

2009 Region 8 Clinic and Future Stars Evaluation

Region 8 Board Meeting

Date: October 16, 2009

Location: Region 8 Clinic and Future Stars Evaluation (Roswell, GA)

Attendances:

- Kevin White- Region 8 Chairman/ Mississippi State Chairman (Voting member)
- Dean Dryer – Proxy for Florida State Chairman (Voting Member)
- Ben Wood – Proxy for Georgia State Chairman (Voting Member)
- Benji Stern- North Carolina State Chairman (Voting member)
- Tony Ivey- South Carolina State Chairman (Voting member)
- Larry Denham – Proxy for Tennessee State Chairman (Voting Member)
- Robert Boudreaux – President of CGJA/ Region 8 JOTD
- Jon Culbertson- Guest
- Deshawn Monroe- Georgia State Chairman (Arrived late)
- CJ Laird- Alabama State Chairman (Absent)
- John Hallett- Florida State Chairman (Absent)
- Michael Tataru- TN State Chairman (Absent)

Meeting Called to order by Kevin White at 6:40 pm

1) Welcome by Kevin White

- Kevin thanked Roswell Gymnastics for their willingness to host the Region 8 Clinic and Future Stars Competition again

2) Region 8 Update:

- JO Format Committee
 - ◆ Looking at going away from the Region Team competition to Individual Club Competition
 - ◆ Region Chairs are not in favor of this new idea
- USAG Looking at New Optional Guidelines (more information will be shared as it becomes available)
- JO National Championship Update
 - ◆ Alltoment numbers
 - (1) Level 10 (16 – 18) = 192 athletes total from across the country
 - (2) Level 10 (14 – 15) = 192 athletes total from across the country
 - (3) Level 9 (12 – 13) = 312 athletes total from across the country
 - ◆ National Fee Refund – update
 - (1) No refund for athletes to JO National once the entry fee has been paid to the Regional Chairman at Regional Championships.
 - (2) Only Exception to this rule would be Petition Athletes
- Discussion of refund for injured athletes and/or athletes that are unable to attend. The Men's JO Committee has come up with a new policy regarding refunds and we would like to see this same policy used as far as Regional Championship.

Motion:

- Region 8 will use the same policy as the Men's JO Committee has for JO Nationals:
 - No refund for athletes to Regional competitors once the entry fee has been paid to the State Chairman at State Championships.
 - Only Exception to this rule would be Petition Athletes

1st – Kevin White

2nd – Ben Wood

All in Favor – 6

Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 2011 JO National will be held in Long Beach, CA, May 4 – 8, 2011
- Region 8 Championship will be held April 8 – 10, 2011 (Location TBD)
- **Level 8 Age Group Change – effective immediately**
 - ◆ Old age group of Level 8 (12 – 13) will now be Level 8 (11 – 13) – new age group effective for the 2009 – 2010 season
 - ◆ Level 8 (14 – 15) is still the same for this season

3) Region 8 Hall of Fame

- Nominations for the Inaugural Class for the Region 8 Hall of Fame
 - ◆ Robert Boudreaux
 - ◆ Ron Clemmer
 - ◆ Jon Culbertson
 - ◆ Patrick Kersey
 - ◆ Ron Galimore
 - ◆ Brian Morrett
 - ◆ Jeff Robinson

Motion:

- To accept the nominations as the inaugural class of inductees to the Region 8 Hall of Fame

1st – Tony Ivey

2nd – Benji Stern

MOTION PASSED

- Ideas of ways to recognize the individuals at the 2010 Region 8 Championship
 - ◆ Grand March – In of Athletes would more time to be used at a later time to recognize the inductees
 - ◆ 1 presentation of the Hall of Fame Inductees
 - ◆ Present them inbetween the level 10 and 9 session
 - ◆ Video of Hall of Fame Inductees
 - (1) 30 sec – 1 minute of each inductee
 - (2) Voice over the video
 - ◆ Information will be in program about each HOF Inductee
 - ◆ Plaque for each individual

◆ Page on the Region 8 Website for Hall of Fame

- Kevin will send a letter to the inductees congratulating them as well as ask for a resume/bio and any video or photo they have that can be used in video presentation.

5) Discussion regarding 2010 Region 8 Championship:

- Last year we had over 100 athletes that qualified that did not come for one reason or another.
- We have in the past set a score and hope that we don't miss the mark by either to many gymnast that qualify or the score being to high that not enough gymnast qualify.
- For this reason we need to look at Allotment System for Region 8 Championship as well as the format of the Region 8 Championship Meet
- Allotment system allows us to use real numbers when looking at the number of gymnast qualifying to Region 8 Championship. It would be similar to the current format for the qualifying to JO Nationals for Level 10 and Level 9 athletes.
 - ◆ We have a concern with Level 5 gymnast not always competing against their peers, plus hard to plan for session with the current format
 - ◆ Look at keeping 2 session for level 5 but split session by age groups:
- **Compiling State Numbers to determine Allotment Numbers**
 - We will be sending a form that state chairman will need to fill out for all levels and age groups.
 - A letter will be sent out to all coaches explaining the importance of getting this information to their state chairman as accurate as they can and on time.
 - The information compiled will determine the allotment of each states athlete to compete in Region 8 Championships.

