



Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner
Elite Committee Chair	Scott Lineberry
Technical Committee Chair	Erin Powell
JO Committee Chair	Hans Nielsen
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
JO Committee Chair	Chelsea Rainer
Guest – Jr. National Team Trampoline	Steven Gluckstein
Guest – National Team Trampoline Coach	Nuno Merino
Guest – Tumbling National Team Coach	Sergio Galvez
Program Manager	Natalie Adams

Meeting called to order by Patti at 12:04pm on July 8, 2018.

Program Committee Meeting Agenda

- 1. Year in Review**
The Elite Committee, JO Committee, Technical Committee, Program Committee and National office staff presented a summary of the previous 12 months.
- 2. Safe Sport**
Jacqui provided information on the updates taking place in the Safe Sport policy.
- 3. 2019 Selection Procedures**
Discussion on the process of writing selection procedures. The committee stressed the importance of consistency in procedures from event to event.
- 4. 2019 Mobility and Qualification Scores**
 - 4.1. The definition of National Team is currently ambiguous across the R&P. The committee clarified the definition:
 - Senior National Team – refers to Senior National Team only
 - Junior National Team – refers to Junior National Team only
 - National Team – refers to both Senior and Junior National Teams.

Office staff will correct the R&P with the definitions and bring it to the September meeting to vote and approve.

- 4.2. The Elite Committee will bring a new proposal to the September meeting for the elite qualification process to USA Gymnastics Championships.

Motion to accept the Elite Committee's recommendation that a Junior National Team member who ages out of the Junior Elite division may:

- Mobilize to Senior Elite and qualify for USA Gymnastics Championships as a Senior Elite
- Age up to Open Elite and qualify to USA Gymnastics Championships as an Open Elite
- Age up to Open Elite, mobilize to Senior Elite, and then qualify to USA Gymnastics Championships as a Senior Elite.

- Motion: Scott
- Second: Erin
- Vote: unanimous

5. JO Program

There is currently some confusion regarding mobility season in the R&P.

Motion to clarify the R&P:

Athletes who obtain a mobility score have until December 31 of the following calendar year to verify their participation in the new level by competing in a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition at the newly approved level.

- Motion: Hans
- Second: Erin
- Vote: unanimous

6. 2019 Calendar

Discussion on the proposed draft 2019 calendar. This is intended to be released as draft as soon as more of the event venues have been confirmed (in particular the OTC).

7. E-book Update

Discussion on options for education materials moving forward. The committee agreed a hard copy of the JO Code of Points is necessary. National staff will work on progressing this project.

8. Election Process

Tabled until September meeting.

Chelsea Rainer left the meeting.

9. Elite Committee Proposals

- 9.1. In order to come into line with Deborah Daniels' recommendation, the Athletes Representative who is the main support for athletes with concerns should not be involved in selections.

Motion that there are two defined Athlete Representative roles:

- Athlete Support Representative
- Athlete Selection Representative

- Motion: Scott
- Second: Hans
- Vote: unanimous

- 9.2. Discussion for the need for saluting at a competition to establish participation at a competition. The item was tabled until the September meeting.
- 9.3. Discussion about Open Elite division. This item was tabled until the September meeting, and pending statistics from USA Gym Championships.
- 9.4. Discussion about the 11-12-year-old age division at WAGC. This item was tabled until the September meeting.

10. TC Proposals

- 10.1. It is currently possible for JO athletes to beat other athletes with full tumbling passes, by performing incomplete tumbling passes. It was agreed that this is not in the spirit of the JO program.

Motion to implement a 3.0 deduction in Tumbling on all incomplete passes for levels 1-10.

- **Motion: Erin**
- **Second: Scott**
- **Vote: unanimous**

- 10.2. The Elite Code of Points clause 2.1.6 says:
Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open Elite men and women and Senior women: The second, third element etc. performed within one routine with a difficulty value of 2.0 or greater will receive a bonus of 3.0 pts added to the difficulty score.

Motion to clarify that the 3.0 will be added regardless of whether a pass is complete.

- **Motion: Erin**
- **Second: Hans**
- **Vote: unanimous**

- 10.3. There was confusion at USA Gymnastics Championships regarding Tumbling rule 2.1.1.1:
"The last (8th) element must be a double somersault"
and to whom this applied.

Motion that amend Tumbling Elite Code of points to require only Senior Elite men to end the first pass in a double somersault.

- **Motion: Erin**
- **Second: Alex**
- **Vote: unanimous**

- 10.4. The current time frame provided to lodge an inquiry is causing delays in results where appeals are lodged after the completion of competition.

Motion that following the final flight of a session or competition, a coach must verbally declare a possible appeal to the Meet Referee within five minutes of the conclusion of the flight, and must submit a written inquiry within 15 minutes of the of the conclusion of the flight.

- **Motion: Erin**
- **Second: Hans**
- **Vote: unanimous**

11. JO Committee Proposals

Discussion on how to deal with out-of-range scores for trampoline, with only 2 E-scores counting. It was agreed to make no change to the current process immediately due to the first year often being the hardest to adapt to new rules, and monitor this over the next competition season.

12. Equipment Specifications

Reviewed current legal counsel recommendations regarding Level 8-10 equipment specifications. This item was tabled until the September meeting, pending statistics from 2018 National competitions.

13. Program Committee Members Roles, Responsibilities, Processes

The Committee reviewed the responsibilities of each committee and committee chair.

14. Rules

14.1. National staff (Program and Events) and the Program Committee Chair will work on a proposal for standardizing and simplifying competition warmup options, and present this at the September meeting.

14.2. It has been requested that athletes be permitted to wear shorts for competition, as some athletes may feel more comfortable in these.

Motion that JO athletes are allowed to wear skintight leg coverings, in the same color or skin color, under or on top of the leotard.

- **Motion: Hans**
- **Second: Erin**
- **Vote: unanimous**

15. Rules & Policies

Discussion on specifications, R&P and FIG changes.

There are differences between rules for judging panels in the Elite Code of Points and the R&P. It was decided to remove reference to judging panel requirements (General rule 4.3 and 4.4) from the Elite Code of Points.

16. Education

Discussed options for coaches education, including a list of clinics posted on the website.

17. Stars & Stripes Championships

Discussed goals, potential locations, and other aspects of the event.

18. Program Council

Motion to add the two Programs Council representatives to the Program Committee as voice, no vote.

- **Motion: Hans**
- **Second: Erin**
- **Vote: unanimous**

19. Budget

Discussed the structure of the draft budget and highlights for 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm