

5. **Agenda Additions -**

- a. **Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas)-** The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5)

**II. SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

*(Examples below – A method of action, guiding principles or procedures, codes)*

**A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- To demonstrate the power, speed, grace, beauty and teamwork of Singles, Pairs, Double Dutch and Team Jump Rope Competition.
- To demonstrate the relevance and benefits of Jump Rope as a sport, for physical fitness and as a cross - training method for all other sports.
- To demonstrate and teach new styles, skills, routines and ideas to fellow jump rope enthusiasts.
- To increase the recognition of Jump Rope as an internationally competitive sport.
- To assemble top athletes and compete for an overall championship (Triple Crown / Pentathlon).

**B. SPORTSMANSHIP/CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Athletes and coaches should conduct themselves in a manner that displays good sportsmanship.
- Athletes and coaches must take care not to distract a competitor in any way while he or she is competing.
- Athletes should congratulate others for their accomplishments and rejoice in their success, whether they are team-mates or not
- Athletes and coaches must ask permission of the originator of a routine, move, or unusual presentation before using it for themselves. It is unethical not to do so.
- Athletes should share their skills and techniques with other jumpers. This will improve the sport of Jump Rope.
- Athletes must always treat everyone else with the same courtesy, respect and kindness that they would expect for themselves.
- Athletes should not use foul language or gestures, nor make rough physical contact with others. Musical accompaniment must not contain explicit language or profanity.
- Spectators may not enter the competition or practice areas but must remain in the designated spectator areas
- Coaches, athletes and spectators may not discuss a competitor performance directly with a judge.

- Protests and appeals must follow the proper procedure or they will not be heard.
- The AAU Jump Rope Committee has a zero tolerance policy on substance abuse.

### III. SPORT OPERATIONS

#### Current Year Rule Changes-(Listing of all new rule changes for the following year

1. **New Judging System:** All Judges must be re-certified using the criteria established for 2012 competition. No waivers will be permitted.
2. **Judges' Uniform:** White USAJR Judges' shirts are permitted in addition to AAU shirts.
3. **Notations:** It is **mandatory** for judges to make the proper notations on the freestyle score-sheets during the routine. Presentation Judges may also make notes on appearance and conduct before and after the routine while the competitors are at the station.
4. **Delay of Tournament:** All jewelry must still be removed when a competitor is competing however, if the competitor enters the station with jewelry items that can be easily removed, and removes them before the competitor's name in the last station is announced, then no delay of tournament will be assessed. Eye-glasses must still have a secure strap or wedges to hold them in place.
5. **Delay of Tournament Penalty when routines continue after time is called:** Any routine that continues after time is called for more than 5 skills, will be assessed a delay of tournament penalty by the head judge of .4. This is in addition to the .2 deduction penalty for going over time.
6. **Spatial Dynamics in Single Rope Pairs Freestyle:** Dynamic interaction will replace spatial dynamics in pairs single rope freestyle. Refer to the Levels of Difficulty in the USA Jump Rope Judging Handbook for clarification on what constitutes the Intermediate level for full credit.
7. **Added to the Level of Difficulty for Pairs Interaction:** If the rope is set on the floor during interaction, the level of difficulty can only go as high as elementary for that skill. If the rope remains in the jumper's hands during interaction the skills performed can range from basic to masters.
8. **Accuracy Scoring in Freestyle:** Accuracy scoring in freestyle will now be noted with a "∧" on the head judge, head content and head presentation judge score sheets. These judges will no longer use a clicker for keeping track of accuracy deductions.
9. **Re-start after a freestyle miss:** In a single rope event the routine is considered re-started after a miss when the jumper attempts the next jump or performs a rope manipulation. A Double Dutch routine is considered resumed after a miss when the jumper attempts to re-enter the turning ropes or the turners perform a rope manipulation.
10. **Coaches Box in Speed and Freestyle Stations:** A 2' x 2' coach's box will be taped on the floor at each speed station and freestyle station. This is to allow coaches the ability to escort younger jumpers to their station and allow coaches the ability to assist an athlete during their event. Coaches may bring a clicker to the station. They may not bring cameras or any other device to the station. Coaches will not be allowed to enter the station at any time or communicate with the judges. If a re-jump is being considered the red flag will go up and the tournament director will come to the station and discuss it with the coach at that time. Only coaches or coach of record will be allowed in the coach's box. A team may declare more than one coach provided they are not registered athletes and must be named at time of registration. If, while in the coach's box, the coach does not comply with the code of conduct rules, the team's floor coaching privileges will be revoked and no coach from that team will be allowed on the floor. The coaching box will added on a space available basis at qualifying tournaments.
11. **Warm-up Area:** A general warm-up area must be provided at all AAU competitions.
12. **Warm-up:** Athletes may warm up in their freestyle station after the floor managers have completed their duties. No extended sequences or tumbling runs are permitted. The floor managers will intervene if necessary.