Rhythmic Junior Olympic Program Committee
June 1, 2006
Minutes

I. Roll Call

Jody Hurlburt – Region 1 Chair
Joyce Chaplin – Region 2 Chair
Beth Darling – Region 3 Chair
Suzi DiTullio – Region 4 Chair
Nancy Martin – Region 5 Chair
Vita Kvitko – Region 6 Chair
Ivanka Kirov – Coaches Rep
Lucy Kerznerman – Coaches Rep
Tyana Marlowe – Judges Rep
Nadine Davies – RTC Chair (non voting)
Jan Exner – Rhythmic Program Director (non-voting)

II. Regional Calendar of Events

April 21-22 Region 3 and Region 6 Championships
April 28-29 Region 2 and Region 4 Championships
May 5-6 Region 1 and Region 5 Championships
May 25-27 Classics/Level 4/5 Championships
June 8-10 Junior Olympic Championships

III. State and Regional Competitions

A. Fee Structure

Motion to facilitate the cost of Regional Championships, the meet entry fees will be increased to the following:

Level 4	**$75**
Level 5	**$75**
Level 6	**$75**
Level 7	**$105**
Level 8	**$105**
Level 9/10	**$105**

Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Joyce Chaplin
PASSED

B. Meet Format

Motion to revise the Competition format (Section 10, pg 3) to "A march in is required before competition and/or awards for each session.
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Joyce Chaplin
PASSED

Proposal: It is not required to flash scores at Level 3 & 4 competitions (Section 10, pg. 3,C).
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Joyce Chaplin
PASSED

Proposal: The time calculation for competition schedules in the rules and policies to be changed to 1.5 minutes per routine in Level 3-Level 5, and 1.75 minutes per routine for Level 6-10 when utilizing a double panel of judges.

Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Joyce Chaplin
PASSED

C. Awards

Revised Achievement Awards Score Ranges

10.0-8.50	Blue Ribbon
8.40-7.00	Red Ribbon
6.90-5.50	White Ribbon
5.40-4.00	Yellow Ribbon
3.90 & Below	Purple or Rainbow Ribbon

Event and All-around Awards will be awarded as follows:

Level	Event Awards	All Around Awards
Level 3	Achievement Awards	No All Around Awards
Level 4	Achievement Awards	Ranking by Age Division
Level 5	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places
Level 6	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places
Level 7	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places
Level 8	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places	Ranking by Age Divisions Up to 12 places

Motion: Ivanka Kirov
Second: Beth Darling
Approved

IV. Current JO Competitive Program

Many proposals were presented from all regions.

Proposal: Increase the value of the passé back arch in the additional skills to an "A" value skill.
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Tyana Marlowe
PASSED

Level 4 Proposals:

1. **Level 4 Floor - Replace the front walkover with a cartwheel. If the gymnast performs a front walkover they will be given a bonus credit (to be determined by the RTC).**
   Motion: Lucy Kerznerman
   Second: Ivanka Kirov
   PASSED

2. **Change the music length to 0.45seconds -1minute 10 seconds**
   Motion: Tyana Marlowe
   Second: Vita Kvitko
   PASSED

3. ~~Discussion regarding optional choreography for Level 4 and Level 5 Floor routines~~.
   NOT APPROVED

4. ~~Discussion regarding adding another routine to level 4 program~~

NOT APPROVED

5. ~~Discussion to change events yearly~~
NOT APPROVED

Level 5 Proposals:

1. **Level 5 Floor – Replace the back scale (B-FIG) with the Back Arch in Passe, recover to 5th position releve.(Description to be added to the JO Handbook).**
Motion: Tyana Marlowe
Second: Lucy Kerznerman
PASSED

2. **Level 5 Floor – Replace Penche (B-FIG) to a Penche starting preparation with hands on the floor (description to be added to the Junior Olympic Handbook).**
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Beth Darling
PASSED

Level 7 & 8 Proposals:

1. **Eliminate the Difficulty and Artistry forms for Level 7 & 8.**
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Lucy Kerznerman
PASSED

2. **Level 7 – Increase the Maximum CAP value to 3.00. The new breakdown will be as follows:**

Diff Max Value	Max # of Diff	Allowed Value	Min Comp Body Group	Max other body group	AV Basic Comp	AV Music	AV Max CAP value	Execution	Total Score
3.00	10	A-E	5	2	2.00	1.00	3.00	10.00	14.50

Motion: Ivanka Kirov
Second: Vita Kviko
PASSED

Group Proposals:

1. **Add a floor routine to all Junior Olympic Group levels starting in 2006.**
Motion: Lucy Kerznerman
Second: Ivanka Kirov
PASSED

2. **Revise the time limit for Beginning groups to 1.15-2.00 min. max**
Motion: Tyana Marlowe
Second: Jody Hurlburt
PASSED

3. **For all levels of Junior Olympic Groups, revise the judging panels to utilize two panels - -Panel 1 Difficulty/Artistry combined and Panel 2 Execution**
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Tyana Marlowe
PASSED

4. **Increase the value of execution on all Junior Olympic Groups to 10.0 points. (RTC to revise the judging breakdown)**
Motion: Jody Hurlburt
Second: Beth Darling

PASSED

5. **Junior Olympic Group Program Apparatus Schedule for 2007**
   Beginning – Floor, Ball
   Intermediate – Floor, Hoop
   Advanced – Floor, 3hoops/2balls

   Motion: Lucy Kerznerman
   Second: Tyana Marlowe
   PASSED

6. **Recommendation to USAG to reinstate an annual camp for the JO program, which would include top ranking athletes from each level at the JO Championships and athletes from the Level 4-5 Championships.**
   Motion: Tyana Marlowe
   Second: Beth Darling
   PASSED

To be considered based on an evaluation of the budget impact and subject to economic feasibility.

ITEMS voted on by email – June 10, 2006

1. **Recommendation to the Future Stars Program: To name the Top 3 Level 4 and Level 5 All Around athletes from the Level 4/5 Championships to the Future Stars Team.**
   Vote: 8 yes 0 no
   Approved

2. **Tie Breaking Procedures for Regional Team selection for Junior Olympic Championships:**
   a. **1st -8th place will be determined by the All-around Ranking (without age divisions)**
   b. **In the event of a tie, the tie will always be broken based on the highest individual event score.**
   c. **In the event of an 8th place tie that cannot be broken, both tied athletes will attend the Championships**

   Vote: 8 yes 0 no
   PASSED

3. **The Regional Team for Junior Olympic Championships (Level 6, 7 & 8) will consist of 8 athletes in rank order (without age divisions) – no alternates. All scores will be considered for contribution to the Team score at Junior Olympic Championships.**
   Vote: 7 yes 1 no
   PASSED

4. **Petition process to Junior Olympic Championships – Only petitions for injury or illness accompanied by Doctor's certificate will be considered on a case by case basis**.
   Vote: 8 yes 0 No
   PASSED

5. **JOPC requests the Rhythmic Technical Committee consider and develop a formal procedure to discipline judges**.
   Vote: 8 yes 0 No
   PASSED

Approved: Rhythmic Program Committee
Approved: Steve Penny, President USAG