



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	Voting
Athlete Support Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting
General Athlete Representative	Vacant	Non-voting
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Non-voting
USAG Programs Council Representative	Scott Lineberry	Guest
T&T Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Guest
USAG President & CEO	Li Li Leung	Guest (specific items)
USAG Chief of Programs	Stefanie Korepin	Guest (specific items)
Tumbling National Coordinator	Becky Brown	Guest (specific items)
HUGS Committee	Cindy Bickman	Guest (specific items)
HUGS Committee	Jill Bosack	Guest (specific items)

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 7:00pm CDT on Monday September 6, 2021.

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.

Deanna, Patti, Nuno and Chelsea indicated a Col with item 14.5. Because this item affects the majority of PC members, that any recommendation(s) will be presented to USAG for a decision.

2. Clubs Requesting to Move Into a Neighboring State or Region

USAG requested the PC to provide their opinion on whether clubs should have the ability to move into a neighboring state or region for various reasons. The committee discussed the pros and cons:

Pros:

- There are legitimate scenarios where this is an issue.
- Retention of athletes (lowered travel costs).
- For states that co-sanction their championships, this can make travel distance even worse.

Cons:

- There is the potential of a more open policy being misused and causing more harm than good, as has happened in the past.
- Potential ulterior motives (e.g. funding)
- Difficulty of policing the rule.
- Difficulty of defining a rule is fair and that works in all scenarios.
- It makes growing smaller states more difficult if there are even less participants.
- If it is in relation to a Championships, this moves, so would they have to apply every year and go back and forth?

Alternative ideas:

- Clubs could request to compete in another state championships; this is less extreme to belonging to a different state altogether and potentially solves much of the problem.
- Could have Chairs of smaller states try to co-sanction championships with different states rather than having to travel the same direction each year.

Overall the committee felt that there are some legitimate reasons why belonging to a certain state or region may be difficult for a club and result in a loss of athletes, however the difficulty is in defining a rule that is transparent and fair for all.

3. **Charter Update**

Jacqui presented the Program and Selection Committee charters approved by the Board. Should changes be required, the PC would present an updated version to the Board for consideration.

4. **Elections**

4.1. Running for more than one committee position in an election.

The committee discussed whether nominees should be able to run for more than one position on a single ballot, where a person would not be able to accept both roles. The committee agreed that this is not the desired scenario and only one nomination should be accepted.

Motion that a person may not accept more than one nomination within a single set of elections, for committee positions within the same committee.

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

4.2. Runoff elections

The committee discussed a proposal to hold runoff elections when there are more than 3 or 4 people on a ballot, due to the possibility within a one-vote system for votes cast for losing candidates skewing the vote for the preferred candidate. It was agreed that this should be done, unless the winner received a majority of the votes.

Motion that when a ballot has more than 4 nominees, a nominee must either win a majority of the votes, or a runoff be held between the candidates with the two highest number of votes cast.

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

5. **Adaptive Rules for the Development Program**

The committee discussed some ideas for adaptive opportunities. The item was tabled for further discussion tomorrow.

6. **Equipment Specs for Smaller, Lower Level and In-house Meets**

The committee discussed the question of whether hosts with not meeting exact equipment specifications should be allowed to offer meets (especially in-gym meets). It was agreed in principle that few to no gyms exactly meet full competition specs so small exceptions should be allowed, but this should not threaten athlete safety and should be on a case-by-case basis. The committee discussed potential R&P verbiage. The item was tabled.

7. **Elite Mobility**

7.1. Mobility applications

It was agreed that athletes hoping to mobilize using scores from the previous Code of Points have until December 31, 2021 to submit their application for mobility. Athletes will still have until December of the following year to compete at the new level.

USAG will issue a member update with this information.

7.2. Panel requirements

There is an ongoing issue with having enough high-level judges to fill panels on weekends where multiple elite mobility meets are taking place. Deanna was asked to propose a system that would require fewer high-level judges without compromising on score accuracy. Item tabled until tomorrow.

