

Notes from the USAG Men's Chairman Summit in Chicago September 12-14, 2003

USAG paid for the room at the O'Hare Hilton and some buffet meals on Saturday. 40 of the 50 State Chairs attended. The 3 from our region were Dale Bullivant from Minnesota, Justin Ziegler from North Dakota, and myself Cory Wanek. I was disappointed that Tim Trimble from South Dakota, Dave Contraras from Nebraska and Brad Virkler from Iowa did not attend. A 50% showing from a "local" region is upsetting to say the least. In addition I believe all regional chairs were there as well as some NAL's.

Highlights

- Yes we are going to the 10 level format in the next quadrenium
- Levels 4-7 will all have a start score of 9.2
- Level 8 will be open optional
- Level 8 no special requirements
- No more Developmental D's
- No repetition at all (except for FX for combinations as before)
- Short parts for ALL levels -.5 per part.
- No changing of our regions (to match the women's or otherwise)
- Level 4 vault (class 7) was discussed at great length. More than likely it will be a spotted front tuck off a board onto a mat.
- The compulsory routines were reviewed and discussed. No major changes and some tweaking is still happening. A more concrete version should be out early next year.
- Nationals top 36 AA go to finals and the next 12 on each individual event.
- To clarify here is how things will look after this season:
 - Class 7 – Level 4
 - Class 6 – Level 5
 - Class 5 – Level 6
 - Class 4 – Level 7
 - Open Optionals – Level 8
 - Class 3 – Level 9
 - Class 2 & 1 – Level 10