnasts' parents and your community.**
 - **Encourage athletes to get shoutouts, but also perhaps encourage local business to buy an Ad, or even just do a shoutout to the team. This is definitely something to consider for the future and get some funds for the meet and our association to continue our scholarships and so on.**

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet / Coaches Awards Ceremony:

- Monday, May 16th, 2016
- Golf at Old Orchard Golf Course in Mt. Prospect, first tee time is 3:30
 - *Only a few 4-somes signed up so far, try to get some assistants together and get a group to go out, and head to banquet afterward.*
- RSVP for golf outing on [IHSGCA website](#)
- HOF Banquet: Morava Center, 7:00 pm
- **This year, the banquet will be for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and will also be the formal coaches awards ceremony for conference coaches of the year and state coach of the year. Winners will be announced at the state meet, but the actual certificates will be handed out at the HOF banquet.**
 - **Tell your coaches that the award ceremony and photo will be here, and not at the state meet.**
 - **Please plan on attending this great event and encourage your assistant coaches to do so as well.**
 - **Show some support for the gymnasts and families of this great gymnastics contributor. They will have at least 20 people coming, let's at least have the same if not more! Come hear a little about the history of the sport and see some old photos and reminisce with the gymnastics community. We are planning for 70- with the 20 from the inductee, 50 of us should be no problem, between judges and a rep from each team it would be a great showing.**

Graduating Gymnast/Alumni email list

- Please encourage your Seniors to complete this form
 - **We are at 40 individuals – let's keep this going so we can send emails to kids to keep them involved in coaching, judging, etc or even just coming to watch their former team.**
 - **Gregg: During warm ups at Senior All-Star Meet perhaps seniors can just "sign in" when they get to the senior all star meet to get their information and then it will be taken care of.**

Rules proposals:

- IX.A.4 "A proposer will read and explain his proposal(s) and answer questions only for clarification."
- IX.A.5 "No debate shall be allowed on any proposal at this meeting."
- IX.A.6 "A proposed rule change must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for debate; otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration."
- **Proposer Keith Mukai - Brandon Seconds**

Proposal concerning Rules Committee rule changes and interpretations

Quick background:

Approved at the Dec Meeting: Boys gymnastics rule interpretations will not be made, for the current year after April 1st.

The problem:

- Our HB non-diagrammed A (NDA), *hop from u/g giant to o/g*, has no performance criteria specified.

- I counted the hop regardless of how high the back swing rose and with no direction change deduction.
- I learned *just before Conference* that other judges only gave credit if the hop was performed above horizontal.
- At least one judge applied FIG angle deductions: performed at nominal handstand, no credit if not above 45-deg.
- Some judges applied a change of direction deduction, some did not.
- By the above Dec Meeting rule, the Rules Committee *could not* issue a clarification on this for Sectionals. So the criteria to get credit for the skill and the deductions you can expect are still totally dependent on who is judging HB at State.

Proposed amended rule:

The Rules Committee shall endeavor to adhere to the following guidelines:

- “Restrictive” Rulings: Any rulings that remove or curtail skills, bonuses, etc. or create new restrictions shall be made no later than March 15th of each season.
- “Permissive” Rulings: Any rulings that add skills, bonuses, etc. may be made at any time during the season.
- Clarifications: The Rules Committee may issue clarifications at any point in the season.
 - In order to adhere to the spirit of the guidelines above, the Rules Committee is encouraged to bias mid-season clarifications to be as advantageous to gymnasts as possible.
 - Staged rulings are encouraged for mid-season clarifications that need to be more restrictive (e.g. “For the remainder of this season we will accept X and Y, but next season we will only accept X.”).

Examples:

- The FX forward roll and backward role NDA deletion could only occur before March 15th (and, ideally, long before the season begins).
 - The performance criteria for the HB NDA hop out of front giants could be made before this week’s State Meet.
 - New, restrictive NGJA rulings for USAG (e.g. only one Honma skill allowed on SR) that come in after March 15th would not be applied until the following season, unless the Rules Committee deemed it absolutely necessary to adopt (e.g. for safety reasons).
- **Proposer Keith Mukai - Chad Seconds**

Proposal concerning the distribution and adoption of Rules Committee interpretations

Approved at the Dec Meeting: It is being proposed that there be a one week grace period after notification is sent out to coaches or the interpretation is posted online before it goes into effect.

