

IHSGCA Association Meeting (May 12th, 2015)



Attendance:

D.Calisch, A.Banasiak, J.Wronkiewicz, A.Nocek, J.Orna, Z.Crandall, A.Batista, K.Mukai, B.Tucker, R.Dul, M.Costa, D.Fenton, D.Foerch, D.Donaldson, H.Rubin, S.Phillips, R.Brown, D.Berman, M.Opsal, S.Hagel, G. Gebhardt, E.Harima, E.Bostrom, C.Jaros, J.Amolsch, G.Didech, F.Novakowski (Total=27)

Call to Order:

7:22

Current Balance:

\$12,384.05

Comments/Corrections of Previous Minutes:

None

Coaches' To-Do List:

1. 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.

2. Register to officiate
 - There will be many retirements, and we'll need many new judges.
3. 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.

You can renew your license here: <http://center.ihsa.org/go/officials-center/manage-license-1.asp>

Philanthropy:

- IHSGCA Scholarship winners
 - Heath Ogawa – Deerfield
 - Tyler Cho – Buffalo Grove

Congratulations to these two very deserving recipients.

2015 IHSGCA Voting:

To be eligible to vote you must be a Full Member: Dues paid, and have attended two meetings prior to the May meeting.

Results of the votes:

Secretary	Erik Bostrom
Steering Committee	Chad Jaros, Mike Galfi, Ryan Dul, Brandon Tucker, Frank Novakowski
Rules Committee	Scott Hagel, Jeff Wronkiewicz, Blaise Blasko, Frank Novakowski, Greg Didech, Tim Hamman

HOF Committee **Steve Kafka, Scott Phillips**

Sports Writer **Bill Stone**

Include clause to exempt Hall of Fame Members from paying for the Winter Clinic – **Passed**

Hall of Fame nominations will be due at the February meeting – **Passed**

Two at large nominees are added to the ballot for Coach of the year
Erik Bostrom, Greg Gebhardt

Special Recognition

- Chester Jones
- Ed Gombos

HOF:

The Hall of Fame Wall

- Completed – Blaise Blasko, Steve Kafka, Scott Phillips, and Howie Rubin

Thank you for all of the work done to complete this project. The addition looks great, and the two new photos are hanging. The total cost of adding the project was \$410.03

State Meet:

May 15-16, 2015 – Hinsdale Central HS

If you are available to assist with the state meet, please contact Mark Wanner:

mwanner@hinsdale86.org

- Volunteers to work judges' tables (6 per session)

Mark would like adults with gymnastics knowledge sitting at the table with the judges, not students. If you are available to assist with any of the sessions, please email Mark.

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

Monday, May 18th

Golf: Old Orchard, tee times start at 3:30pm

Banquet: Morava Center (Prospect Heights Park District)

Please RSVP for the golf outing on the IHSGCA website

There are no HOF inductees this year

This is an important event for the association. Even though there are no inductees this year, we would still like to see coaches attend the outing. Over the years, the attendance numbers have fallen, and we'd like to change this trend. Even if you are not a golfer, Frank invites you to meet him at the bar.

If you don't plan on golfing, but would still like to come to the banquet, most golfers finish up around 6:30-7:00, at which point, the banquet will begin.

Senior All-Star Meet:

Thursday, May 21st, 6:30pm (*Please note the time change.)

Hoffman Estates HS 1100 W. Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Officials:

FX – Mukai

PH – Didech

SR – Avigliano
V – Ferguson
PB – CJ Johnson
HB – Donaldson

Thank you to the officials for volunteering to judge this meet.
Thank you to Adrian and Keith for volunteering to score the meet.

Specific information regarding the meet is forthcoming.

Please consider sending out the business donation letter and the parent donation letter as these proved to be very lucrative in last year's fundraising.

Conference Reps:

Thank you for getting in the All-Star meet lineups and COY information!

- CSL – Adrian Batista
- MSL East – Zack Crandall
- MSL West – Mike Opsal
- DVC – Greg Gebhardt
- WSC Gold – Jason Orna
- WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski
- Independent – Eric Liva
- SWSC – Peter Kallend

Proposals:

IHSA Advisory Board proposals:

Proposer: Frank Novakowski & Doug Foerch

Proposal: *Sectional seeding formula*

A. Sectional Host The IHSA Office will assign all schools entering the state series to one of five (5) Sectional complexes. On Tuesday, March ___ the IHSA will determine the five (5) Sectional hosts based on the seeding information provided. Fifteen (15) Sectional team assignments will be made based on the seeds determined by the IHSA. The highest seeded non-hosting school will automatically go to the lowest seeded hosting school.

