

Excerpt from:
Region 5 Committee Meeting
November 3, 2013
Fishers, IN

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III. ALL STAR SELECTION CRITERIA

Dave Stiles distributed the results of the membership questionnaire regarding selection criteria for the Region 5 All Star Team. There were 136 responses with the majority responding that there was a need for a selection process change and for the process to be well defined and transparent.

A. Discussion was held to define a Region 5 All Star and to create selection criteria.

Definition – a Region 5 All Star is a Level 10 gymnast who performs at the highest level at Regionals and Nationals based on competition results. The expectation is that representing the region with good sportsmanship and integrity embodies the spirit of Region 5 through their participation and demeanor at Region 5 camps, clinics and competitions.

B. Selection Criteria

1. A motion was made that combined Regional and National scores will be used as All Star team selection criteria for the JO Level 10 athletes.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter

2nd: Nina Dent

Passed: Yes – 6, No – 2

2. Athletes must attend one of the 4 regional training camps responsible for funding the JO National Qualifier Apparel and the international assignment. These camps include Super Camp, Hot Shot Camp, Hi-Tech Camp, and Forward Progress Camp. This displays support for the regional activities and the presence of our top athletes at these training camps truly provides the camps with credibility and substance. In other words, others learn from watching the technique of top level gymnasts. Showcase does NOT count for the regional training camp requirement.

3. A motion was made that the top 12 Level 10 gymnasts regardless of age will qualify for the Region 5 All Star team using combined Regional and National scores.

Motion: Linda Barclay

2nd: Norbert Bendixon

Passed: Unanimous

4. A motion was made that, in case of a tie for 12th place score, the higher A.A. score from JO Nationals will break the tie.

Motion: Tami Jacobs

2nd: Nina Dent

Passed: Unanimous

5. A Code of Conduct contract will be created and will need to be signed and returned by the All Star team participants prior to the trip.

C. Discussion was held regarding moving the All Star trip to June or July to help with athlete absenteeism from school, to possibly allow for a graduating senior to participate, to not have an overlap with other training camps, etc. This is being tabled until a later time as Kittia Carpenter is researching summer trip possibilities. The committee discussed how we can involve the Elite gymnasts as they would not be able to attend a summer trip because of USA Championships and national training camp responsibilities. The committee felt there was a need to honor and involve our Elite athletes in our region.

1. A motion was made to create a Region 5 Elite All Star Ambassador Team comprised of the top 2 Juniors and top 2 Seniors based on the placement rankings from USA Championships.

Motion: Nina Dent

2nd: Linda Barclay

Passed: Unanimous

a. The Region 5 Elite All Star Ambassador team members would donate one weekend for a shorter stateside “goodwill” trip that would not interfere with their training/competitive responsibilities.

b. The Region 5 All Star Ambassador team members would be required to make one training camp appearance (minimum 1 day).

Potential ideas for participation:

- Autograph session
- Question and Answer session
- Motivational speaking/motivational support at events
- Provide encouragement during training