



**Program Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7-9th, 2026
In-Person Meetings**

Sarah Thomas- Program Committee Chair (non-voting)
Lanie Sherrick- Acrobatics High Performance and Program Manager (non-voting)
Ronda Francis- National Elite Committee Chair
Dylan Maurer - National Technical Committee Chair
Andre Solodar- National Development Committee Chair – Joined via Zoom
Kevin Sanders – National Growth & Development Committee Chair
Marcia DeGuire– Growth & Development Representative
Aubrey Rosilier- Athlete Rep – Not present
Grace Vonder Haar- Athlete Rep

Meeting called to order August, 7th 10:00am PDT

Summary of Motions and Updates:

Motion to add Shining Stars (Level 5-6) to the Rules & Policies to be awarded at Flip-N-Fun Championships.

Ronda Motioned, Andre 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Motion to award Rising Stars (Level 7-8) at Flip-N-Fun Championships.

Kevin Motioned, Ronda 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Motion to Add the 'fees for late tariff sheets' chart to the rules & policies for the 2026-2027 season.

Dylan Motioned, Kevin 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Motion to require Regional Championships to be a minimum of 5 weeks before Nationals.

Ronda Motioned, Kevin 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Motion to recommend the following funding structure revision to USA Gymnastics

- Recommend a system that allows athletes to have opportunities to earn funding every year – not every other year only at World Championships
- All funding tied to the individual athlete not the partnership to allow partner switches as needed to form more appropriate partners leading into the next season

Ronda Motioned, Dylan 2nd
Approved Unanimously

Motion to allow awards given in development hall to be awarded to the top 6 places for Pre-Youth 11-16 and Youth 12-18.

Dylan Motioned, Ronda 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Motion to adjust the appeal fees and include clarifications in the Rules & Policies for 2026-2027 to the following:

- **Local & State \$20.00**
- **Regionals \$40.00**
- **Nationals \$60.00**

Ronda Motioned, Kevin 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Further Discussion Topics/ Action Items:

Development Committee/ Development Program Topics:

Rising Stars and Future Stars

The PC discussed qualification scores for both Rising Stars and Future Stars. The PC recommends the DC perform score analysis from the 2026 Championship events and either keep threshold scores the same or make only minor adjustments based on evaluations.

Super Camp East and West

Target dates for each identified. Discussions on ways to make the Super Camps an elevated experience for the athletes and include training for coaches, education.

Super Camp West Oct. 16-18th Dates targeted

Super Camp East Nov. 6-8th Dates targeted

Bonus Skills at Developmental levels

The PC discussed ways to promote and encourage difficulty within the development program.

- The PC recommended the DC explore the possibility of adding difficulty for level 8 parallel with the FIG 11-16 program difficulty.
- The PC recommended the DC to create level 9 and 10 skill suggestion guides to serve as guideline for preparing athletes into the Elite levels.

Technical Committee Topics:

Sizing at Regionals & Nationals

The PC discussed ways to streamline organization and efficiency of level 7 sizing at USA Gymnastics Championships.

- The PC suggested that level 7's be consolidated into 1 competition day with 2 panels if the schedule allows for this.
- The PC discussed ensuring consistent application of sizing/ measurement including – hair down, no socks/ shoes/ pants etc.
- The PC approved update that will require ALL level 7 pair/groups to be sized at Regional Championships and send in measurements to the National office for use at USA Gym Champs. Only pair/groups that needed to be officially sized (laid down against wall) would be required to report for sizing at USA Gym Champs.

Post-World Cup and Post-International Debriefs

The PC discussed the addition of post-World Cup/International Cup calls for the purpose of keeping the judge/coach communities informed. All FIG judges and coaches will be welcome to participate.

Ranking of Judges at the NJC + RJC

- The TC proposed using the practice video Execution and Artistry scores for evaluation of judges at NJC and RJC in order to provide general feedback for areas of improvement. Difficulty practice sheet evaluation and feedback also discussed.
- The TC proposed giving feedback to the whole country with the same videos (and same judges judging – either using the TC or Internationally-ranked judge panel) as benchmark so all judges can have more clarity on where they stand and what they can improve upon.

The PC supported moving forward with these proposals.

Janet Von Barga Award Jola Jones Award

- One of these awards to be assigned to the Development Hall and one to the Arena. The PC sends this back to the TC for recommendation.

Elite Committee/ Elite Program Topics:

Bonus System revisions – project is currently in process with early September as the targeted publishing date.

2026-2027 Calendar - The PC with input and direction from the High-Performance manager discussed the 2026-2027 International travel calendar. The PC and HPM discussed the following Tentative Spring Calendar to propose to the Selection Committee:

- **Winter Selection 2027** – Recommended to be on the West coast to provide balance for the community with the projected dates of 2nd or 3rd week of January 2027.
 - **Recommendations for Spring Assignment Calendar:**
 - **May 12-16th** Maia World Cup / Maia International Acro Cup – JNT, SNT
 - **May 27-29th** Limes World Cup / Potential IDT Spring Assignment
 - **June 4-6th** Burgas World Cup – recommended for those in points contention for the World Cup Trophy
 - **June 11-13th** Baku World Cup / International Acro Cup – JNT, SNT
- The Final Calendar will be shared with the community once approved and confirmed.

Awards for 11-16 and 12-18 at USA Gymnastics Championships - The PC discussed pair figure skating allowing for medals for pairings that include non-US citizens. Topic to be explored further.

Growth & Development Committee Topics:

Age Group categories – The G&D made a proposal to allow more flexibility in Age-Groups with the goal to allow smaller competitions to provide competition for pair/groups who otherwise would not have competitors.

*Proposed update to Rules& Policies Section 9.3 - The age group divisions listed in the chart do not apply to local competitions unless there are more than *8 (suggested #) pair groups. Local competitions can be divided at Meet Director discretion.*

The PC discussed and recommended no change. The Meet Directors have current ability to add additional awards (at their discretion) for the level (i.e. level 8 award without age group) and can utilize this accordingly.

Event Restrictions – The G&D made a proposal to remove event restrictions listed in Section 9.5 of the Rules & Policies for smaller, emerging teams.

The PC discussed and recommended no change. The R&P currently allows athletes to compete in any category (regardless of restrictions) for score only at all local, State, Regional, and National level competition.

Educational Courses for Coaches – The PC brainstormed ways to provide more educational tools and credentials to coaches.

The PC discussed the model of the FIG coaching courses as a model but would like something within the USA that would be able to reach a broader audience of coaches. Each committee tasked with development of 3 educational video mini-courses to serve as a starting point.

Competitive Group Routine – The PC discussed potential group routine competitive outlet. Reviewed proposed competitive structure and scoring. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Athlete Representative Topics:

Quarterly athlete representative meetings – the PC athlete reps propose a quarterly meeting of all athlete reps (including athlete's council) every 3 months with the following goals in mind:

- Goals include creating an open line of communication between athlete reps, keeping all athlete reps up to date on what is going on in the program and in each person's individual committee
- Brainstorming ways to continue supporting all acro athletes (development - elite).

Judge's task force - Creation of a program-wide judge's task force discussed. Athlete reps to investigate progress.

Meetings adjourned Aug, 9th 12:09pm