The assignments are as follows:

Sectional A: Seeds 1, 10, 11

Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 12

Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 13

Sectional D: Seeds 4, 7, 14

Sectional E: Seeds 5, 6, 15

or

Sectional A: Seeds 1, 12, 13

Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 14

Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 15

Sectional D: Seeds 10, 4, 7

Sectional E: Seeds 11, 5, 6

The five (5) highest seeded teams in the state will have the first option to host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form" agreeing to host. If the highest seeded team cannot host, then the next highest seeded team in the assigned Sectional will host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form". After the first ten teams are assigned to a Sectional host the team and individual state series assignments will be determined by the IHSA according to geographic location.

Proposer: Doug Foerch

Proposal: *Amend Article V*

V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings

A. Sectional Meet Schedule:

Sectional meets will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, ~~afternoon~~, each in single session beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday sessions which shall begin at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All the events shall be conducted concurrently. The six (6) events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. Teams shall perform in Block Style, according to the provisions of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Managers Checklist furnished in this manual.

Proposer: Frank Novakowski

Proposal: *Fall Season for Boys Gymnastics*

Change IHSA Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to read: Boys Gymnastics shall not practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Season start date will be August 8, 2016 and the state series will be November 19, 2016.

Pros and cons contributed along with Bill Cordts, Blaise Blasko.

Pros

1. Summer camps become an important prelude to the fall sport season.
2. Safer for athletes because in physical shape for skill learning.
3. Longer season than we currently have.
4. 15 contests will be spread over a longer season.
5. Availability of officials will increase over a longer season.
6. We may not lose "snow bird" officials.
7. Decrease the conflict with USAG competitions making these athletes available for high school competition.
8. No conflict with spring break, prom and other end of school year activities.
9. Motivation for freshmen to join a sport is higher in fall.
10. No conflict with cheerleading.
11. No indoor male sport in the fall sport season.
12. Gain athletes from baseball, lacrosse, volleyball.

Cons:

1. Conflict with coaches that are currently coaching a fall sport. Lose coaches.
 2. Availability of facility for state series.
 3. Two week overlap with girls starting their practice.
 4. Meet dates may have conflict with girls volleyball dates.
 5. Contact with freshmen as a fall sport.
 6. Lose athletes to football and soccer.
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Proposer: Frank Novakowski

Proposal: *Change Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to afford Boys Gymnastics the same number of actively competitive weeks as Girls Gymnastics by adjusting the start and end dates of the boys' gymnastics season based on the IHSA Standardized Calendar.*

Two options to discuss:

- A. One week overlap with girls gymnastics.

1. Start the season on Monday of week 33, February 13, 2017.
 2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 47, May 26-27, 2017.
- B. No overlap with girls gymnastics.
1. Start the season on Monday of week 34, February 20, 2017.
 2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 48, June 2-3, 2017.

Pros:

1. Equity under Title IX by affording boys and girls gymnastics equal number of competitive weeks during the season.
2. Possible elimination of season overlap between boys and girls gymnastics.
3. Safety is increased by providing more effective learning progressions through scaffolding of gymnastics skills.
4. Going from an 11 week to 13 week season spreads 15 meets over a longer time.
5. Going from an 11 week to 13 week season allows more availability of judges.
6. A longer season will decrease legal opposition to coaching techniques.
7. Reduces administrative conflicts with granting exceptions for USGA national competitions.
8. Illinois high school gymnastics becomes more compatible with the national gymnastics world

Cons:

1. Facility availability.
2. Objection to longer work season.
3. Senior meet date.

Proposer: Eric Liva

Proposal: *Go back to the old rule book.*

IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions:

Proposer: Chad Jaros

Proposal: *Require a quorum of voters to pass a constitutional amendment.*

Overview:

This is a proposal to modify Article IX, Section F of the constitution.

The primary change is to add a paragraph requiring a minimum number of eligible voters to be represented in order to take a binding vote on a constitutional amendment. An exception to the quorum requirement is granted to the two historically most attended meetings; May and December.

