



USA GYMNASTICS.

Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee  
March 13, 2018  
Minutes

*Meeting commenced via conference call 12:35pm EDT*

**Role Call:** Carisa Laughon, PCC  
Sarah Thomas, NJOCC  
Ronda Francis, NECC (left call at 1:30pm, vote via separate call)  
Kari Duncan, NTCC (absent from conference call, vote via separate call)  
Dylan Maurer, Athlete Rep  
Ryan Ward, Acrobatics Program Director

**Operating Code:**

The Program Committee addressed issues and changes to the Operating Code in preparation for the upcoming election season. The committee reviewed the document specifically considering criteria for each position to ensure a good balance of requirements demonstrating relevant experience and knowledge for the respective position versus allowing the criteria to provide for a sufficient candidate pool for each position.

Recommend approval for the following changes to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Operating Code.

- Criteria for eligibility:
  - National Elite Committee Chair – Must have coached a junior (12-18 or 13-19) and/or senior elite national team member within the last six (6) years; OR been designated Head or Assistant Coach for the United States on a USA delegation international assignment within the last four (4) years. (Personal coaches are not eligible. Head or Assistant Coaches of 11-16 age group events are not eligible.); OR served as a member of the National Elite Committee, within the last four (4) years.
  - National Technical Committee Chair – Must currently (at the time of the election) hold an FIG Brevet judge rating; AND have been certified as a judge within the acrobatics program for a minimum of four (4) years.
  - Elite Coaches on the National Elite Committee (3 positions) – Must be currently coaching or have coached a junior (JE 12-18 or JE 13-19) and/or senior elite pair/group at USA Gymnastics Championships or other designated national team selection event (i.e., Acro Cup, World Team Trials) within the last four (4) years.
  - Regional Athlete Representative – Must have, within the past ten (10) years, been a member of the National, World Championships, World Age Group Team, or World Games Team; OR have, within the last five (5) years, competed as an Elite (JE 12-18, JE 13-19, Senior) athlete. If the region does not have candidates meeting this criterion, the athlete must have been at least Level 10 within the past five (5) years. Also adjust the following statement, which is part of the qualification for this position, “Not be actively competing in acrobatic gymnastics, at the time the term of office begins.”



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- Adjustments to Terms and Election regulations:
  - Elections for Athlete Selection Committee and Future Stars Selection Committee will be moved to October in even-numbered years. This change, therefore, necessitates the need to retain the current ASC and FSSC through September 2018, including the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships. The term of the Athlete Selection Committee and Future Stars Selection Committee will be a two (2) year term from December 1 through Nov 30.
  - Elections for the three (3) Elite Coaching positions on the National Elite Committee will be conducted at USA Gymnastics Championships in even-numbered years. Expression of interest will be sought from eligible candidates, with only those expressing interest being listed on the ballot. One vote per club with coaches meeting the voter's criteria.
  - Change timing of elections for national-level positions. Nominations due April 15 and election held for a two-week period in May of the year of the election.

Motion: Carisa Laughon

Second: Dylan Maurer

Vote: unanimously passed

**Qualification to USA Gymnastics Championships for 2018 WAGC and WCH Team Members:**

For the 2018 season, pair/groups (in same partnerships) competing at the 2018 WAGC are permitted to compete at a higher level at USA Gymnastics Championships even if pair/group has not satisfied qualifications to compete at USA Gymnastics Championships at the new level (qualifications outlined in Rules & Policies Section Seven: Competitive Structure).

*IE: 13-19 Mixed Pair at WAGC may advance to Senior at USA Gymnastics Championships even though they have not received qualifying scores at the Senior level from States or Regionals.*

Motion: Ronda Francis

Second: Dylan Maurer

Vote: unanimously passed