



Program Committee Minutes

11/10/07 – 11/13/07

1. Great Britain Selection

The Program Committee recommends the following pair/groups and officials for selection to Team USA that will compete in Stoke-on-Trent, Great Britain, December 1-2, 2007:

(AGC) Women's Pair: Hannah Douglas, Soffie Metzler – WCTC
(AGC) Women's Pair: Valerie Bryant, Danielle Hovey – BGC
(AGC) Women's Pair: DeShay Eisenmenger, Hayley Lemmons – BGC
(AGC) Women's Group: Maren Focke-Rey, Katie Rodgess, Jillian Giblin – WCTC
(Junior) Men's Pair: Brandon McCallum, Cameron Carlson - WCTC
(Junior) Women's Group: Amanda Plumer, Liselle Kitchens, Amy Slater – SRVDA

Head of Delegation – Tom Housley
Head Coach – Marie Annonson
Judge – Jola Jones
Team Manager – Nicole Tilton
Personal Coach – Rumen Lachkov
Chaperone – Tammy Plumer

Motion: SP
Second: IK
Passed

2. International Policy

A pair/group competing in an international competition may petition scores to qualify to the next level of competition if the missed qualifying competition takes place within two (2) weeks of return or less than one (1) week of the departure to the international competition. The petition must be submitted to the National Office 1-week prior to qualifying meet. In the situation of an international club meet where a pair/group does not meet qualifying scores, the pair/group may not participate in the next level of competition. Pair/groups participating in an official delegation automatically qualify to the next level of competition if the petition is submitted per the one (1) week deadline.

Motion: IK
Second: SP
Passed

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3. Program Development Task Force Report

Program Development Task Force Chair, Linda Ocmand, reported to members of Program Committee on the hard work and progress of the Program Development Task Force. The Task Force has made huge strides in the outreach, development and implementation of new Acro clubs across the country. Each PDTF member has made contact with several new potential Acro clubs. The following was included in each of the Regional PDTF report. Please note numbers are estimates:

New Clubs: 6

Potential New Clubs: 20+

Introductory Athletes: 50+

4. Program Development Task Force Lead Clinicians - AcroBasics

Tom Housley expressed the importance of "follow-up and follow-through" with each new potential Acro club across the country. To ensure new clubs and coaches have the necessary support to start an Acro program, the Program Committee developed a business plan so that financial support is provided to a PDTF Lead Clinician (as determined by PC) to travel to new clubs and host an AcroBasics clinic. The Program Committee has an expectation of return on the investment in that the PDTF Lead Clinician, who will serve as an AcroBasics clinician, will depart the new club with new athletes registered in the Acro program. USA Gymnastics will cover the costs of travel expenses and provide the clinician and \$150 per day (2-day weekend) for their services.

The following individuals have been selected by Program Committee to serve as PDTF Lead Clinicians:

Selena Peco, Nancy Davis, Sharise Beavers, Ronda Francis

Motion: LO

Second: SP

Passed

5. Revisions - Program Committee Minutes

Tom Housley discussed changes in recent various committee minutes as posted on the Acro website. Program Committee followed

a. National Championships – Multiple Events

- i. At the request of the Junior Olympic Committee, the Program Committee reviewed the passed motion stating Level 8 and above athletes may not compete in multiple events at Nationals. It has been determined the passed motion is not in the best interest of the program to implement at this time. However, coaches must accept the responsibility to deal with any scheduling issues that arise from athletes participating in multiple events.

Motion: SP

Second: LO

Passed

6. January Selection Event

Junior and Senior level athletes will be required to run three (3) routines and Age-Group level athletes will be required to run two (2) routines for consideration by Program Committee to compete internationally during the 08 competitive season. Training will be held on Thursday, January 17 with competition taking place on January 18.

7. World Championships Selection Procedures

The Program Committee is working with the National Elite Committee to write the Selection Procedures for the 2008 World Championships and International Age Group Competition.

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8. Select Date for Face-to-Face Meeting

Program Committee discussed the weekend of February 8-11, 2008 to hold a face-to-face meeting to discuss the 4-year plan for the Acrobatic Gymnastics program. Details are being confirmed by the National Office to meet in southern California.

9. 2008 Selection Procedures – Junior Olympic National Team

The Junior Olympic National Team Selection Procedures will be added to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Rules and Policies going forward in 2008.

10. 2008 Switzerland – Winterthur Cup

The 2008 National Championships will serve as the selection event for the 2008 Winterthur Cup. USA Gymnastics will send an official delegation to compete in this competition. Junior Olympic National Team Athletes and Junior and Senior National Team athletes are eligible to be selected for this competition. The Winterthur Cup is scheduled for October 10-12, 2008.

11. Chmielewski Tournament, Poland

This competition is designated as a club meet. Acro clubs with athletes on the J.O. National Team, Junior National Team and/or Senior National Teams 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.

Without a formal selection event, the Program Committee trusts 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.

Judges who do not hold FIG judging brevets are normally allowed to judge at friendly international competitions, such as the Poland Competition. 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.

Selena Peco will serve as Head of Delegation for this trip. Interested NT & JONT coaches must email Selena at: fliptastics@cox.net by March 5.

Motion: SP
Second: MR
Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 12:38am

Approved by USA Gymnastics President – Steve Penny

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