Proposed change:

(Requires that Keith’s other proposal concerning Rules Committee guidelines is accepted...) Rules Committee interpretations shall be delivered to the Secretary and to the judges’ assignment chairs. The Secretary shall immediately distribute the interpretations to all association members and the judges’ assignment chairs shall immediately distribute to all judges. The interpretations shall then become effective immediately.

Rationale:

- Mid-season rulings will now be, whenever possible, in the gymnasts' favor.
- Delaying the application of an interpretation doesn't make sense. Either that hop out of giants should get a NDA or it shouldn't--continuing on in a cloud of uncertainty accomplishes nothing.

- **Proposer Keith Mukai - Zack Seconds**

Proposal concerning minimum score

Current rule: A gymnast must perform a FIG "A" skill to qualify for a 1.0 minimum score.

Proposed rule:

- Option 1:
 - A gymnast must perform a FIG "A" skill to qualify for a 1.5 minimum score.
 - A gymnast must perform a non-diagrammed "A" skill to qualify for a 1.0 minimum score.
- Option 2:
 - A gymnast must perform a FIG "A" or non-diagrammed "A" skill to qualify for a 1.0 minimum score.
- Option 3:
 - No change.

Rationale:

- Judges were instructed to enforce the FIG requirement for the 1.0.
- Most judges aren't enforcing the FIG requirement and are adopting 1.0 as their minimum regardless.
- A 0.0 or sub-1.0 score is very possible for many JV HB routines, maybe PH.
- A 0.0 is very bad for our sport.
- The 0.5 option still provides separation for the gymnasts who have a single FIG skill.

- **Proposer Chad Jaros- Keith Seconds**

- *Resolution*

Adopt updated FIG code updates after 1 year

The IHSGCA will review and update the High School code such that it will take effect one year following the effective date of an update FIG Code. Example: The High School code written for the 2021-2024 FIG CoP will have effective dates of 2022-2025.

Rationale:

The FIG CoP and Junior Olympic modifications are not finalized and released until near the beginning of the year in which they take effect. This gives the coaches association very little time to react to these changes and publish the updated High School code. This change allows more time to develop and refine the High School code for our athletes, and to disseminate the new code to coaches prior to it taking effect.

- **Proposer Chad Jaros- Zack Seconds**

- *Resolution*

Abolish the April 1st limitation for the rules committee to make interpretations

Eliminate the resolution passed in December 2015 which says that no new interpretations may be made after April 1st.

Rationale

Questions about the rules come up at all times of the year. By limiting the timing of interpretations of the rules by the rules committee, we disallow judges to uniformly approach situations where there are outstanding questions. This makes coaches and gymnasts lives more difficult because it is unclear what the judges will do when presented with such a situation after April 1st.

- **Proposer Chad Jaros- Zack Seconds**

- *Rule Update / Advisory Board Proposal*

- **Allow a video review to accompany an inquiry**

- *Eliminate Chapter 2, Section I.G which prevents video review*

- *Modify Chapter 2, Section I.J.c:*

- c. The inquiry shall be given to the meet director/meet referee, who will give all legal inquiries to the event judges for review. The judges may consult with the meet referee.

- *Add Chapter 2, Section I.J.g:*

- g. A video of the routine in question from the current meet may be supplied to the meet director/meet referee with the inquiry. The video will be used by the judge(s) only to evaluate the claim contained in the inquiry. The video may not be used to modify deductions or take away value of any skill, bonus or element group previously granted by the judge(s).