A minor grammatical mistake is also fixed in paragraph 4, changing 'discussing' to 'discussion'.

Rationale:

Most organizations have minimum requirements for attendance and voting on matters which can fundamentally alter how that organization functions. It seems prudent to require IHSGCA constitutional amendments to have a minimum number of eligible voting members represented in order to be adopted.

Though unlikely in practice, it is theoretically possible for a small number of members to pass one or more constitutional amendments at a meeting with low attendance. This change aims to prevent that scenario from being possible in the future.

Proposed Text:

F. The Constitution may be amended at any regular Association meeting or at a special meeting called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution.

1. Only Full/HOF members in good standing can submit a proposed Constitutional amendment(s).
2. The Secretary can only accept the written proposal under the proposer's name.
3. A proposed amendment must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for a vote, otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration, but in either case, no discussion of the proposal will be allowed at this time, only questions for the purpose of clarification.
4. At the next Association meeting, a debate on the proposal will take place, with changes if necessary by the one who proposed the amendment.
5. The proposed amendment shall be made available to all members of the Association before a vote is taken on the proposal.
6. At the next Association meeting (after paragraph 4) one pro and one con opinion will be allowed before voting takes place.
7. **A quorum of 20 members who are eligible to vote must be present or represented, including valid proxy votes, in order for a vote to take place on a proposal.**
 - a. **No quorum is required for a vote to take place at the December meeting or at the May meeting.**
 - b. **If no quorum is present, the pro and con discussion (see paragraph 6) and voting on the proposal may be postponed until the following meeting.**
8. It takes a 3/4 majority vote of the voting members present, or through proxy vote, and eligible to vote and pass any amendment.
9. For the actions of the Steering Committee and any reactions available by the membership towards the Steering Committee concerning amendments, see Article IX, Section D, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz

Proposal: *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.*

Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz

Proposal: *It is being proposed that there be a cut-off date for new interpretations to go into effect during the current season. I propose the cut-off date to be two weeks before the start of the state series. Any new interpretations after that will not go into effect until the beginning of the next season.*

Proposer: Greg Gebhardt

Proposal: *Amend Article III in the Constitution to include officials.*

Article III

Part. A. Full Membership

1. All boys' gymnastics coaches who are presently employed by an accredited high school in the state of Illinois and officials who are actively judging are eligible for Full Membership
 - a. They will have a voice in all Association matters.
 - b. They will have a vote in all Association matters.**
 - c. They will have a vote in Hall of Fame matters.**
 - d. They will pay annual dues by the second attended Association Meeting
 4. A Full member must be present at two Association meetings prior to the May meetings.
 - a. If a full member is not present at two association meetings prior to the May meeting, he will lose his voting privileges on Association Matters.
 - 6. Only a Full member can initiate a motion, proposal, resolution, amendment, rule change, or second the same.**
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Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Amend Article VII Rules Committee*

D-1 One of the members shall be elected from the Rules Committee by the Rules Committee each year at the May Association meeting, as the Chairman with the primary responsibility for Section A.

Chairman of the Rules Committee shall be the IHSA Rules Interpreter.

D-2 The IHSA Rules Interpreter and the IHSA Head Clinician will be permanent members of the Rules Committee.

G-2a Six (four) members receiving the highest total votes being elected on the odd calendar years.

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *All evening meets during the week shall start at 6:30.*

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Proposal: *Athletic Conferences that have scheduled meets on the third Wednesday of March and April shall reschedule that date to another day of the same week.*

Rules changes:

Proposer: Chad Jaros

Proposal: *Grant full High Bar EGR V (dismount) value to flyaway stretched with 1/1 twist*

Rationale:

The bar for FIG B dismounts on high bar seems to be quite high. It would be nice to have a easier and safer option than a double back or multiple twisting flyaway to receive full difficulty value for the dismount.

Proposed Rule Text:

On High Bar, any salto backward stretched with 1/1 twist or greater in Element Group V shall be increased in difficulty value by one letter. (eg. A to B, or B to C).

