



## Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Committee Meeting

Elite Committee Chair	Scott Lineberry
Elite Committee TRA Rep	Nuno Merino
Elite Committee TUM Rep	Chauncy Haydon
Elite Committee DMT Rep	Amber Van Natta
Athlete Representative	Michael Devine
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert
Junior National TRA Coach	Steven Gluckstein
National TUM Coach	Becky Brown
National DMT Coach	Chelsea Rainer
Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson

Meeting called to order by Scott Lineberry at 12:30pm on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

### Elite Committee Meeting Agenda

**1. Welcome & roll call**

**2. Minsk World Cup**

Nuno provided a verbal report from Minsk World Cup.

**3. 2019 judge assignments**

The Technical Committee recommended to the Elite Committee the following assignments for judges to 2019 international competitions:

September 18-22 Khabarovsk World Cup (Group 1 Competition, Cat 1 or 2 judges)

- Trampoline: Konstantin Gulisashvili (Backup: Tatiana Kovaleva)

October 2-6 Valladolid World Cup (Group 1 & 2 Competition, TRA Cat 1 or 2, TUM / DMT Cat 1-3 judges)

- Trampoline: Konstantin Gulisashvili (Backup: Tatiana Kovaleva)
- Tumbling: Deanna Hanford
- Double-mini: Crissy LaFollette

October 2-6 Valladolid Age Group Competition (Group 4 Competition, any category judge)

- Will be opened to FIG Brevets to attend (self-funded), with the TC making a recommendation to the Elite Committee.

- If there is no interest, World Cup judges will be assigned to both competitions in their assigned World Cup discipline.

World Championships (Group 1 Competition, Cat 1-3 judges)

- Trampoline: Dante Hebert
- Tumbling: Billie Willis
- Double-mini: Jenae Ashbrook

WAGC (Group 3 Competition, any category judge)

- Trampoline: Amy McDonald, Kelly Israel (backup Bob Hallwig)
- Tumbling: Billie Willis, Carrie Shaw (backup Bob Hallwig)
- Double-mini: Patti Conner, Josh Williams (backup Bob Hallwig)

The committee noted that for the two World Cups, the named judge between the two listed would be dependent on coach selections, which will be made following USA Gym Champs.

**Motion to approve the judges for selection to 2019 international competitions, as above.**

- **Motion: Amber**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

#### **4. Elite statistics volunteers**

The committee discussed the idea of having a volunteer statistician for each discipline to provide reports and information as needed, with the goal being more accurate information, spreading the work load, improved decision-making information, and more people being included in the administrative process.

It was decided that the National Coaches would look for a person for their discipline. Trampoline already has David Carlson assisting with this work – Nuno will ask David if he is interested in also doing Tumbling and Double-mini.

#### **5. Downward mobility**

The committee discussed whether there should be a process for mobilizing downward, specifically from SE-OE and Elite to Level 10.

It was agreed that this was a good idea, with several specifics:

- This be allowed through the invitational season only, not during Championship season
- This be for extenuating circumstances only, for example significant injury or hardship. This would need to be addressed in the application.
- For SE-OE this would be approved by the EC Chair.
- Should an athlete wish to return to their original Level after competing in the lower level, they would be required to re-mobilize.

**Motion to recommend to the Program Committee the addition of a rule allowing downward mobility for extenuating circumstances, including the details above.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Amber**
- **Vote: unanimous**

Jacqui and Patti will work on proposed verbiage for the R&P and send to the Elite Committee for review, before presenting to the Program Committee at the July meeting.

## **6. Resident non-citizen athletes at USA Gymnastics events**

The committee discussed whether the current rule regarding not allowing resident non-citizens to compete at the Elite Challenge and selection events (e.g. Winter Classic or VIP Classic) is in the best interest of the program.

## **7. Scoring and results systems**

The committee discussed the proposal that regional, mobility, and national invitational competitions require electronic display of current results to ensure a fair and professional event experience.

