



## Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Voting
Elite Committees Chair	Chelsea Rainer	Voting
Technical Committees Chair	Deanna Hanford	Voting
Development Committees Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Athlete Selection Representative	Michael Devine	Absent
Athlete Support Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting
General Athlete Representative	Nicole Ahsinger	Replacement voting
General Athlete Representative	Kayttie Nakamura	Replacement voting
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Non-voting
T&T Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Guest
USAG Programs Council	Scott Lineberry	Guest
T&T Committee	Billie Willis	Guest
T&T Committee	Laurie Cavarretta	Guest

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 9:00am EDT on Friday August 18, 2022.

### Program Committee Meeting Agenda

#### 1. Welcome

All attendees were asked to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest based on a review of the agenda.

- Nicole indicated a Col with item 4, and recused.
- It was agreed that all committee members have conflicts of interest as a result of being athletes, coaches, judges and/or club owners and/or receiving compensation at times from the T&T program. Except in the case of items bulleted above, the individuals and committee share the view that members are able to act impartially and for the benefit of the program, and recusal is not necessitated for any other items.

#### 2. R&P Overview

The committee reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 R&P and agreed to the following changes:

- Age groups with large numbers will no longer be subdivided at national events.
- Regional Champions are no longer required to meet the qualification score to qualify to national events.
- The proposed equipment modifications document submitted by the equipment subcommittee was approved. Thanks were expressed to the members of the equipment subcommittee for their good work on this item.
- Additional items were tabled for later in the meeting. All R&P sections will be approved at the end of the agenda.

#### 3. 2022-2023 Items for Consideration

##### 3.1. Skill-by-skill Judging at National Competitions

There was discussion around having a judging system that will make it possible to potentially

produce more in-depth scoring reports in the future.

Patti will look at what type of skill-by-skill reports can be produced by ProScore, and/or request that reports be added.

3.2. Competition cards for Level 8

The committee agreed to remove the requirement for Level 8 to submit competition cards.

3.3. Tumbling supplemental mat wording

It was agreed that when using a supplemental mat, the landing zone must be clearly visible, either by having a mat with markings, or by not covering the zone changes.

3.4. Request for consideration for religious head coverings

The committee agreed to add this allowance to the Code of Points.

All motions for the above items will be captured in the R&P approvals at the end of the agenda.

**4. Qualification to the Premier Session at USA Gymnastics Championships**

Jacqui presented a proposal for IE and SE athletes to qualify to the Premier Session at US Gymnastics Championships:

- 12 trampoline athletes per gender, and 10 tumbling / double mini athletes per gender qualify into the Premier qualification sessions – a maximum total of 64.
- Qualification via:
  - a) Senior National Team members qualify automatically
  - b) The remaining spots filled using each athlete's best qualification score from Winter Classic and Elite Challenge (IE and SE both eligible)
  - c) If there are 3 or fewer athletes per gender/discipline (IE/SE combined) entered who did not qualify through a or b above (decided at the entry deadline), those athletes will also be added to the Premier sessions.
  - d) In the case of a tie, both athletes will be taken to the Premier session.
- Scratches:
  - Scratches made between the entry deadline and late entry deadline: the next ranked athlete(s) will be moved into the Premier session, and if there are then 3 or fewer athletes remaining, the process in 3 will apply.
  - Scratches made between the late entry deadline and one week prior to competition: the next ranked athlete(s) will be moved into the Premier session, however if there are then 3 or fewer athletes remaining, no further movements will take place.
  - Scratches made between one week prior to competition and 24 hours before competition: the next ranked athlete(s) will be offered the choice to move or remain in the afternoon session. no further movements in 3 will take place.
  - Scratches made 24 hours or less before competition: no further replacements will take place.
- Senior Elite finals will take place in a Premier session. Intermediate Elite finals will take place in a non-Premier session.

**Motion to approve the USA Gymnastics Championships premier session qualification process.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Unanimous**

It was noted that communication of this change should be comprehensive (including T210, National Team meetings and round tables) to ensure that it is well understood.

**5. Technical Committee**

5.1. Inquiry Process Form

The committee noted the new inquiry form which includes the updated process.

