

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

December 3, 2004

The conference call began at 11:07 a.m. PDT by Chair Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men

Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep. (joined call for 30 minutes)

George Beckstead, FIG Rep. (absent)

Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.

Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.

John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep. (joined call at 11:13 a.m.)

II. USA Gymnastics Special Bonus – Vault

The committee discussed Special Bonus recommendations for Vault that were provided by Ron Brant and Steve Butcher.

Motion: Gymnasts competing for an all-around score:

Any gymnast performing a 9.9 or 10.0 FIG valued vault on his first attempt may perform a second vault to attempt to improve his vaulting score. The higher of the two scores will be added to his all-around final score.

Gymnasts competing to qualify to the Event Finals:

A gymnast must perform two vaults from different categories to be eligible to qualify to the event finals.

- ◆ **The combined average of the two vaults will determine the qualifiers.**
- ◆ **If either of the two vaults has a 9.9 or 10.0 FIG value, the gymnast may perform a second vault to attempt to improve his score on the 9.9 or 10.0 valued vault. However, the gymnast is limited to a maximum of three vaults and may only repeat one of the two vaults performed. Example: a gymnast decides to repeat his first 9.9 or 10.0 vault then he may not repeat his second vault regardless if it has a 9.9 or 10.0 start value. A fourth vault will not be allowed.**
- ◆ **Prior to repeating a vault, the gymnast or coach must clearly designate to the judge that a vault being performed is an ALTERNATE vault that may replace the vault he just performed.**
- ◆ **A gymnast may not perform two 9.9 and / or 10.0 vaults and then decide to repeat the first of the two vaults performed. A gymnast may only repeat one vault and it must immediately follow the first attempt.**
- ◆ **The highest score of the vaults performed will be counted toward his final all-around score. This is a modification to the FIG rule that states that the first vault score will count toward the all-around score.**
- ◆ **The combined average of the best score of the two different vault categories will determine the qualifiers to the event finals for vaulting.**
- ◆ **A gymnast will only be allowed to perform two vaults from different categories in the Event Finals competition and no repeating of vaults will be allowed regardless of start value.**

Motion: Yoichi

Second: Bill

Passed: Unanimously

III. Tour funds – Coaches Allocations

For this discussion, Miles Avery, Ron Brant, Bo Morris and Dennis McIntyre were dismissed from the call.

Part of the original allocation for coaches that was held back pending a successful financial outcome for the tour was released to the Men's Program Committee for their allocation. After a lengthy discussion, the Men's Program Committee recognized the contributions of Kevin Mazeika, Ron Brant and Miles Avery. The motion for the final allocation of funds which was provided by Yoichi and Second by Kurt Golder, had 3 votes in favor, 2 oppose and passed.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 11:33 a.m. EST

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Steve Butcher

PASSED: Unanimously

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Galimore for Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary.
Approved by: Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program
Approved by: Bob Colarossi, USAG President*