8. Virtual Sanctions

The committee discussed whether virtual sanctions should continue. It was agreed to leave virtual sanctions as an option for 2021-2022 due to uncertainty – at this time they may only be used for eligibility, but not qualification or mobility.

Motion to continue to allow virtual sanctions for eligibility but not qualification or mobility; however, to leave the possibility open to allow these again if circumstances change.

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

9. Virtual Mobility

The committee discussed whether virtual mobility should continue. It was agreed that although this was an important process during the covid restrictions, that in a more open society as we are now in, it takes away from onsite meets which have more complete judging process (e.g. including time of flight and HD) and are important fundraisers for clubs.

Motion to cease offering the virtual mobility process; however, to leave the possibility open to offer them once again if circumstances change.

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

10. Time of Flight for Level 8

The Development Committee requested discussion of the possibility to use ToF for Level 8. It was agreed that although this could be a good change, that the additional logistical requirements on competitions when using ToF and the scoring advantages towards larger (older) athletes, mean it was agreed that this option was not approved. It was agreed to reconsider this option for 2022, once ToF has been included at State Championships for existing levels in 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00am on Tuesday September 7, 2021.

Li Li Leung and Stefanie Korepin joined the meeting.

11. USAG Leadership Update

Li Li and Stefanie presented updates on the following:

- Settlement with the survivors
- Emergence from bankruptcy
- 2021-2024 High Performance Plan
- Li Li and Stefanie took questions from the committee.

Li Li and Stefanie left the meeting.

Cindy Bickman and Jill Bosack joined the meeting.

12. HUGS 2021-2024 Routines & Requirements

The committee discussed the proposed HUGS requirement with the HUGS Committee and agreed on some final changes.

Once the program is finalized it was agreed that some educational resources would be recorded and published on the HUGS page of the website.

Cindy and Jill left the meeting.

13. 2021-2024 Elite Code of Points

The committee reviewed the draft CoP and agreed to some final changes.

14. Judging

14.1. Panel requirements

Deanna presented a proposed system that will require fewer high-level judges without compromising on score accuracy:

Trampoline Individual Elite

Judges	Minimum Panels local	National & Selection Events / Mobility
CJP	1-Cat 1	1-Cat 1
E Judges	(2) 1-Cat 1 & 1-Cat 2	(3) 1-FIG & 2-Cat 1
DD	1- Cat 1 & CJP	1- Cat 1 & CJP
HD	1- Cat 3	1- Cat 3
ToF	1-Cat 3 Device* & 1-Cat 3 Video* * (if used)	1-Cat 3 Device & / CJP 1-Cat 3 Video / CJP

Synchro levels 9-10-Open

Judges	Minimum Panels Local, State, Regional	National Events Full panel
CJP	1 - Cat 2	1 - Cat 1
E Judges	2 - Cat 3	4 - Cat 2
DD	1 - Cat 2 + CJP	2 - Cat 2
HD	2 - Cat 3	2 - Cat 3
Sync Device	1-Cat 3 Device & 1-Cat 3 Video	1-Cat 3 Device & 1-Cat 3 Video
Sync Manual	2 - Cat 2	

Synchro Elite

Judges	Minimum Panels Local, State, Regional	National & Selection Events – Full panel
CJP	1 - Cat 1	1 - Cat 1
E Judges	2 - Cat 2	4 - Cat 1
DD	1 - Cat 1 + CJP	2 - Cat 1
HD	2 - Cat 3	2 - Cat 3
Sync Device	1-Cat 3 Device & 1-Cat 3 Video	1-Cat 3 Device & 1-Cat 3 Video
Sync Manual	2 - Cat 2	

Tumbling and DMT Elite

Judges	Minimum Panels local	National & Selection Events / Mobility
CJP	1-Cat 1	1-Cat 1
E Judges	(2) 1-Cat 1 & 1-Cat 2	(3) 1-FIG & 2-Cat 1
DD	1- Cat 1 & CJP	1- Cat 1 & CJP

The committee discussed the proposal for selection and mobility events, with the intent to streamline requirements.

