



Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Minutes Conference Call January 30, 2007

1. Roll Call

Linda Ocmand, Chair
Jennifer Hess, NTCC
Selena Peco, NJOCC
Ivaylo Katsov, NECC - absent
Michael Rodrigues, Athlete Representative - absent
Tonya Case, FIG Representative & Acro Program Vice-Chair (non-voting)
Tom Housley, Program Manager (non-voting)

2. Tonya Case – Update

Tonya Case updated Program Committee on her travels with the FIG Acro Technical Committee. Program Committee was happy to have her participate in the Conference Call and valued her input and comments during the call.

3. Flanders International Acro Cup

Due to the uncertainty of the World Cup Finals and IAGC 11-16 event taking place in Puurs, Belgium, Program Committee feels it is important to have a back-up plan in place. Program Committee feels that it is important for U.S. coaches to have adequate time to purchase plane tickets, prepare athletes, and make travel arrangements for the Selection Event and FIAC. Therefore, if a definite word has not been published for the WCF and IAGC event by Monday, February 5th, the USA would withdraw from FIAC. Thusly, the FIAC Selection Event will be cancelled.

Age Groups considered for the FIAC competition are the following:

AGC – 11-16
Juniors – 12-19
Seniors – 15+

In compliance with the FIG, Program Committee is not allowing any exceptions to ages for the FIAC competition. Any athlete, who does not meet the above ages, will not be considered for the team.

Recommendation to invite Carisa Laughon, Kari Duncan, and Jola Jones to attend the Flanders International Acro Cup as judges.

Motion – LO
Second – SP
Unanimous

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4. Bulgaria Invitational, Gabrovo, Bulgaria

If a definite word regarding the World Cup Finals and IAGC 11-16 event has not been announced by Monday, February 5th, Program Committee will send an official delegation to the 1st Acrobatic Gymnastics International Tournament for Clubs in Gabrovo, Bulgaria, May 3 – 5, 2007. A selection event will be tentatively held 5 weeks prior to the competition – March 24 – 25, 2007. The Bulgaria Invitational will be open to the following age categories:

Age Categories: 9 – 16 years old

Juniors: 10 – 19 years old

Seniors: 13+

Motion – JH

Second – LO

Unanimous

5. Chmielewski Tournament (Poland)

This competition is designated as a club meet. Acro clubs with and athletes on the Senior National Team, Junior National Team, Junior Olympic National Team and/or any J.O. National Team members in new groups are extended invitations to attend this competition. Coaches may choose to attend the Poland competition and have the option of taking their national team pair/groups as well as national team athletes in new partnerships from their club team. Athletes must have competed in 1 local meet to attend the Chmielewski Tournament and receive approval from the National Office before attending any international competitions.

Without a formal selection event, the Program Committee is trusting the coaches to make the appropriate choices about their athletes keeping in mind the importance of quality representation for your club and the USA. Although athletes will be competing for their club teams at the Poland Competition, they are still a reflection on the USA program. It is expected that all pair/groups will be able to cleanly execute the exercise requirements for the level they are competing and that the coach understands the international competition requirements and rules.

Recommendation to allow coaches to petition in order for scores, from international competitions, to count towards US competitions.

Motion – LO

Second – SP

Passed

The coach may petition to allow scores to count before the International competition. Petitions should be sent to the National Office for Program Committee review before the pair/group travels to the International competition.

Judges who do not hold FIG judging brevets are normally allowed to judge at friendly international competitions, such as the Chmielewski Tournament. It is the club's responsibility to arrange for judges to travel with their team. The judges must have a current USA or international rating. The club must submit the judge's name to the National Office for approval before the individual is allowed to judge at the Poland competition. Judges must be approved by Program Committee before the individual is allowed to judge at the Poland competition.

Motion – SP

Second – LO

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6. Freedom Cup Selection Camp

A 3-day Selection Camp will be held prior to the Freedom Cup Event. The U.S. Delegation will be selected, by Program Committee, to represent the United States at the competition. All pair/groups must earn a qualifying score based on their current level to compete at the Freedom Cup Selection Camp. Qualifying scores to compete in the Freedom Cup Selection Camp are the following:

- Level 8 – 45
- Level 9 – 45
- Level 10 – 45
- Elite – 66

Athletes who obtain the qualifying score for the Selection Camp, however, are not selected to the US Team at the Selection Camp, will be allowed to represent their club team in the Freedom Cup competition.

Recommendation for the Freedom Cup Selection Camp tentative schedule was proposed:

- Day 1 – Training for all athletes
- Day 2 – Present routines – (Selection will be made for the U.S. Delegation)
- Day 3 – Training scheduled for USA Team and Club Team

Motion – SP
Second – JH
Unanimous

7. Selection Procedures – Junior Olympic National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team

Program Committee provided feedback to the JONT, JNT, and SNT Selection Procedures draft as presented at the 2007 Super Clinic. Tom made changes according to their comments. A motion was called to approve all three selection procedures.

Motion – JH
Second – LO
Unanimous

8. USA Gymnastics University:– Acro Program - Levels, 3, 4, 5

At Levels 3, 4, and 5 coaches will be required to complete education through discipline specific clinics, camps and/or workshops as well as through practical experience. The clinics, camps and workshops are Program-run events that may include our Super Clinic, National Team Camps, Regional camps, etc... Practical experience is education gained through coaching. Examples of practical experience would include, coaching a level 5 gymnast at State Championships, coaching an athlete at Visa Championships or being assigned as a coach for an international delegation. Tom presented a draft of core courses and practical experience that would receive credit within the USA Gymnastics University for the Acro Program. Program Committee felt the proposal was a good start. Additional time would need to be spent developing these courses to increase the level of coaches' education in the United States.

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9. 2007 JO National Championships / Freedom Cup

Tom updated Program Committee on the status of the 2007 Junior Olympic National Championships and Freedom Cup competition. Program Committee provided feedback on prospective host cities.

10. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

A Face-to-Face meeting to discuss a 4-year plan for the Acro program was discussed. Final plans will be made based on the availability of PC members and final outcome of the FIAC competition. Tonya Case and Tom Housley will coordinate schedules and present potential meeting dates and locations.

Approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President

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