



USHJA Competition Standards Committee Meeting
Monday, August 27th, 2018 2:00pm ET
Teleconference: 888-392-4560 Access Code: 31510

Members Present: Katie Benson, Patrick Boyle, Chris Collman, Karen Golding, Frank Madden (Chair), Kenneth Okken, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Skip Thornbury, and Lynn Walsh (9)

Members Not Present: Naomi Blumenthal, David Burton, Ned Glynn, Michael Morrissey, and John Rush, (5)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison), Katie Patrick (USHJA), Rachel Causey (USHJA), Katlynn Sacco (USEF), Lisa Owens (USEF), Kelsey Shanley (USHJA), Meredith Monti (USEF), Britt McCormick, Bob Bell, Mary Babick, Laurie Birnbach, Kim Aldrich-Farrell, and Sheila Murphy

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Frank Madden called the meeting to order at 2:00pm ET and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 9 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from 8/14/2018

- *Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes August 14, 2018. Ms. Walsh seconded and the motion passed.*

III. Review RCP language as recommended by the Safety Ad Hoc

The committee came together upon the request of the Safety Ad Hoc to review language proposed be added to the HJ standards rewrite. The ad hoc had met and developed language to be considered for the RCP for improved safety in emergencies at competitions.

As a whole, the committee agreed that the Safe Sport signage should be included. However, they had some concerns about requiring paramedics at Premier level competitions only; why only Premier, what about cost, what happens if they aren't available? Ms. Barnard explained that the ad hoc had identified the differences between each of the currently listed medical personnel in the rulebook, collected data on availability of varying medical personnel throughout the country, the cost of EMTs vs paramedics throughout the country, and considered added financial burdens on competition managements of various ratings before submitting this recommendation. While the ad hoc agrees that safety should not be prioritized at one competition rating over another, they are aware that the membership may balk at rule change language that is too drastic in the early stages. The Safety Ad Hoc is developing a multi-year plan to educate competition management and the membership on the need for increased safety measures and identify the most effective and affordable ways to implement changes. These suggested additions are the ad hoc's attempt at getting their foot in the door in 2018 with the hopes of expanding the requirements to all competition ratings over the next few years.

Ms. Skinner-Robson commented that perhaps this language should be submitted as its own RCP. The Competition Standards committee agreed with the intent of the language but felt they were not equipped with the data and information to defend this language when questioned by the membership. Additionally, there are still a lot of questions surrounding the use of oxygen and if it is available and permitted in all areas of the country. Are paramedics allowed to utilize an oxygen unit that is provided to them by the management? Are competitions providing the right type of equipment for paramedics to provide ALS level support or are the medical personnel bringing the appropriate equipment with them? *Ms. Skinner-Robson made a motion to approve the Safe Sport signage language but remove the language referring to the oxygen and paramedic requirement. Mr. Collman seconded the motion passed.* Ms. Barnard agreed to reach out to the Safety Ad Hoc and suggest they propose the language in another RCP.

The committee reviewed the memo submitted by the Amateurs Task Force requesting an addition of a moveable gate or barrier be required at the in-gates of all competition rings. After discussion, the committee felt that though barriers are definitely safe and recommended, requiring them would create a financial burden for many competitions. They suggested adding this requirement into the “Star System” for the future.

The committee agreed that the RCP was ready to move forward.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss

VI. New Business

- There was no new business to discuss

VII. Adjourn

- *Mr. Collman motioned to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
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