Motion to amend the number of judges required on panels for selection and mobility events, as presented.

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

14.2. Rating retention requirements

The TC proposed that the in-gym and competition requirements to retain ratings that were recommendations only in 2020-2021 due to ongoing COVID restrictions, be retained as recommendations only for 2021-2022.

The committee agreed in principle, with the approval motion to be done during the R&P items later this meeting.

14.3. Testing upgrade requirements

The TC proposed that the in-gym and competition requirements to upgrade to a new rating that were recommendations only in 2020-2021 due to ongoing COVID restrictions, be retained as recommendations only for 2021-2022.

The committee agreed in principle, with the approval motion to be done during the R&P items later this meeting.

14.4. Judges contact database

Jacqui updated the committee on the plan to publish a database of judges' contacts on the website and available to certain members, to assist with planning meets. IT will develop this page by the end of 2021, and in the interim Sydney will publish a manual list and send periodically to S&R Chairs as new cycle courses are completed.

14.5. Judges' payments

Deanna presented the Technical Committee financial impact reports and recommendation and for increased judges payments, and the committee discussed these.

All payment increases for judge categories were agreed to.

It was felt that the workload as a CJP is not necessarily significantly more than other roles, however it was agreed that judges concurrently fulfilling CJP and another role (for example CJP and DD) should receive an additional payment.

Motion to recommend to USAG the following new judges' payments:

- **Cat 3 – \$15 per hour**
- **Cat 2 – \$18 per hour**
- **Cat 1 – \$22 per hour**
- **FIG – \$26 per hour**
- **Judges fulfilling CJP plus an additional role on the same panel – \$2 per hour (in addition to base payment)**

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

This proposal will be presented to the USAG Executive Leadership Team.

Becky Brown joined the meeting.

15. Adaptive Rules for the Development Program

The committee discussed ideas presented over the past several months to incorporate athletes with physical disabilities into the Development Program.

It was agreed that because each athlete's needs is likely to be so different, that a system be introduced where the personal coach would present to the TC the level they feel would be most comparable, and the modifications required. The TC and coach would work cooperatively to agree on the most applicable level based primarily on the least amount of rule modifications. The athlete could then be considered as part of that level for competition purposes and compete alongside other athletes in the same level and age group, although awards may be presented separately, or potentially together by request. The coach would bring a copy of the approved rule modifications to each competition and provide those to the CJP prior to the session. They would notify the Meet Director at time of registration.

Once details are finalized, the PC and TC will develop a template for coaches to use – target date end of September 2021.

Jacqui will reach out to the USOPC for guidance and advice for implementing these rules.

Becky left the meeting.

16. Rules & Policies

Motion to accept changes to Section 1 of the R&P as presented.

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

Jacqui to update Section 2 using the approved Charters and resend for voting via e-mail.

Motion to accept changes to Section 3 of the R&P as presented.

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

Motion to accept changes to Section 4 of the R&P as presented.

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **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: Patti**
- **Vote: unanimous**

Motion to accept changes to Section 7 of the R&P as presented.

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

Motion to accept changes to Section 8 of the R&P as presented.

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

Motion to accept changes to Section 9 of the R&P as presented.

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

17. Selection Procedures

Jacqui and Nuno presented a report on the athlete round table at August camp, where athletes provided their thoughts on selection procedures and funding.

The committee discussed ideas to incorporate the views of both the athletes and of the Elite Committee into the 2022 selection documents while preserving the base strategy that has been used for the past few years and is widely accepted, and the committee agreed in principle to these.

Jacqui will present first drafts of these documents using these ideas in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Meeting reconvened via e-mail on Tuesday September 14, 2021.

18. Rules & Policies

Motion to accept changes to Section 2 of the R&P as presented.

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

Meeting adjourned.