

IHSGCA Association Meeting Agenda (Mar 19th, 2014)



Attendance: Scott Phillips, Blaise Blasko, Bill Watts, Brandon Tucker, Matt Meyer, Steve Merena, Erik Bostrom, David Calisch, Mike Opsal, Ryan B. Brown, Scott Hagel, Jeff Robertson, Howard Rubin, Bob Esposito, Tony Ciezadlo, Jason Orna, Jarrod Amolsch, Char Jaros, John Wronkiewicz, Billy Hois, Peter Kallend, Adrian Batista, Zack Crandall, Keith Mukai

Current Balance: \$13,466.37

Club gymnast eligibility:

- If a club gymnast will be competing in any club meets during our season:
 - You must submit a [Non-School Competition Participation Request](#) to the IHSA.
 - Must be in at least 10 days before the club competition.
 - Mundelein got their letter back saying that state and regional meet approved, but not the National meet because it conflicts with the IHSA State series (Sectionals)
 - Other schools have received the same approval—state and regionals, but not nationals approved.
 - Niles West got all 3 meets approved.
 - For Alex Diab in 2011, GBW made it clear that he would just be competing as an All-Arounder and in the team state meet on Friday. But IHSA considered him entered in the individual state meet on Saturday, so he took a spot from someone on each event that he did not use because he competed in JO Nationals, despite GBW's efforts to prevent this.
 - Alternate/substitution rule was proposed to IHSA and is now being considered for the future.
 - That would help to solve this issue.
 - IHSA bylaws say that gymnasts must practice with their *high school* team, not with their club team.
 - This should be clarified to association.
 - If club gymnast doesn't have a high school team, then the rules are a little different:

If a club gymnast's high school **DOES NOT** have a high school team:

1. He must complete appropriate IHSA paper work to compete in our high school state series per guidelines.
2. If he competes in any IHSA dual, triangular, invitational meet by invitation of a coach he now comes under IHSA rules competing for his school. This date is recognized as the first date of his high school competition, thus, he needs approval to compete in any club meets after that date. What will be approved by the IHSA is only USAG qualifying state, regional, and national meets.
3. If a club gymnast does not compete in any IHSA meets he can compete in any club meets up to the date of the sectional meet he is assigned. He then is under IHSA guidelines.

If a club gymnast's high school **DOES** have a high school team:

1. He can only participate in USAG state, regional, and national competitions if the proper paper work is submitted to the IHSA.
2. Any non IHSA meets, such as club meets, are not allowed by IHSA guidelines.

Violation shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days.

- Currently only USAG State, Regionals, and Nationals are considered “directly sanctioned”.
 - Keith is still seeking clarification of this language, as far as what a “directly sanctioned” meet is as far as the IHSA is concerned.

- USAG *does* directly sanction other meets (e.g. Joe Giallombardo Invite) so why does the IHSA only accept USAG State, Regionals, and Nationals? Either the IHSA's terminology is bad (should say "directly administered" instead of "directly sanctioned") or they don't realize that USAG does sanction other events or we're just assuming they'll reject these other meets.

Judges' notes:

○ General:

- A routine can consist of just 6 skills without a penalty. Consider whether or not it's worth it to do two more "A" skills just to gain 0.2 and get to 8 skills.
- Repeated skills have no value, but do get deducted on execution.
- Provide the optional [Routine Listing Sheets](#) for the judges.

○ FX:

- Standing Arabian dive rolls = brutal execution deductions
 - Will most likely be heavily deducted, unless done at shoulder height with great extension, no cutting the corner, extending through handstand position into the rollout landing.
 - Could start off with 1.0 in deductions *before* form deductions.
- Simple steps deductions
 - A video was sent out to judges and coaches regarding steps deductions. In general, one step with a 180 turn is okay; anything else is a deduction.
 - Dance elements (sissone, assemble, etc) are also acceptable.
- Tuck/pike vs layout vs whip can count as separate skills, but must be clearly differentiated.
 - FIG has deduction for performing a skill without clearly demonstrating the intended body position (e.g. is an open pike a pike or a layout?).
 - This can be especially problematic if gymnast dismounts with layout and has already done what was supposed to be a tuck/pike but was in reality laid out.
- Dismount must land w/both feet together; no rollout dismounts.
- Arabians for dismount is problematic because then he misses the element group. Will only count as EG V dismount credit. Cannot also count as EG IV.
- "Multiple saltos" bonus means double back, not bounders.

