



Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee

April 1, 2020 * Conference Call

Minutes

Call commenced at 4:30pm EST

1. Roll Call:

Carisa Laughon, APCC
Jessica Renteria, Athlete Rep
Sarah Thomas, NJOC
Ronda Francis, NEC
Holly King, NTC
Stefanie Korepin, USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer (non-voting)
Mary McDaniel, USA Gymnastics (non-voting)

2. International Event Updates, Postponements and Rescheduled Events

- World Championships / WAGC – New dates, age requirements, participation requirements, etc. have not yet been officially published by the FIG. We will wait for official announcement before continuing our planning and selection process in the USA. FIG communication dated April 2 indicates the reorganization of the international events calendar will “wait until the global health crisis is under control and governmental restrictions are lifted.”
- World Games – postponed to July 7-17, 2022 in Birmingham, Ala.
- Updated events information provided at https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/covid_calendar.html and <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/news/displaynews.php?idNews=2827>

3. 2020 USA Gymnastics Championships Postponement

The 2020 USA Gymnastics Championships have officially been postponed. USA Gymnastics is considering moving the event to a later date, but must consider many factors including the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and state health guidelines and restrictions, athletes’ access to training facilities and adequate time to prepare, availability of facilities, and more.

4. Waiver of 2020 Competition Qualification Requirements

In light of the cancellation of local, state and regional events due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from local, state and federal health agencies, competition qualification requirements are waived for the 2020 season. The 2020 waiver includes:

- Participation and Qualification requirements of competitions: for the 2020 season there are not requirements to participate in 2 local competitions, state championships, or regional championships, even in the case those events were held, in order to advance to the next competition. (R&P 3-2019, section 7: 4.)
- If new partnerships are formed once gym’s reopen and practices resume, a new partnership is eligible to participate in any remaining events during the 2020 season.
- Pair/groups may change level of participation without restriction at any remaining events during the 2020 season, including moving to lower levels.
- Qualifying Scores: qualifying scores are not required for advancement during the 2020 season. (R&P 3-2019, section 7: 5.)

- An athlete who competes in more than one pair/group may do so without any restriction of the levels on the pair/groups. (R&P 3-2019, section 8: 5.b.)

With the waiver of qualification requirements and loss of training time, coaches are urged to use best judgement in preparing and registering athletes to participate in future events. Coaches should consider the athletes' preparation level, training time available, experience, ability to successfully and consistently perform the requirements of the level, etc.

Motion: Carisa
Second: Sarah
Vote: unanimous

5. 2021 JO Code of Points – The Program Committee is considering delaying the release and implementation of the 2021 JO Code of Points. Consideration will include actions by the FIG regarding rules for the next cycle and dates for rescheduled events.

6. 2020 Program Elections

Elections for national and regional committee positions will move forward this spring. The national office will assist in running the elections. Positions to be elected this year are Program Committee Chair, National Elite Committee, National Elite Committee member coaches, and all regional committee positions.

Updated Operating Code will be published shortly and calls for nominations will commence in mid-April. Elections will take place in June.

7. Judge Qualifications for Maintaining and Upgrading Certifications

The Program Committee discussed this concerns and gave feedback to the National Technical Committee Chair for consideration by the NTC.

Call concluded at 5:42pm EST

Respectful submitted by: Carisa Laughon, Acro Program Committee Chair