Other Variations:

- Several variations on the rule text would provide similar functionality, while catering to various concerns about the kinds of rule modifications that are acceptable.
- On High Bar, a salto backward stretched with 1/1 twist in Element Group V shall be granted a bonus of 0.2. A bonus of 0.1 will be granted for sticking this dismount.
 - This does not alter the value of the skill, or explicitly grant full EGR V value, but has the intended consequence of granting B-like qualities to the skill.
- On High Bar, a salto backward stretched with 1/1 twist shall be granted the full 0.5 difficulty value for EGR V. A bonus of 0.1 will be granted for sticking this dismount.
 - This explicitly grants full EGR V value even though the skill is an A. It also includes the 0.1 stick bonus generally reserved for B dismounts.

The specific mechanism isn't as important to me as giving gymnasts reasonable incentive for progression on twisting dismounts.

Proposer: Chad Jaros

Proposal: *Rebalance the scoring mechanism to provide greater opportunity for separation of individual scores, and to attain a 10.0 start value.*

Rationale:

Difficulty in attaining a 10.0 start

It is currently extremely difficult for a gymnast with 4 or less years of experience to attain a 10.0 start value on most events. To do so requires 2.0 in difficulty over 8 skills, or the equivalent of four C value skills and four B value skills (ignoring bonus). Attaining a 10.0 start value should not be easy, but it should be attainable by talented students who start gymnastics their freshman year of high school.

Low incentive to add difficulty

It is difficult for gymnasts to improve their score by adding more difficult skills. An B skill only grants 0.1 additional difficulty value compared to an A skill. Mathematically, it only makes sense to replace an A skill in a routine with a B skill is if the gymnast can complete the B skill with the same or fewer deductions than the A skill. The time and effort required to perfect a B skill to the point that it can be used to replace an A skill has proven to be a significant barrier. Creating the simplest possible routines that can be completed cleanly seems to be the most straight-forward path to a higher judged score.

While the above mechanism does incentivise cleaner and simpler gymnastics, it also tends to breed frustration. If a gymnast can safely perform a B value skill with a small to medium deduction to replace an A skill, it's not prudent to have them put the B skill in. Gymnasts enjoy learning new skills, and

making it mathematically unwise to include anything other than a perfect skill to increase start value is frustrating.

Score clustering:

There seems to be a fairly large clustering of scores on each event at invitationals. On rings, the start values for the majority of competitors tends to be between 7.6 and 8.2. This start value range excludes the most difficult two element groups (II and III), and assumes a majority of A and B skills. The variation in start values, and as a result final scores, seem to be much tighter than the variation in gymnast skill. This may be because the current rules make it difficult to be rewarded for showcasing that additional skill.

Granting an increased value for B or greater skills may make it easier to attain a 10.0 start value, and may also help relieve the feeling that the rules serve to limit progression.

Proposed Modifications

1. Any skill of B or greater value will be awarded a bonus of 0.1
2. Alter the Presentation Start Value ("E" score) from 5.5 to 5.0
3. Alter the Maximum Difficulty (D) score from 2.0 to 2.5

Consequences:

The primary effect of this rule is to change the base value for skills from:

A = 0.1 B = 0.2 C = 0.3 D = 0.4 etc.

to

A = 0.1 B = 0.3 C = 0.4 D = 0.5 etc.

While this change alone would make it seemingly too easy to attain a 10.0 start value, altering the "E" and "D" scores help balance this concern. With the altered values, the skills necessary to reach a full start value (excluding other bonus) change from:

C - 4 B - 4

to

C - 3 B - 4 A - 1

This set of changes should serve to help increase the separation of start values of routines of varying difficulty.

For example, consider the two routines:

1. A routine consisting of 6 A's and 1 B, with 4 element groups
2. A routine consisting of 3 A's, 3 B's, and 1 C, with 4 element groups

In the current rules, Routine #1 starts from 8.3. Routine #2 starts from 8.7. Notice only four tenths of separation in start value for a substantially more difficult routine.

With the proposed rule change, Routine #1 starts from 7.9. Routine #2 starts from 8.6. This is nearly double the separation in start value compared to the current rules.

The hope is that this combination of rule modifications will help:

- Increase separation between gymnasts of varying skill levels
 - Make a 10.0 start value more attainable to students who start with gymnastics in their freshman year
 - Increase the return for effort expended to add B and higher skills to routines
 - Incentivize progression of difficulty without rewarding reckless skills
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Proposer: Brandon Tucker + Frank Novakowski

Proposal: Any full turning or more flipping skill, including dismounts, earns a 0.1 bonus if done without a single large deduction.

