



Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Chair
Elite Committee Chair	Chelsea Rainer	Voting
Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford	Voting
Development Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Athlete Representative	Michael Devine	Voting (1 vote combined)
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Ex-officio
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Ex-officio

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 1:00pm CDT on Monday June 28, 2021.

Program Committee Meeting Agenda

1. New Quad Update

The committee discussed progress on the new quad materials:

- Program Video – awaiting final upload
- Understanding Scoring – complete
- Code of Points – almost complete. Deanna to send Jury of Appeal clarifications
- Judges Courses – on track. First course in August (TDC). Current Cat 1 to audit Cat 2 course
- Mobility Scores/Process – EC and DC to do a final check of scores and calculations
- Qualifying Scores/Process – EC and DC to do a final check of scores and calculations

2. Foreign Athletes

Following receipt of community feedback, the committee discussed the current foreign athlete rules. It was agreed that selection events (not including USA Gym Champs) foreign athletes will be allowed to compete and will earn duplicate awards and finals positions (i.e., 9 athletes through to finals). Foreign athletes will remain ineligible for National Teams (not including JumpStart & EDP).

Motion to amend the 2021-2022 R&P to read:

- c. **Non-citizen USA Gymnastics athlete members who are residents, living and training in this country are allowed to compete/participate in USA Gymnastics sanctioned events with full privilege and receive awards up to and including National Championships for the Development Program. This includes selection events and Elite Challenge.**
- d. **Only athletes who are eligible to become members of the Junior or Senior National Team may participate in the following events:**
 - **USA Gymnastics Championships (Elite divisions)**
 - **World and/or Olympic Team camps**
 - **Pan American Games, Youth Olympic Games or Olympic Team Trials (events run in partnership between USA Gym and the USOPC)**
- e. **Resident non-citizen athletes at Elite Challenge and selection events will be eligible for duplicate podium places and finals berths, in addition to those provided to U.S. athletes.**
- f. **Non-citizen athletes may not become members of the Junior National Team or Senior**

National Team.

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

3. Inquiries

Following receipt of community feedback, the committee considered whether there should be a pathway for coaches to inquire regarding another athlete's scores.

It was agreed that coaches will be allowed to inquire on other athletes' difficulty, interruption, landing penalties and difficulty judge penalties. The fee to do so will be higher. Timeframes for inquiries were also clarified: the Meet Referee must be notified of a possible appeal 15 minutes after flights results are available AND the written appeal, video and payment within 10 minutes of notification.

These rules can be applied to both live and online competitions.

Motion to allow coaches to inquire on other athletes' difficulty, interruption, landing penalties and difficulty judge penalties.

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

The inquiry form and Codes of Points will be updated to reflect these changes.

4. New Quad Age Groups

The committee considered the age groups proposed by the Elite and Development Committees.

Level Age Group	JO				Elite			
	1-4	5-9	10	Open	YE	JE	IE	SE
6U	✓							
7-8	✓							
8U		✓						
9-10	✓	✓						
10U			✓					
11-12	✓	✓	✓		✓			
13-14	✓	✓	✓		✓			
15-16			✓			✓		
15+	✓	✓						
17-21				✓			✓	
17+								✓
22+				✓				

It was agreed to add a clarification that Groups of 3 or less may be combined with the age group immediately above or immediately below, at the Meet Director's discretion.

Motion to accept the proposed age groups and add that Groups of 3 or less may be combined with the age group immediately above or immediately below, at the Meet Director's discretion.

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Deanna**
- **Vote: unanimous**

5. Judging

The committee discussed community feedback related to judging at 2021 selection events. The committee discussed the steps taken to resolve previous issues, and what can be done at committee level to help. This item was tabled for discussion by the individual subcommittees. It was agreed that additional specifics should be added to the selection event bid process.

It was agreed that using the FIG Technical Regs (Section 2 page 41) as the precedent, to add to the R&P that the Technical Committee has the power to overrule an error in judgement. The Technical Committee will decide on a suitable timeframe for this to be completed within.

Motion to add to the R&P that the Technical Committee has the power to overrule an error in judgement.

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

It was clarified that the only changes able to be made after the results are published are obvious and significant clerical errors.