Motion:

- Have Level 5 split into session with
 - Session 1 be Level 5 (7 – 9 year old only) and
 - Session 2 be Level 5 (10 – 11 year old) and Level 5 (12 and Up)

1st – Benji Stern

2nd – Ben Wood

All In Favor – 6 Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

- We would like to use an allotment system for the Level 5 and Level 6 gymnast for the 2010 Region 8 Championship.
 - ◆ This would allow use to guarantee a set number of gymnast in the meet as well as help the meet director to plan for the championship
 - ◆ We only use the allotment system this year for the Level 5 and Level 6 as this is the level that is the hardest to plan the qualifying score

Motion:

- To use an allotment system for Level 5 and Level 6 gymnast for the 2010 Region 8 Championship

1st – Larry Denham

2nd – Tony Ivey

All in Favor – 6 Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Team Competition for Level 5 and Level 6 gymnast
 - ◆ Gymnast need to be competing against their peers for it to be a true team completion

Motion:

- To use the following breakdown for the team completion for the 2010 Region 8 Championship
 - Level 5 (7 – 9 Year Old) –
 - Top 6 gymnast based on scores at state championship will make up Level 5 (7 – 9 year old team)
 - Top 3 scores will count for team score
 - Level 5 (7 – 9) will compete in Session 1
 - Level 5 (10 – 11 year old) and Level 5 (12 and up)
 - Make up 1 team with top 6 scores at state championship will make up the team
 - Top 3 scores will count for team score
 - Level 5 (10 – 11) and Level 5 (12 and Up) will compete in Session 2
 - Level 6 team will be made up of by Top 6 scores at state championship from all Level 6 gymnast
 - Level 6 (8 – 9/ 10 – 11/ 12 and up) will be one team
 - Top 3 scores will count for team score
 - All level 6 will compete in the same session

1st – Tony Ivey

2nd – Benji Stern

All in Favor – 6 Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

Motion:

- The following will be the session number and gymnast competing at the 2010 Region 8 Championship
 - Session 1 – Level 5 (7 – 9 year olds)
 - Session 2 – Level 5 (10 – 11 year olds) / Level 5 (12 and up)
 - Session 3 – Level 7 (All age groups)
 - Session 4 – Level 10 (All age groups)
 - Session 5 – Level 9 (All age groups) and Level 8 (All age groups)
 - Session 6 – Level 6 (All age groups)

1st – Kevin White

2nd – Dean Dryer

All in Favor – 6 Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Discussed the number of athletes per session (mainly pertaining to the level 5 session and Level 6 sessions)

- ◆ We determined the best number of athletes for the session to allow maximum participation, but still allow the meet to run smoothly.
- We talked about using an allotment system for the Level 7, 8, 9, and 10. We said once we have real numbers of athletes in age group we would look at the total number of athletes for these sessions.

STATE CHAIRMAN were instructed to talk to their respective state regarding using an allotment system for the Level 7, 8, 9, 10. The allotment number we be based on real numbers for each state.

Motion:

- The following will the number of athletes per session for the Level 5 and Level 6 sessions:
 - Session 1 – Level 5 (7 – 9 year olds) = 120 athletes will compete
 - Session 2 – Level 5 (10 – 11 year olds) / Level 5 (12 and up) = 120 athletes will compete
 - Session 6 – Level 6 (All age groups) = 132 athletes will compete

1st – Larry Denham

2nd – Tony Ivey

All in Favor – 6

Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

6) A/B Format for 2010 Regional Championship

- Discussion of using the A/B Format for competition
 - ◆ Pros
 1. FL used this format for their 2009 State Championship and the judges and coaches really liked it.
 2. Allow parents to keep constant watch of their gymnast as all warm-ups and competition will be done on the same floor.
 3. The 2010 Regional Championship meet director is an expert in doing this format as he has ran numerous state championships for both guys and girls with this format for year.
 - ◆ Cons
 1. May be confusing to some parents and coaches

Motion:

- To do the A/B Format at the 2010 Region 8 Championship as a test to see if it makes the meet run faster and a better format for competition.:

1st – Kevin White

2nd – Dean Dryer

All in Favor – 6

Against – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Larry Denham will have information out very early to coaches to explain the format to them and share with their parents. In addition, there will be a information sheet explaining it in the program for the 2010 Region 8 Championship

7) Region 8 Elite Camp:

- The first Region 8 Elite Camp was a huge success
- Gymnast and coaches who attended are still talking about how great it was and would like to do more.
- This season Region 8 will be sending a team to compete against other regional team at the Palm Tree Classic on February 13 – 15, 2010.
- Next year, the other regions are planning to bring their team to a meet (TBD) in Region 8 to compete.
- The Region 8 Elite Camp will be continue this year

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectively Submitted by Benji Stern, NC State Chairman