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: 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 2:05pm on May 23rd 2019.

Elite Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & roll call

2. 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.

The current R&P reads as follows:

c) Only athletes who are eligible to become members of the Junior or Senior National Team may participate in the following events:
   - Winter Classic
   - Elite Challenge
   - USA Gymnastics Championships
   - World and/or Olympic Team Camps
   - World, Pan American Games, Youth Olympic Games or Olympic Team Trials

Motion to recommend to the Program Committee a change to the R&P as follows:

c) Only athletes who are eligible to become members of the Junior or Senior National Team may participate in the following events:
   - USA Gymnastics Championships
   - World and/or Olympic Team Camps
   - World, Pan American Games, Youth Olympic Games or Olympic Team Trials
   (events run in partnership between USA Gym and the USOC).
Resident non-citizen athletes at Elite Challenge and selection events will not be eligible for podium places. Inclusion in finals will be on a case-by-case basis and if granted, will be in addition to the 8 spots provided to U.S. athletes.

- Motion: Nuno
- Second: Chauncy
- Vote: unanimous

3. Foreign athletes at USA Gymnastics events

Motion to recommend to the Program Committee a change to the R&P as follows:
Foreign athletes may be accepted to participate in Elite Challenge and selection events on a case-by-case basis by the USA Gymnastics Program Director.

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

4. Tumbling 3.0 bonus

The committee discussed pros and cons for retaining the U.S. 3.0 tumbling bonus rule for multiple double saltos. It was decided that no changes to the CoP should be recommended for 2020.

5. National Selection meet timing

The committee discussed the idea of replacing the first selection event of the year with a final selection event in September, for 2021. This idea will be revisited after the 2019 World Championships selection camp.

Steven left the meeting.

6. Medical notes for petitions

The committee discussed who should be permitted to provide physician notes to support petitions. It was agreed to recommend to the Program Committee that the R&P be amended to use the term in the JO CoP: “licensed medical physician”.

7. 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.

8. Elite Mobility scoring systems for Level 10

The committee discussed Level 10 mobility processes. It was explained that because some mobility meets were at Elite sessions and others were at JO sessions, the scoring process used had varied throughout the season: some meets used the Elite scoring process (skill-by-skill) and others the JO scoring process (total score). It was confirmed that the total score is unchanged regardless of which process is used.

Motion to recommend to the Program Committee that for Level 10 mobility, the Meet Director can choose to utilize either Elite (skill-by-skill) or JO (total score) scoring processes.

- Motion: Nuno
- Second: Chauncy
- Vote: unanimous
9. **Elite Challenge schedule**

The Committee discussed the long sessions at Elite Challenge. Changes may need to be made to the event to reduce the time needed in the arena. Some options include removing some divisions and/or finals, or using warmup trampolines.

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.