- **Rationale**

- As video capture of routines by coaches in meets becomes more commonplace, coaches and judges increasingly have access to a fantastic resource to ensure correct scoring and to enhance understanding of the rules. This change prevents the occasional mistake by a judge from hurting an athlete's chances at qualifying in the state series. More frequently, this would allow judges to very clearly explain where any mistakes occurred which prevent the athlete from getting skill credit for the routine in question.

- If longer inquiry delays become an issue, it might be a beneficial to allow submission of inquiries for review at the conclusion of the meet. Reviewing multiple inquiries at the conclusion of the meet would be handled similar to issuing multiple inquiries for the same event as outlined in Section I.J.f.

- **Proposer Chad Jaros- Greg Seconds**

- *Resolution*

- **Use the Non-FIG 'A' Skills list as a guide, rather than a definitive list**

- The Non-FIG 'A' Skills list maintained by the rules committee is to be used as a guideline to clarify the difference between a 'recognizable gymnastics skill' which receives an 'A' value and no element group requirement under FIG rules, and a 'gymnastics movement' which does not receive an 'A' value. For example, a Moy to underarm support on Parallel Bars is a skill, and a single leg cut on Pommel Horse is a movement. Skills or movements which are not included in the list **may** be given non-element group 'A' value credit by a judge.

- **Rationale**

- The rules committee should not be responsible for identifying and maintaining a list of every non-diagrammed gymnastics skill. The way that we use the list today, as a definitive list, prevents athletes from getting credit from obvious non-diagrammed skills simply because they haven't been approved by the rules committee. This year credit was withheld on Parallel Bars for a planche and a reverse moy, which seem to fit well within the term 'recognizable gymnastics skill'. I believe that having some list beneficial to clarify the difference between a 'skill' and a 'movement'. Making the list exhaustive contradicts the rule as specified in the FIG code.

- **Proposer Zack Crandall - Adrian Seconds**

- Resolution
Notification of changes to the list of Non-Diagrammed "A" Skills by the Rules Committee will be shared with the association through email before the changes go into effect. This includes the addition and the deletion of recognized Non-Diagrammed "A" Skills. Deleted items will be crossed out in the document and will be displayed for the rest of the season to make it clear what is no longer being recognized.

Conference Reps:

Responsibilities include:

- Thank you for getting in the All-Star meet lineups and COY information!
- **Remind COY recipients to attend Hall of Fame Banquet on May 16th**
- CSL – Doug Foerch
- MSL East – Zack Crandall
- MSL West – Scott Hagel
- DVC – Greg Gebhardt
- WSC Gold – Mike Galfi
- WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski
- Independent – Lee Wood
- South Suburban – Peter Kallend

Calendar:

ASSOC: Tuesday, May 10th

HOF: Monday, May 16th

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items:

- FIG going to 4 element groups- we need to decide if we want to add the extra 0.5 to execution score, add to difficulty, etc.
- Possibilities:
 - Add 0.5 in execution
 - Add 0.5 in difficulty
 - Make bonus a separate category and having that 0.5 and difficulty at 2.0, and EG 2.0
 - Could split it up some in difficulty some in execution
 - If you had .8 in ded. You could get .2 bonus and .9 or 1 off get .1 bonus,
 - Add .1 on each element group
 - Add it to bonus on skills that are essential gymnastics skills but still lower value- handstand on rings, giants on high bar
 - Realize you will be a lot closer to the 2.0 with the higher value of upper skills that goes into effect next year, also want to make kids work for it- give .5 to every kid, or put it into bonus or difficulty and have them earn it.
 - If you just put in difficulty, shoot, back up cross, double back- 1.1 in diff, but with 1 less EG so actually lower
 - Only taking .5 from kids who had that element group anyway
 - If we add .1 to each EG it keeps it simple, so 0.6 for each EG
 - Keep it simple- might keep more judges or get more new ones.
 - Or add to each EG and add to dismount, so 0.6 for each EG

- Could also add bonus - .1 for B stick, c is .2, ... could give A stick .1, B stick .2, C or higher .3
 - Will not please everyone but there are several viable options here.
- Good luck at state!
- Motion to adjourn, Zack 8:17, Frank Seconds, meeting adjourned.