

Region 6 and 7 Reorganization Meeting #7

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Meeting called to order: 9:30pm

Members: Craig Thibaudeau (R6 Chair), Bob Lundy (R7 Chair, MD Chair), Dan Young (VT Chair), Tom Greet (CT Chair), Danilo Gattei (RI Chair), Darren Morace (MA Chair), Misha Kustin (NJ Chair), Joe Zullo (ME Chair), Mike Ouellette (NH Chair), Karl Jaanimagi (NY Chair), Jeffrey Zack (PA Chair)

Members present: Craig, Bob, Tom, Danilo, Darren, Misha, Karl, Mike

Members NOT present: Dan Y, Jeff Z, Joe Z

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Meeting Agenda:

1. Members discussed the agenda items for tonight's meeting
 - What events are happening and in what order?
 - Members discussed starting with the nearest events to the reorganization date and then moving through the calendar from there.
 - Members decided to move forward with discussions about the Elite team selection process as that will be the first event to consider.
2. Elite team selection process
 - a. Current Elite team selection processes
 - Region 7 process- Created a points system for the 2024 Elite Team Cup based on placement at 2023 regionals and nationals (Top 10 in all around received points as well as points for placement on events, points for qualifying to nationals, points for placements at nationals, and qualification to USA's). Modeled after the national team selection process. This past weekend, region 7 held an elite team camp and more points were earned from the guys' participation there. Region 7 will be taking two teams of level 10 guys to the Brian Babcock invitational. In short, selection process for elite team will be half of the 2022-2023 season and half of the 2023-2024 season (elite team camp).
 - Region 6 process- Created a points system for the 2024 Elite Team Cup based on placement at 2023 regionals all-around performance and first day performance (at either easterns or nationals depending on level and JE/JN designation) determined the Top 24 region 6 elite team members. Then, region 6 holds a series of events with points awarded to whittle the team down to the Top 8 by the end of January 2024. Region 6 held a 4-skill sequence workshop in November 2023, 6-skill sequence workshop in December 2023, and a competition with full routines evaluated using FIG scoring will happen in January 2024. Athletes are awarded points for their rankings on each event and in the all-around.
 - b. Discussion questions on how to combine our two elite team processes
 - How many athletes do we want on the elite team? Look at current numbers as a place to start (15-20 level 10's, 15 level 9's, etc.).
 - Do we want to have a senior elite team and a junior elite team? Could be a cool option. Focus on development for the younger athletes (junior team) and Elite team Cup

qualification for the older 9's and level 10 athletes (senior team). We could split the teams based on competition age (e.g., you need to be 14 years old in the competition year to be eligible for the senior team). Another option is to select level 10's only and then have a petition process for the level 9 athletes. Members discussed the pros and cons of each.

- Do we want to have separate camps for our junior and senior elite teams?
 - What duration do we want on our elite team? In other words, when do athletes start earning points and when is the end of the process?
 - What events do we want to award points for? Look at the current Region 6 and 7 processes and go from there.
 - What is the process to allow athletes onto the team after the team is selected (i.e., petition process)? Region 7 does not have an official letter, but they ask coaches to submit scores from three previous competitions and videos if they have them. Before the first event, the petition process takes place. Region 6 currently has a petition process, and it is allowed anytime throughout the qualification process. Coaches need to submit a petition using scores from the previous or current season as well as videos, if they have any.
 - Will we be using the start value bonus table as part of the selection process?
- c. How do we pull all this information together to create the system we all agree on?
- Members agreed that Bob (region 7) and Craig (region 6) will work together and come up with a draft program to present to the reorganization committee at the next meeting on January 11th

Tom Greet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39pm

Misha seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm

Next Meeting of the Chairs was set for **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 9:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Thibaudeau