It was agreed that this would be an additional expense to some competition organizers, and as such a year should be given for meets to comply. It was discussed that interrupted trampoline routines are not being adequately communicated when electronic results are not used, and this should be addressed. The TC will be asked to provide a ruling on this.

**Motion to recommend to the Program Committee that Elite mobility meets, national qualifiers (States / Regionals), and selection events be required to utilize an electronic scoring and display system. Elite mobility meets and national qualifiers should be given an additional year to comply with this requirement.**

- **Motion: Michael**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

Michael left the meeting.

## **8. Throw-in mats for trampoline and double-mini**

This committee discussed setting standards for throw-in mats for trampoline and DMT for sanctioned events. The topic was tabled indefinitely.

## **9. Elite Club of the Year**

The Elite Committee is continuing to investigate options to calculate the Elite Club of the Year award based on objective measures rather than by popular vote. It was agreed that any solution needs to be both objective and simple to calculate.

An option was suggested to utilize Pro Score team reports for this purpose. Jacqui will talk to Pro Score and Matt Browne about what is possible.

## **10. Elite program needs**

The committee discussed the current highest priorities in the Elite Program. It was agreed that these are:

- Finding ways to expose communities to T&T
- Expanding the grass roots
- Exposure of developmental athletes to top competition
- Coach education

These priorities will be used to inform strategic decision-making moving forward.

The education project was discussed. It was requested that the project group produce two videos per discipline by Elite Challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Meeting resumed on April 30. Patti and Michael were not present.

## 11. Mixed age group synchro pairs

The current wording in the Code of Points is the following:

### 3.3 *Allowed Pairings*

3.3.1 *Both athletes are of the same Elite Division.*

3.3.2 *One athlete is a Junior Elite and the other is an Open Elite. The pair will compete in the Open Division.*

3.3.3 *One athlete is a Youth Elite and the other is a Junior Elite, provided the Youth Elite has met the minimum difficulty requirements for Junior Elite in Individual Trampoline. The pair will compete in the Junior Elite Division.*

The Committee considered the following:

- a. Should the Elite Program allow mixed age group synchro pairs? If so:
- b. Should a Level 10 athlete be allowed to compete as a partner with an Elite athlete?
- c. Should there be a maximum age/level spread in a pair?
- d. Should the lower aged partner be allowed or forced to compete to the requirements of the higher aged partner (or vice-versa)?

The committee agreed that the rule should be changed accordingly:

### 3.3 *Allowed Pairings*

3.3.1 *Both athletes are of the same Elite Division.*

3.3.2 *One athlete is a Junior Elite and the other is an Open Elite. The pair will compete in the Open Division.*

3.3.3 *One athlete is a Junior Elite and the other is a Senior Elite. The pair will compete in the Senior Division.*

3.3.4 *One athlete is a Youth Elite and the other is a Junior Elite. The pair will compete in the Junior Elite Division.*

**Motion to recommend to the Program Committee the change in rule in the Elite Code of Points as above.**

- **Motion: Amber**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

## 12. Tumbling 3.0 bonus

The committee discussed pros and cons for using the 3.0 tumbling bonus rule for multiple double saltos.

The preferred change was to remove the US bonus and retain the FIG bonus for multiple double saltos, but to not penalize an athlete for not meeting pass requirements if they do a double in the middle but do not finish with a double.

It was agreed to collect data from Elite Challenge and VIP Classic and table the discussion until after this time, then make a recommendation to the July PC meeting.

Program staff will update competition cards immediately, for athletes to indicate where they are planning to receive the multiple double salto bonus, and for judges to fill out what was given.

**13. Other items**

The committee was asked to consider whether selection procedures for 2020 onwards should use only preliminary round of competition rather than finals. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

The committee was asked to consider whether Junior Elite athletes mobilizing to Senior should be eligible to petition to USA Gymnastics Championships. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.