



USA GYMNASTICS.

Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Minutes

Meeting called to order, 11/30/17 at 1:15pm (EST)

Meeting continued via email 12/6/17

Role Call:

Carisa Laughon, APCC
Nicole Barrilleaux, Athlete Rep
Sarah Thomas, NJOCC
Ronda Francis, NECC
Kari Duncan, NTCC
Ryan Ward, Program Director (non-voting)

12.15.17

WORLD TEAM TRIALS JUDGES:

Program Committee will put forth 6 judges to judge athletes at the World Team Trials event in 2018.

Recommendation for judges at the event: Carisa Laughon (CJP), Tonya Case (DJ), Kari Duncan (Artistry), Holly King (Execution), Ana Smirnova (Artistry), and Valere Binet (Execution)

Motion: Nicole

Approved: Ronda

Passed

WCH & WAGC JUDGES:

With the FIG's official invitations to Tonya Case and Carisa Laughon to judge the World Age Group Competition and World Championships, the PC considered the other eligible FIG brevet-rated judges for Team USA assignments to World Championships and World Age Group Competition.

Recommendation to assign Trisha Stewart and Kari Duncan as judges for World Championships and Ronda Francis and Ana Smirnova as judges for World Age Group Competition.

Motion: Carisa

Second: Nicole

(Kari & Ronda abstained)

Passed

ATHLETE FUNDING:

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee is prioritizing support for our Senior Elite level athletes. The intent is to provide financial support to athletes at the Senior Elite level in order to sustain these athlete's participation in the sport for future high-level competitions (participation at World Championships and World Games). In order to aid in retention, the APC is proposing an athlete funding program to start in January 2018.

Plan: Senior Elite level athletes are provided a monthly stipend of \$200 per month. This can be provided in a choice of,

- A monthly check
- Or an expense reimbursement (athletes eligible for a University Scholarship)

Funding will be provided to a pair/group under the following time frame:

1. Funding runs for a season, considered to be July to June of the following year. Athletes may receive
 - a. a full season of funding starting at USA Gymnastics Championships (if all qualifications are met) and concluding at the end of the season; OR
 - b. a pro-rated portion of funding if they qualify sometime after USA Gymnastics Championships (from month of qualification through the end of the season); OR
 - c. a pro-rated portion of funding starting with qualification at USA Gymnastics Championships until a time terminated prior to the end of the season.
2. Funding commences once qualifications are met*
3. Funding program to be initiated on January 1, 2018, which will be a pro-rated season because of the initiation of the program.
 - a. Athletes meeting the qualifications immediately will receive funding from January thru June 2018*
 - b. Athletes meeting qualification sometime after January 1 will receive funding from the month of qualification through June 2018
4. A new season will start in July 2018, with the National Team Selections at USA Gymnastics Championships*, Athletes must re-qualify annually.
*Requirements for funding listed under *Qualifications*

Qualifications: ALL criteria must be met, in the current partnership, to qualify for athlete funding.

1. Current Senior National Champion and named to National Team.
 - a. A maximum of 13 athletes (1 Senior Elite pair/group in each discipline)
2. Achieve international competitive success, within the last year or current season, defined as:
 - i. World Games or Senior World Championship Finalist, or

- ii. Medal (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) at a FIG World Cup event, or
 - iii. Medal (finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd) at World Age Group Competitions (WAGC)
- 3. Athletes must attend all National Team Training Camps
- 4. Athletes must be actively training and maintain level of preparedness and excellence:
 - a. Evaluated periodically by National Coaching Staff in conjunction with Program Committee and the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director at:
 - i. Regional and National Team Training Camps
 - ii. National competitions
 - iii. International competitions
- 5. USADA Compliant
- 6. National Team Compliant as listed in the USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement

Recommendation to implement the Athlete Stipend as described above.

Motion: Nicole

Second: Carisa

Passed unanimously