

Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee

MEETING MINUTES

CONFERENCE CALL

May 16, 2005

Meeting commenced at 5:00p CDT

I. Roll Call

- o Jola Jones, Chair
- o Linda Ocmand, NTCC
- o Ivaylo Katsov, NECC
- o Selena Peco, NJOCC
- o Arthur Davis, NAR
- o Tonya Case, FIG Rep, Vice-Chair (non-voting)
- o Carisa Laughon, AGPD (non-voting)

II. TEAM TRIALS

The Program Committee discussed the competition format for Team Trials to be held in Indianapolis with Visa Championships. Junior and Senior Elite athletes wishing to be considered for selection to the National Team are required to participate in Team Trials, as planned. Athletes at Levels 8, 9, and 10 are also invited to participate in the event. Competition at Levels 8-10 will not be divided into age groups and athletes will compete exercises according to the Specifications requirements. Awards for first, second, and third place will be given at each level.

III. FREEDOM CUP

The Program Committee discussed selection for the 2005 Freedom Cup.

Recommendation: Athletes selected to the Junior and Senior National Teams will be invited to Freedom Cup, provided they meet age requirements for either the junior or senior age divisions. These athletes will not be required to participate in any additional selection events for Freedom Cup, but will be expected to confirm their participation as part of the Freedom Cup delegation by a designated deadline. National Team athletes in new partnerships, other Elite athletes, and Levels 8-10 athletes will be invited to a selection competition for Freedom Cup, to be held in October. These athletes will be considered for selection for the remaining Freedom Cup slots in senior, junior, or AGAGC age divisions.

Motion: SP

Second: LO

Vote: unanimous

Recommendation: Open a bid process for the Freedom Cup selection competition to clubs in Regions 1, 2, 3, or 4. Bidding clubs will be responsible for all aspects of the event, including but not limited to expenses, event operations, and registration. The Regional Administrative Committee is expected to oversee the running of the event. (Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were selected based on geographic location of other events being held in 2005). The targeted dates for the event are October 8-10, 2005. Bid information will be sent to the selected Regional Administrative Committee Chairs.

Motion: SP

Second: AD

Vote: unanimous

Recommendation: The format of the selection competition has been developed as follows:

Day 1

Morning / Afternoon: scheduled training

Evening: Each pair/group will run a routine of their choice. Coaches can receive feedback

from Program Committee.

Day 2

All Day: Competition

Day 3

Morning: Freedom Cup Team Meeting

Level 8-Elite athletes who meet the following age requirements are invited to participate.

Athletes will compete exercises according to FIG and International Age Group Competition rules. AGAGC - 9-17 (compete with IAG 11-16 rules) Junior - 10-19 (compete with IAG 12-19 rules) Senior - 12+ (compete with senior international rules).

Motion: IK

Second: SP

Vote: unanimous

The committee also spent time discussing the competition and award format for the Freedom Cup. Details will be published in the competition directives.

IV. J.O. NATIONAL TEAM

Recommendation: The target scores and target difficulty for selection to the J.O.

National Team should be set as follows:

Level Target Score* Target Difficulty**

Level 8 32.0 V 30

Level 9 33.0 V 50

Level 10 34.0 V 70

* Target score is the sum of average execution score and average artistry score less performance related CJP deductions for both the balance and dynamic exercise.

** Target difficulty is the total of all credited difficulty excluding CJP deductions.

Motion: JJ

Second: SP

Vote: unanimous

V. PROGRAM SUMMIT

Recommendation: To host a Program Summit immediately following Freedom Cup on November 20th. Invitations to participate in the summit will be extended to elite coaches, J.O. coaches who have placed athletes on international delegations, and internationally rated judges. The summit will serve as a guiding initiative for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program, offering an open forum for discussion and collaboration to continue to develop program strengths, improve areas of weakness, and evaluate the strategic direction of the program.

Motion: JJ

Second: AD

Vote: unanimous

VI. VICE-CHAIR NOMINATIONS

The national office will publish a call for nominations for the office of Acrobatic Gymnastics Vice-Chair. This position is a program specific position on the USA Gymnastics Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The call for nominations will include duties and expectations for the position as well as eligibility criteria. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee will consider nominations from eligible candidates and select one nominee for recommendation to the USAG Board of Directors. The USAG Board of Directors will make a final decision on the nominee at the November 2005 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p CDT

Minutes approved by USA Gymnastics President, Steve Penny, on 6/2/2005.