



**Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee
MINUTES
San Jose, CA
August 17-19, 2007**

1. Role Call

Linda Ocmand – NPCC
Jennifer Hess – NTCC
Selena Peco – NJOCC - absent
Ivaylo Katsov – NECC
Michael Rodrigues – NAR
Tonya Case – Vice Chair – via conference call
Tom Housley - PD

2. Review of National Technical Committee Minutes

The Program Committee recommends the approval of the policy proposals submitted by the National Technical Committee with the following amendments:

- a. Any judge who is National Superior or National rated or would like to test from Regional to National rating or National to National Superior, must attend the Super Clinic to take the appropriate judge's certification test.
- b. In addition to the Regional Technical Chair and/or Regional Technical Coordinator being required to attend the 2008 Super Clinic (per NTC Minutes 7/27/07), all current National and National Superior judges must attend the 2008 Super Clinic.
- c. If a judge is unable to attend the 2008 Super Clinic, a petition may be submitted to the National Technical Chair for review by the National Technical Committee. A decision will be given within 2 weeks of the submitted petition.
- d. In regards to Clarification – incorrect or illegible tariff sheets:
 - i. Every two mistakes, regardless of the type of mistake on the tariff sheet, will receive a .1 deduction per exercise.
- e. In regards to Minor Tariff Sheet form:
 - i. An exception may be made if an athlete is injured. The injury must be verified by the medical personnel before the Minor Tariff Sheet is accepted.

Motion: JH
Second: LO
Passed

3. Revised Tariff Sheet Form

An update has been made to the Revised Tariff Sheet Form. The new form will be used starting in the 2007 – 08 competitive season.

4. Minor Change Form

A Minor Change Form has been created for coaches to use when submitting Minor Changes at a competition. The Minor Change Form can be submitted up to 1 hour before the start of the athlete's competition session. The Minor Change Form must be given directly to the Meet Referee, CJP, and DJ.

5. Review of National JO Committee Minutes

The Program Committee recommends the approval of the policy proposals submitted by the National JO Committee.

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6. National Team Training Camp

Program Committee discussed plans for the National Team Training Camp that will take place at Karolyi's Training Camp November 9 – 13, 2007.

7. International Judges

The Program Committee recommends the following judges to participate and attend the FIG International Judges Course in Acrobatic Gymnastics:

Mindi Blankenship
Michelle Caviness
Selena Peco
Nancy Davis
Lisa Kidd
Courtney LeJeune
Jurek Pol

Motion: JH

Second: LO

Passed

8. Selection of National Team

The Program Committee received a petition for Junior Mixed Pair Ryan Ward and Kelianne Stankus (REALIS). The petition met the requirements and the pair was eligible for consideration for the Junior National Team.

The Program Committee recommends the following pair/groups for selection to the Senior National Team:

Women's Pair:	Mallory Henthron, Savannah Shields (AE)
Men's Pair:	Tyler Spray, Julian Amaro (WCA)
Mixed Pair:	Xiau-Ling Wee, Andre Solodar (PTAG)
	Kristin Allen, Brian Kincher (WCA)
Women's Group:	Mariah Henninger, Tisa Penny, Allysha Kidd (WCA)

The Program Committee recommends the following pair/groups for selection to the Junior National Team:

Mixed Pair:	Madeline Bones, Kyle Bloom (ATA)
	Ryan Ward, Kelianne Stankus (REALIS)

9. Level 10 Exhibition Routines

The following correction will be made to the Rules and Policies, page 30, letter E:

- a. Level 10 athletes who wish to exhibit a combined exercise will perform no more than three exercises. They will not participate in competitions for placement. The combined exercise will be scored and the scores will not be flashed. No awards will be given for the combined exercise nor will the combined exercise score be included in the all-around total. Rules & Policies, page 30. Scores will be given to the Program Director for documentation at the National Office.

Motion: LO

Second: IK

Passed

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10. Face-to-Face Meeting

The Program Committee discussed the importance of having time to discuss future plans for the acrobatic gymnastics program. The program committee plans to meet at least one weekend in 2008 to continue strategic program planning and development over the next four years.

11. Rules and Policies

The Program Committee recommends the following changes to be made to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Rules and Policies:

- a. Music must be submitted before a meet on a CD. A cassette tape is not acceptable and therefore will not be allowed to be used for competition. The CD must be clearly marked with the competitor's names; club.
- b. For the safety of the athlete, an air conditioned unit must be used for State and Regional Championships. This is effective starting January 2008.
- c. National Championships – Multiple Events
 - i. Level 8 and above athletes are ineligible to compete at National Championships in multiple events. This is effective starting January 2009.
 1. In a situation where an athlete becomes injured, the coach may petition an athlete to compete in multiple events. The petition may be considered so the uninjured athlete is able finish the competition season by substituting a new partner. Documentation must be provided by a physician when submitting the petition. The petition must be submitted prior to State Championships and be sent to Program Director for approval by the Program Committee.

Motion: JH
Second: MR
Passed

12. Operating Code

The Program Committee reviewed and recommends the following changes to the Operating Code for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program:

- a. Page 6, letter j: attend at least 2 regional clinics, when appropriate, to continue the development of new judges and increase education and proficiency of current judges within each region.

13. Specifications

The following clarifications and changes, in addition to Technical Updates, will be made to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Specifications. The changes and clarifications are effective immediately:

- a. "Free leg" – holding anywhere on the leg is considered a 2:2 position and therefore would receive 2:2 value, regardless of hand placement on the leg. The leg must be "free" (no support on the leg) to receive 2:1 value.
- b. Pike position (leg crossed) – leg position is optional

14. 2007 British Open Tournament

The Program Committee revisited the 2008 Calendar. In preparation for the 2008 World Championships, the Acro program will send an official delegation to the 2007 British Open Tournament in Stoke-on-Trent from December 1 – 2, 2007. A selection event will be held in conjunction with the National Team Training Camp, November 9- 13.

Motion: LO
Second: IK
Passed

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15. National Team Training Camp

Ivaylo Katsov will serve as the lead clinician for the National Team Training Camp in November 2008. Ivaylo will reach out to all Junior Olympic and elite coaches, with athletes on the national teams, prior to the camp date to aid in the development of the camp schedule and coaching sessions. Ivaylo will continue to work in the capacity of National Elite Committee Chairman by opening up the lines of communication amongst all coaches and provide opportunities during the camp for coaches to share ideas on coaching philosophies and training plans.

Motion: JH

Second: MR

Passed

Meeting Adjourned – 1:23pm

Approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President

09/18/2007