Proposer: Brandon Tucker

Proposal: Any B or higher strength (group III- IV) on rings will earn a 0.1 bonus if done without a single large deduction.

Proposer: Brandon Tucker

Proposal: Any B swing to or through handstand on P-bars earns a 0.1 bonus if done without a single large deduction.

Proposer: Brandon Tucker + Frank Novakowski

Proposal: Any turn into or out of giants will earn a 0.1 bonus if done without a single large deduction.

Proposer: Zack Crandall

Proposal: Regarding Freshmen compulsory on p-bars. Replace SB #4 ("Swing forward to 'V' sit or Manna") with a new SB for back off dismount, which would be performed at the end of the routine, after what is currently SB #5 (Hold handstand). So the change would mean that the current SB #4 would be eliminated and the routine would now end with SB #4 (Hold handstand), followed by SB #5 (Back off).

Proposer: Keith Mukai / Adrian Batista

Proposal: Increasing Skill Values

Consider this a tentative proposal; I'm not sure it's the right time to make any major changes but I think it's worth discussing possibilities.

The problem:

The math basically never works out to put in a higher value skill when that Element Group is already covered in a routine. For example:

event	"A" skill	"B" or "C" skill in same EG	Max net advantage
FX	Tucked front	Front full (C)	+0.2
PH	Loop around	Russian (B) / Double Russian (C)	+0.2* / +0.3*
SR	L-sit	Cross (B)	+0.2**
PB	L-sit	Stutz to 45 (B) / Stutz-hand (C)	+0.1 / +0.2
HB	Giant	Full piro (B)	+0.1

* with +0.1 bonus if no large error

** with +0.1 bonus if 0.2 or less in deductions

(Tentative) Proposed Solution:

Increase skill values so that if our gymnasts perform harder skills well--but not perfectly--they can still gain value for doing them.

Skill Letter	FIG Value	New Value
A	0.1	0.1
B	0.2	0.3
C	0.3	0.5
D	0.4	0.7
E	0.5	0.9

Updated examples:

event	"A" skill	"B" or "C" skill in same EG	Max net advantage
FX	Tucked front	Front full (C)	+0.4
PH	Loop around	Russian (B) / Double Russian (C)	+0.3* / +0.5*
SR	L-sit	Cross (B)	+0.3**
PB	L-sit	Stutz to 45 (B) / Stutz-hand (C)	+0.2 / +0.4
HB	Giant	Full piro (B)	+0.2

Impact on Start Values:

<p><u>FX</u> Scale: A Back roll: A RO: A Arabian: B Front full: C Dive roll: A RO: n/a Whip: B Layout: B Currently: 9.3 - 9.4 Proposed: 9.8 - 9.9</p>	<p><u>PH</u> Circle: A Russian: B Single leg kehr in: A Scissor full: B Scissor ½: A Moore: B Travel down: A Schwabenflank: A Single leg kehr in: n/a Circle front-out loop-off: B Currently: 9.2 - 9.5 Proposed: 9.6 - 9.9</p>	<p><u>SR</u> Inlocate: A Back uprise to cross: C Back uprise: A L-sit: A Straight-arm Press: B Bent-arm giant: B Bail: A Double: B Currently: 9.3 - 9.7 Proposed: 9.8 - 10.0</p>
<p><u>PB</u> Glide kip: A Moy suppt: C Swing hand: A Front uprise: A Fwd roll: A Back uprise: A V-sit: B Press: B Back off ½: B Currently: 9.3 - 9.4 Proposed: 9.8 - 9.9</p>	<p><u>HB</u> Vault catch: B Kip-cast-hand: A Front giant: A Full piro: B ½ Piro: A Back giant: A Full Higgins: B Hop: A ½ Piro: n/a Double: B Currently: 9.2 - 9.4 Proposed: 9.6 - 9.8</p>	

Pre-Emptying the Naysayers:

--“...*We can't change FIG...*”

Two years ago our Rules Committee decided to:

- Cap the max score: 10.0 vs FIG's open scoring.
- Change deductions: 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3 vs FIG's 0.1, 0.3, 0.5.
- Add easier versions of skills (e.g tucked flyaway) and non-diagrammed “A”s.
- Add additional bonuses that aren't in USAG and alter existing ones.
- Add extra Specified Bonuses to Frosh compulsories.
- *We've already deviated from FIG/USAG and USAG, NFHS, & IHSA approved it!!*

--“...*This will encourage sloppy/dangerous gymnastics...*”

Execution still rules. A “C” is only getting a +0.2 bump in value. That's not enough to overcome sloppy execution. The increase only gives our clean gymnasts *a shot* at gaining a tenth or two by adding a higher value skill. But without that increase, they have no chance.

