



**Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee
March 28, 2019 * Conference Call
Minutes**

Call commenced at 9:30am EST

Role Call:

Carisa Laughon, APCC
Dylan Maurer, Athlete Rep
Sarah Thomas, NJOC
Ronda Francis, NEC
Holly King, NTC
Ryan Ward, Acrobatics Program Director (non-voting)

1. Vegas Acro Cup Recap

Ryan expressed positive comments for the Vegas Acro Cup and World Cup. It was a large event with several aspects, but it was a great event.

Animosity between coaches and judges during the Vegas Acro Cup was discussed. Coaches often had questions and a lack of understanding for the judges' roles, applications of rules, and penalties during competition. There were some points where these questions and frustrations coming from coaches were not handled properly, in a professional and respectful manor, and not following the proper protocols outline in our rules.

2. Coaches and judges working together

The PC discussed ways to bridge the gap between coaches and judges. Methods discussed include, further education for coaches in the area of judging, finding ways for judges to meet with coaches during international competition, create opportunities for judges to work more with coaches – during training camps, competitions, clinics, social settings, etc. Coaches and judges need to support and respect each other and work together to build a stronger program. This philosophy must be promoted and facilitated by program leadership.

Call concluded at 11:00am EST

Respectful submitted by: Carisa Laughon, Acrobatic Program Committee Chair