## 5.2. FIG Assignments

The committee discussed the proposal recommended by the TC for three changes to the FIG assignment process:

- Remove: *"For World Championships or World Age Group Competitions (WAGC): If a USAG Technical Committee Member is not already assigned, the TC member who is eligible and highest on the rotation schedule on a particular event should be assigned to World Championships and/or WAGC."*
- Add: *"For premier events that the FIG outlines a procedure for judge selection (e.g., Olympic Games), the Selection Committee will consider the following in selecting a judge to ensure that a US representative is eligible for consideration by the FIG (not listed in order of importance):*
  - USA Gymnastics Judge member in good standing
  - FIG Judging Rating required for assignment to the premier event
  - International Experience/Technical Knowledge
  - Proven professionalism on the field of play
  - Available for the number of events required for consideration
  - Available to attend the premier event as a judge
  - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual*The judge(s) selected will be assigned to the necessary number of competitions in order to be eligible for selection to the premier event."*
- Add: *In order to be selected for an international assignment, judges must:*
  - Be an active USA Gymnastics T&T judge member; and
  - Have judged domestically or have coached at a regional or national competition during the previous 12 months; and
  - Submit the potential availability form that is sent in January of that year

### **Motion to approve the recommended changes to the FIG Assignment document.**

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Unanimous**

## 5.3. Definition of Meet Referee

The committee discussed the verbiage recommended by the TC to define the requirements for Meet Referees.

This will be included in the 2022-2023 R&P Section 7 (linked in item 12 below).

### **Motion to add the submitted verbiage to the R&P.**

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Unanimous**

## 5.4. Minimum Judging Panels

The committee discussed the counterproposal recommended by the TC to the recent PC decision about minimum judges panels. Some changes to the counterproposal were discussed and agreed upon by the TC Chair on behalf of her committee.

### **Motion to accept the counterproposal with the changes agreed, and add the submitted verbiage to the R&P.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Unanimous**

- 5.5. **Regional Technical Representative Election**  
The committee discussed options for future R&Ps. The item was tabled.

Austin White joined the meeting as a guest presenter.

**6. Scorsync**

Austin presented some ideas on how Scorsync can assist with assessing qualification to Nationals and the new Elite mobility process, and answered questions from the PC.

It was agreed that any system used should be compatible with as many scoring programs as possible, and that the traditional process should still be possible. Jacqui will ask the S&R Chairs which programs they currently use.

Austin left the meeting.

**7. Elite Mobility**

Chelsea presented the feedback provided by the community. The Committee agreed on some changes to the proposal to answer the concerns expressed, most notably an option for Level 9s to mobilize to Elite for the following season. The committee approved the proposal, to be included in the R&P.

**8. Elite Challenge**

Patti presented several hypothetical scheduling options. It was requested to provide a further option incorporating session warmups for qualifications and 15-minute warmups for finals. The item was tabled for further consideration.

**9. Level 1-7 Trampoline Tie Breakers**

A second tie breaker is needed for when there are 3 E judges. It was agreed to add this.

**Motion to add tie breakers for Level 1-7 Trampoline:**

- 1. The gymnast with the highest sum of two E scores.**
- 2. The gymnast with the highest single E score.**
- 3. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Deanna**
- **Unanimous**

**10. Committee Responsibilities**

The committee reviewed its responsibilities per the charter. Subcommittee chairs will take their charters to their respective committees for feedback and to check that all committees are operating within their scope. The item was tabled.

**11. USA Gym Champs**

A working group is due to meet soon to consider options to redesign the USA Gym Champs schedule. The committee discussed some of the key suggestions expressed in the community feedback in addition to their own observations:

- Removing the overlap of two arenas
- Minimizing the overlap of awards with other disciplines
- Reducing the days required at the event for athletes

**12. Rules & Policies**

**Motion to accept changes to [Section 1 of the R&P](#) as presented.**

- **Motion: Alex**
- **Second: Deanna**

- **Vote: unanimous**
- Motion to accept changes to [Section 2 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Kayttie**
  - **Second: Chelsea**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 3 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Deanna**
  - **Second: Alex**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

The committee agreed to recommend to medical that if there are less than 5 Junior/Senior/Open athletes competing in concurrent flights, that the “High Risk” tier be able to be followed.

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 4 of the R&P](#) as presented, pending above recommendation to Medical.
- **Motion: Patti**
  - **Second: Nuno**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 5 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Patti**
  - **Second: Nuno**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 6 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Chelsea**
  - **Second: Nuno**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 7 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Deanna**
  - **Second: Nuno**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 8 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Patti**
  - **Second: Deanna**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

- Motion to accept changes to [Section 9 of the R&P](#) as presented.
- **Motion: Alex**
  - **Second: Patti**
  - **Vote: unanimous**

### 13. **Programs Council**

Scott presented an update from the Programs Council meeting:

- The Coaches Bill of Rights & Responsibilities has been tabled while the USAG Code of Conduct is being revised.
- The Programs Council is recommending that all programs work on their video libraries and link to other disciplines’ libraries
- The Programs Council is discussing a recommendation that all disciplines hold their National Championships together every year.
- The Programs Council is discussing a recommendation that judges education and payment be

standardized across all disciplines.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

*\*Note following meeting:*

*Medical approved the suggested amendment for Section 4 of the R&P, per item 12.*