○ PH:

- Sit before finishing to front suppt = fall + no skill + no EG credit + form deductions.
- Circle into circling skills
 - To receive credit for a double leg skill there must be a double leg circle prior to executing the skill. Exceptions would be loop circles and direct stockli A and B moves which have been ruled acceptable by JO.

In clarifying this rule the following would be acceptable:

1. Jump into full circle, moore.
2. Jump into back moore.
3. Jump into full circle, back stockli.
4. Jump into Russian, if begin with both hands on the horse (in front support)

The following moves are not acceptable

1. Leg cut backward to: moore, front out, kehr, travels front or back, 1/2 circle to back travel or hop skills.

- Mush: Worth doing incomplete circles?
 - This is a coaching philosophy question.

- Ultimate goal is for kids to learn to do circles, so it makes sense to have them try it.
- SR:
 - 3 strength (static or swing to strength) moves require a B swinging skill before another strength hold can be counted.
 - NGJA interprets this to mean any three strength skills during the routine. They do not have to be directly connected to fall under this swinging-B requirement to count a 4th hold.
 - Further discussion with the Rules Committee is required here.
 - Cross pullout to L is interpreted as 2 skills, even though the 2-sec L hold is part of the FIG box.
 - Back uprise cross that rises too high to get EG III credit = “A” back uprise + “B” EG IV static strength; a subsequent EG IV cross wouldn’t count for value.
- V:
 - Landing zone is: starting at width of table, extend to 1.5m wide @ 16’
 - Frosh vault at same height as JV/Varsity
 - Judges need to know the values of vaults
 - Easy to confuse the Frosh handspring value with JV/Varsity.
 - Easy to revert to last year’s vault values on mistake.
- PB:
 - Peach to moy to support = B+C
 - Moy to support is not required to start in a handstand
- HB:
 - Compulsory: Kip attempts even w/a spot can only incur 0.3 in deductions.
 - Use the [non-diagrammed “A” skills list](#) to get to 6 skills!
 - Kip cast to handstand must go over the bar, otherwise a 0.2 deduction for change in direction/empty cast.

Recruiting judges:

- Update on recruiting efforts, unfilled slots
 - Thank you to those who have signed up and taken on judging responsibilities
 - We still need more new judges
- Recommended procedure if a meet is missing a judge. Formal process to be suggested in May.
 - Head coaches get together before meet begins, choose someone to judge the meet.

All-Star Meet Corporate Sponsorships:

- Update from Ryan Brown, Frank Novakowski.
 - Initial efforts are going well. More detailed update to come in April.

Proposals to vote on:

- Keith: Revise Treasurer's Report requirement for clarity (outgoing Treasurer produces the report)
 - Pro: Outgoing treasurer better understands the finances and transactions than the new treasurer, so this makes sense as a last duty for the outgoing treasurer.
 - Con: Same person doing the books can "cook" the books.
 - 18-2-3
 - proposal passes

- Keith: Require Treasurer to create an annual budget in Dec.
 - Pro: Budgets are good, it shows intent.
 - Con: It's just a guess.
 - 22-1
 - proposal passes

Steering Committee budget initiative:

- Establish minimum and maximum balance recommendations each year based on previous two years' revenue and expenses.
 - Minimum balance = (previous 2yrs expenses) – (previous 2yrs revenues)/2
 - Maximum balance = 2 * (Minimum balance)

Philanthropy

- Brinkworth Scholarship application deadline: April 25th
- IHSGCA Scholarship application deadline: May 5th

State Meet:

May 16-17, 2014. Hinsdale Central HS

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

Monday, May 19th, 2014. Morava Center

Senior All-Star Meet:

Thursday, May 22nd, 6pm
Hoffman Estates

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

Senior Gymnast of the Year will likely be due May 5th as well

Swings for Freshmen compulsory high bar need to be good tap swings as described in the compulsory

Talk to IHSA about televising state series on Comcast

Keith motion to adjourn, Adrian seconded