--“...*it'll be too easy to get to a 10.0 start value so we won't see harder tricks...*”

Um, like we see so many now?

Proposer: Keith Mukai / Adrian Batista

Proposal: *Judges' Responsibilities When Flashing Start Values*

The Problem:

The start value flasher at Sectionals flashed the wrong start value (9.0). We submitted an inquiry since we were expecting a 9.4. The judges did have a 9.4 start value. Thus we lost the inquiry since there was “No Change”.

We had a second inquiry on the same event that we were then unwilling to submit since it was very possible that the second questionable start value was also incorrectly flashed. A second failed inquiry would have resulted in a team penalty

This should never have happened.

The Simplest Solution:

Chap 2 - Judging Guidelines

- I. General Judging Guidelines:
- J. Inquiries:

(Add a new bullet point)

At the conclusion of each routine the gymnast's start value shall be displayed. It is the judge's responsibility to verify that the start value is displayed correctly.

I did not note any Sectionals judges confirming start values as they were being flashed. It would not be an onerous additional task for judges to take this on this responsibility.

Does this need to be ratified into our rulebook? Or is it sufficient for the Rules Interpreter or Head Official to remind judges to do this at Conference, Sectionals, and State?

The Safest, More Formal Solution:

Chap 2 - Judging Guidelines

- II. General Judging Guidelines:
- J. Inquiries:

(Add a new bullet point)

At the conclusion of each routine the gymnast's start value shall be displayed. Additionally, judges shall provide coaches with a written list of their gymnasts' start values as soon as the last score is posted for that team on that event.

Proposer: Dave Donaldson

Proposal: *Pommel Horse – Award all “A” level travels .1 bonus.*

Rationale – Encourage the use of circling skills for difficulty.

Proposer: Dave Donaldson

Proposal: *Award .1 bonus to all Giant swing changes that pass through 360*.*

Rationale: Separate routines with continuous giant swings from those with multiple kips and stops.

Proposer: Dave Donaldson

Proposal: *Award “B” credit or .1 Bonus to: a) Kip hop b) kip pirouettes.*

Rationale: Separate routines with continuous giant swings from lower skill routines.

Proposer: Dave Donaldson

Proposal: *Require a kip hand to pass over the bar to receive Element 3 credit.*

Rationale: Separate routines with continuous giant swings from kip and swing routines.

A kip free hip, or kip staldler would continue to meet the element requirement because of the secondary skill.

Proposer: Brandon Tucker

Proposal: *A maximum deduction of 0.3 for a fall or attempted circle on Frosh Mushroom.*

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Boys gymnastics rule interpretation will not be made, for the current year after April 1st.*

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *At the varsity level non-element “A” skills will not receive value.*

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *At the junior varsity/sophomore level only two non-element “A” skills per event will receive value.*

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Any FIG “A” dismount preceded by a FIG “A” skill will receive 0.1 bonus.*

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

Proposal: *Additive Mushroom Scoring*

Traditional Type – Current **Bold type – proposed.**

	Mushroom		Pommel Horse		Total	
Base Score	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.2	4.5	3.9

Specified Bonus	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	2.0	2.0
Virtuosity	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.0
Stick Bonus	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Maximum Score					7.0	7.0

Breakdown of scoring

- a. 1.7 base score vs. 2.3
- b. Specified Bonus is the same: 1.2
- c. 0.9 Virtuosity vs. 0.1
- d. 0.0 Stick bonus vs. 0.1
- e. On pommel horse 0.1 for virtuosity vs 0.2

Scoring

- a. 0.3 points for each attempted circle to support
- b. 0.2 points for each connected circle or circle connected into the dismount
- c. 0.2 for the ¼ turn flank dismount
- d. 0.2 for recognized counter rotation of the body per circle, maximum of 0.6
- e. 0.1 virtuosity for each circle done with 0.3 or less deduction.

New Business/Additional Items:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40