Printed score verification should be used at National and selection events to ensure accuracy of results.

6. Scoring Processes

The committee discussed the pros and cons of using total score vs skill-by-skill calculations for Development levels. It was agreed that both total score and skill-by-skill would be allowed, with total score being the preferred method.

Motions for the following rules to be used for the new quad:

- **The formula for score calculation will be either:**
 - **2 E judges: add straight across**
 - **3 E judges: averaged, x2.**
- **Pro Score will be requested to be updated to show the skill-by-skill scores on the printout and score display.**
- **If a judge misses a pass for any reason, the remaining score(s) will be used. In the case of 2 E judges the remaining score will be doubled. In the case of 3 E judges, the 2 remaining scores will be added together.**
- **If judges scores are out of range, the CJP moves them within range in the manner that they deem best and fairest.**
- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

7. New Quad Mobility

It was clarified that athletes may still enter the Development Program at up to Level 8.

For the beginning of the new quad, athletes can drop down a level within the Development Program, otherwise normal mobility will apply.

8. Coach/Athlete of the Year Tie Breaker Process

The committee agreed to add tie breaking processes into the AotY and CotY calculations.

Motion that in the case of a tie for either Athlete of the Year and/or Coach of the Year, the points earned at the event with the highest point allocation for that year based on the points allocation chart, will be used to break the tie. If still tied, both/all athletes and/or coach will be awarded.

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

9. Appeals Clarifications

It was clarified that if an appeal finds a video to be inconclusive, that the original call will stand. This is only in the case of a truly inconclusive video (e.g. it is impossible to determine the outcome through the footage provided) – not in the case of a close call or a non-unanimous decision by the Jury of Appeal.

The video position was clarified for all levels (Development and Elite) – this should be from a similar angle to the judges, but may be positioned either side of the apparatus.

The committee discussed whether slow motion may be used by the Jury of Appeal. The TC was asked to provide a recommendation.

The committee discussed whether a coach should be included to observe a Jury of Appeal deliberation. It was agreed that an independent with no conflict of interest related to the decision may observe if requested.

10. Elite Committee Proposals

10.1. Worlds and WAGC Credentials

There was discussion regarding whether additional coach and chaperone credentials (if any) should be utilized for Worlds and WAGC, given the travel restrictions. Many options were discussed. The item was tabled for a final decision by the Selection Committee at the time of coach selection. If chaperones are included for WAGC, these should be offered to personal coaches only, on the basis of number of athletes, then ability to support all athletes (value to team).

10.2. Tumbling World Championship Qualification Scores

The committee discussed the Tumbling scores. The required score was reduced by 1.2 from previous years, however only three athletes were able to hit this score in 2021. The Elite/ Selection Committees will look closely at this score for future years, and consider whether to include a minimum number of team members to be selected in order to fill a team.

10.3. Double Mini Runup

Motion that a runup limiter will be used to mark the maximum runup of 74' (per the FIG apparatus norms in the new quad. If an athlete runs further than that limiter, the routine will be interrupted.

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

11. Development Committee Proposals

11.1. Coaches Shorts

Motion for shorts to be allowed to be worn by coaches at events, on assigned training days and times only (not including session warm and competition warmup).

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Michael**
- **Vote: 2/1 (Chelsea opposed)**

12. USAG Updates

Jacqui was successful in securing a grant to supply Veriflite Time of Flight machines to all states. States and Regions will therefore be required to use Time of Flight in their championship events, and it will be a requirement for Elite mobility scores. USAG has additional data reporting that will require results from these meets.

Jacqui will look into using Austin White's system as a recommended backup in the case that ToF fails.

We will produce a webinar explaining how to use the technology, and

Motion to include Time of Flight as a mandatory component for State and Regional Championships and for Elite mobility scores.

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Michael**

- **Vote: unanimous**

13. Tumbling Bonuses

The committee proposed that bonuses be applied as follows:

- Level 9 - 1.0: finish in a double
- Level 10 - 2.0: If double is performed in elements 2-7
- Open – 2.0 if athlete perform two elements with a difficulty of 2.0 or more in a routine

The TC will discuss and confirm whether they are in agreement with this, and if so, Deanna will send through updated cheat sheets.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm