



Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner
Elite Committee Chair	Scott Lineberry
Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford
JO Committee Chair	Chelsea Rainer
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert
Programs Council	Dian Nissen
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 9:00am on September 13th, 2019.

Program Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Roll Call

2. CPO Introduction

USA Gymnastics CPO Stefanie Korepin called in to introduce herself to the committee, offer support and thank them for their work.

3. Review July Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting held at USA Gym Champs on July 7, 2019.

Motion to amend the verbiage in item 11.1 to say: Any length of skintight leg coverings (not including trampoline pants) of one solid color that matches a color found in the leotard, or black, or skin color may be worn. Leggings that have design patterns, images, words, symbols, or a manufacturer's logo larger than 1", are not acceptable.

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

4. JO Code of Points

The committee discussed the proposed updated JO Code of Points, using verbiage recommended to the PC in previous meetings.

The committee discussed the process and deduction for collecting competition cards. It was agreed that comp cards are beneficial for a range of reasons. USA Gymnastics will buy a time clock to time & date stamp each card as it is received. Events has agreed that comp card collection will be located at registration in future years, to eliminate the problem of not all participants having access to the competition office.

Motion to add verbiage to the JO Code of Points as follows: The dress code should be followed during all training, warmup and competition at meets. Any violation identified during training and session warmup may receive a warning. Any violation during flight warmup or competition will result in a 0.2 penalty taken from the total score.

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

Motion to accept the 2019-2020 JO Code of Points, with the clarifications contained in the meeting packet and in the motion above.

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

The updated JO Code of Points will be published on the USA Gym website in September.

5. Elite Code of Points

The committee discussed the proposed updated Elite Code of Points, using verbiage recommended to the PC in previous meetings.

Motion to accept the 2019-2020 Elite Code of Points, with clarifications as recommended to the PC by the EC and TC in previous meetings, which are contained in the meeting packet.

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

The updated Elite Code of Points will be published on the USA Gym website in September.

6. Selection Procedures

The committee discussed the proposed 2020 Indo-Pacific Championships selection procedures. Focus was on the process itself, as changes to the Selection Committee, Conflict of Interest policy and later clauses will come as a result of discussions outside the PC. It was recommended to the Elite Committee to base the qualification scores on the 50th percentile from 2019 WAGC.

Motion to approve the 2020 Indo-Pacific selection procedures process in principle.

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

These draft procedures will be provided to the Elite Committee for score completion.

7. 2020 Program Recommendation

7.1. Filming for new JO program

It was recommended to the TC that filming take place over the first weekend in January 2020. 1-2 sessions at the Elite Development Camp may also be used if additional filming is required. The committee discussed the items requiring urgent attention by the TC in order for this to take place. Jacqui confirmed that sufficient budget has been put aside for this activity. Sydney will ask if there are USA Gymnastics cameras available for this.

7.2. JO Routine Proposal

Chelsea presented the JO routines from the JO Committee. All routines have been thoroughly tested in the gym.

Motion to approve the 2020-2024 JO routines as presented.

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

The committee agreed to publish the routines for everyone in December 2019. These will be watermarked and titled *EFFECTIVE 8/1/2020* to hopefully eliminate any confusion from people trying to incorrectly use them for the 2019-2020 season, as has happened in the past.

The JO committee will send the routines with rule recommendations to the TC. Deanna and Chelsea will work closely on this.

7.3. HUGS

The committee discussed the proposed 2019-2020 HUGS Exceptions to the Code of Points document and webinar information. The committee agreed to make the following changes:

- Remove synchro.
- Add a qualification process: athletes will be required to compete at one sanctioned meet that season prior to Stars & Stripes.
- Patti and Deanna will work on the rule specifics and possibly make some further minor changes to assist the judging process.

Motion to approve the HUGS Exceptions to the Code of Points in principle as presented, with changes as above.

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

It was agreed that because it is so new and different, the HUGS program will continue to be revised annually for the next few years.

7.4. Educational materials

The committee reviewed the draft T210 webinar information.

It was clarified that every judge will be required to take the 2019-2020 T210 course and pass the exam, unless they are newly certified.

Coaches will also be required to take the course, however their exam will show them the correct answers if they get a question wrong.

The committee agreed to the cost for the 2019-2020 T210:

- Judges: \$10
- Coaches: free

Nuggets of knowledge videos are coming in from presenters. They are currently being formatted into videos and will hopefully be published next week.

8. Program Feedback

The committee discussed the feedback that has been received from the community through the Program Communication form.

8.1. Complaint about coaches behavior after hours at competitions

It was agreed to ask meet directors to include a reminder to be mindful of after-hours behavior (particularly at host hotels) at coaches meetings.

- 8.2. Feedback on the decision to not take 11-12 athletes to WAGC**
The letter has been responded to, and the reasons have been explained.
- 8.3. Request to do a meet feedback form following USA Gym events**
It was agreed to publish a meet feedback form on the website.
- 8.4. Request to have the calendar finalized by August / Positive feedback on announcing following year's venue at each event**
The feedback was noted and will be passed onto the USA Gym events team. We will continue to work on confirming events as early as possible, noting the constraints from the international calendar.
- 8.5. Request to allow hats on the field of play**
The committee discussed pros and cons and agreed that the biggest issue was safety (limiting vision from above and athletes hitting them), in addition to other reasons. It was agreed that hats would continue to not be permitted on the field of play.
- 8.6. Recommendation to hold selection events later in the year**
The feedback was noted.
- 8.7. Positive feedback on 2019 Gym Champs location**
The feedback was noted and will be passed on to the USA Gym events team.
- 8.8. Feedback on discussion item to limit number of Senior International competitors in the USA Gym Champs arena**
The feedback was noted and will be passed on to the USA Gym events team. The USA Gym Director of Events has asked the Program Committee to continue thinking of options on this topic.
- 8.9. Request to allow an athlete to represent two teams**
The feedback was noted. It was clarified that this has been discussed with the USA Gym events team. Jacqui shared that Rhythmic Group would also like to have this option. It is currently not possible, but T&T has indicated that if it became possible, we would use this functionality.
- 8.10. Request for more options in trampoline routines**
The feedback was noted and passed onto the JO committee. It was agreed that this concern has been addressed within the new quad routines.
- 8.11. Recommendation to have States or Regionals as the sole qualifier for Stars & Stripes**
The feedback was noted. This will be discussed for the new quad; however, there are strong reasons for the current process.
- 8.12. Additional online judging courses**
The letter has been responded to, and the reasons for this currently not being an option have been explained.
- 8.13. Feedback on possible dates for 2020 Gym Champs**
The feedback was noted. It was discussed that although avoiding the school year is a consideration, in the Olympic year because of the earlier season it is not always possible. In future years it will likely return to dates over summer.
- 8.14. Feedback on cold venue at 2020 Gym Champs**
The feedback was noted. It was agreed that USA Gym will purchase a thermometer to assist with monitoring temperature. It was clarified that although we take care to maintain a consistent

and comfortable temperature, sometimes the ability to alter this in a timely manner is outside of USA Gym's control.

8.15. Question about coaches representation on committees

The letter has been responded to, and the details requested within the correspondence have been provided.

8.16. Concern with lack of warm up at events

The feedback was noted. The committee discussed strategies for fixing this issue at Elite Challenge and USA Gym Champs and agreed upon several ideas:

- Jacqui to investigate adding two trampolines for Elite Challenge. The competition format (either warmup on one set / compete on the other or split the competition across two sets) will be dependent on venue layout.
- At Elite Challenge, the sessions will be split so that e.g. the 1st half of the session is TUM and the 2nd half of the session is DMT, thus halving the number of athletes.
- If there is still an issue, the option of removing 9-10 SYN will be considered. This is not a preferred option. It was noted that extending by a day is also not preferred as it is another day off school.
- At Nationals, the Level 9 and 10 SYN will no longer have assigned training, however they will be given the appropriate warmup prior to their session, per the Code of Points.

9. State/Regional Championships petition parameters

The committee discussed what constitutes an extenuating circumstance to compete at a different State and Region Championships instead of their own, as guidance for State and Region Chairs. It was agreed that some examples would be;

- Injury
- Weddings / funerals / first communions of immediate family members
- Mandatory academic requirements (not including extra-curriculars)

Process for approving extenuating circumstances:

- It is the responsibility of the gym to contact the State or Region Chair from their Region. Official documentation is required.
- Their Region Chair responds with approval and includes the State or Region where they wish to go.
- That State or Region Chair responds with approval.

10. 2020 Budget

Jacqui shared the draft 2020 T&T budget and the philosophy behind it, and invited feedback and input from the committee. There was discussion and the committee agreed with the budget in principle.

11. 2020/2021 Calendar

It was agreed to keep Stars & Stripes after USA Gym Champs in the calendar, for 2021 onwards.

12. Equipment Standards

The committee discussed the equipment standards detailed in the R&P and considered the repercussions of increased difficulty skills in the lower levels. It was agreed to amend the levels in the R&P to reflect the increased requirements in the new JO program. Specific changes will be included in the relevant R&P section review (item 14), and updated in the R&P with all other changes.

13. Scholarship Committee update

The committee discussed the current scholarship rubric and provided feedback to the Scholarship committee for the 2020-2021 academic year. It was noted that an independent observer is now involved in the scholarship process.

All committee members were invited to send further feedback to Jacqui / Sydney and Patti in September.

14. Rules and Policies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion to accept changes to Section 5 of the R&P as presented.

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

Motion to accept changes to Section 6 of the R&P as presented.

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

It was noted that the changes to the Selection Committee would not apply to selection procedures already written and underway (2019 World Championships) – the current details included in those procedures will continue to be used for the completion of that process.

Motion to increase judges pay rates for sanctioned events as follows:

- **Category 3: \$12 per hour**
- **Category 2: \$14 per hour; \$16 per hour for Chair of the Panel**
- **Category 1: \$20 per hour**
- **FIG Brevet: \$25 per hour**

- **Motion: Alex**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous (Deanna recused)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. Increasing Membership

The committee discussed ways to increase T&T membership. Committee members were encouraged to keep thinking of ideas. The topic was tabled.

16. Judges Senior Council

Motion to add an additional requirement for Senior Judges Council members to attend and judge a minimum of one USA Gymnastics national event per year.

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

17. Programs Council

Stefanie has resigned as the board rep for the 3 smaller disciplines. The Program Committees for those disciplines have been asked to nominate a replacement for Stefanie until December 31.

Motion to nominate Scott Lineberry as the USA Gymnastics Board Representative for the 3 smaller disciplines

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Meeting reconvened at 10:00am on September 14th, 2019.

18. Petitions to USA Gymnastics Championships

The committee discussed the current rules for petitioning to Gym Champs, and the possibility of allowing athletes moving Elite levels (aging up) to petition.

The topic was tabled for discussion at 2019 Worlds Selection Camp.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15