



## Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Voting
Elite Committee Chair	Nick Minney	Voting
Development Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford	Voting
Athlete Selection Representative	Michael Devine	Voting
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting
Athlete Representative/Guest	Drew Collins	Non-Voting
Technical Committee Chair Elect	Dante Hebert	Non-Voting
T&T Program Director	Amanda Casale	Non-Voting
T&T Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Non-Voting

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

### Program Committee Meeting Agenda

#### 1. **Welcome**

All attendees were asked to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest based on a review of the agenda.

- It was agreed that all committee members have conflicts of interest as a result of being athletes, coaches, judges and/or club owners and/or receiving compensation at times from the T&T program. Except in the case of items bulleted below, the individuals and committee share the view that members are able to act impartially and for the benefit of the program, and recusal is not necessitated for any other items.
- No other specific Cols were declared.

#### 2. **2024 – 2025 T210**

The committee discussed the 2025 T210 and the need to keep the requirement for both coaches and judges. There will be some recommended modification to the process. Patti will visit with both education and membership to see what is possible in the upcoming year. Topics for inclusion were noted. The T210 will be distributed to all committee chairs and the relevant committees will work together to ensure the membership has the tools needed for athlete/coach/judge success in the 2025 season.

#### 3. **Volunteer Memberships**

The committee discussed the current volunteer memberships, the membership requirements and how volunteers can be utilized on the field of play. Verbiage

will be added to the Rules and Policies regarding volunteers who are qualified to help in various roles including trampoline spotters. The Rules and Policies will be updated and discussed and voted on at the next Program Committee Meeting. The recommendation to allow volunteers with a volunteer membership and who have the appropriate background check and are qualified to spot to be used at the discretion of the meet director in this role. Volunteers will not be allowed to coach.

#### **4. Apparel**

- Awards Stand Apparel Protocol

The T&T Program Committee has received a request to add language to our Rules and Policies regarding awards stand apparel protocol. The athlete council has been included in the conversation. The council will discuss the topic at their next meeting keeping in mind all programs and will report back to the T&T Program Committee with their recommendation.

- Coaches request to wear shorts on Competition Days

The committee will look to the other programs for wording to add to the Rules and Policies regarding coach's apparel. Discussion will be held at the next meeting. It was determined that if shorts are allowed, long pants will be required at all premier session. If allowed, requirements will be included as a minimum standard to maintain a professional appearance.

#### **5. Athlete Representatives**

Trampoline and Tumbling has been instrumental in ensuring that athletes have a voice on their state and regional committee. Alex Renkert gave a brief report of the Athletes council desire to help ensure representation. He encouraged us to communicate that the States and Regions need to submit the names of possible athlete representative to athlete council for consideration and approval. States and Regions should keep in mind the following

- The position is not elected but appointed by the athlete council
- States and Regions can host an election to determine their nominee to the council.
- Athletes must be a minimum of 18
- They must be a current, 10 year or 10+ athlete or Actively Engaged
- They must have proven leadership in their community
- State & Regional representative will serve a 4-year term

#### **6. Equipment**

To ensure the best possible competitive experience at premier event, the committee discussed ways to help our equipment providers communicate with events prior to and onsite. Patti and Amanda will visit with our equipment suppliers and open the discussion to help ensure there is record keeping of maintenance and maintaining a list of equipment needs and request throughout the season.

**7. Coaches' recognition of National team and National Champions**

A recommendation has come to the committee to consider recognition of coaches who have National team members or National Champions. The committee discussed various ways that we can recognize coaches' achievements as well as the athletes. We will investigate possible ways in the future that this can be done through the website.

**8. Vacancy of office for State and Regional Committees**

It was brought to the attention of the committee that many states do not have working bylaws that will aid in determining how to fill vacated position on the state/regional committee.

Recommendation to add the following language to the Rules and Policies.

- In the absence of state/regional Rules and Policies,  
If one year or less, the state chair in conjunction with the remaining members of the state committee will make the appointment to fill the vacant position consistent with the eligibilities listed in the Rules and Policies.  
If more than one year, the Regional Chair or corresponding regional position will fulfill the duties until a prompt election can be held.  
The updated Rules and Policies will be discussed and voted on in the fall Program Committee meeting.

**9. Inquiry Rules**

Discussion was had as to whether the new inquiry rules were working. The committee felt the process was working and that education was needed to help coaches understand the different ways to inquire. This information will be included in the 2025 T210

**10. National Committees Nominee Requirements**

Recommendation to add the following to the Rules and Policies

To be nominated and to run for the Development Committee Chair position, a person:

1. Must be at least 21 years old;
2. Must be a T&T Competitive Coach Member in good standing for at least four (4) consecutive years prior to the nomination;
3. Must be actively involved in the Program;
4. Must have coached a Development finalist at National Championships within the current or last quadrennial cycle.
5. Technical Committee, Development Committee, Elite Committee, or Selection Committee (chair or representative) in the current or previous quad for at least one (1) full year.

## 11. **Elite Committee / Selection Committee**

The committee discussed the following:

- Qualification to the premier session – It was determined that the current process works well and will continue to be used.
- Saluting and advancing to finals – Athletes who salute in the qualification round are not allowed to advance to the finals as per FIG Rules. Scoring personnel need to be reminded and a request to see if ProScore allows a judge to select DNS in order alleviate the potential of this happening again.
- Elites Mobility Process – This year seemed to be better with the modifications that were made. The Elite committee has meet and will submit changes for the upcoming season that begins August 1, 2024. The committee would like to see communication with the membership on how the process works and who can be involved in the assessment to ensure no conflict of interest. Recommendation to add the following language to the mobility section of the Rules and Policies.  
Mobility will be assessed independently by a designated non-conflicted Judges Council member and an Elite level coach. Training will be conducted in how to judge mobility skills (particularly those that are drills rather than competitive elements), and all assessors must have taken this training.
- The committee's commitment to help with better communication, such as links in documents to make it easier to find information, communication
- Coaches' selection criteria details; Nick brought a recommendation to add a coach's expression of interest to the selection process, this will be discussed at length at the fall meeting.
- Clarification is needed regarding when an athlete should be added to the national team. It was determined that the athlete must be a competing athlete not an alternate to be added to the national team.  
Recommendation to add the following language to the 2025 NT selection document.

**Senior and Intermediate Elite athletes accepting USA Gymnastics Senior international assignments (excluding age group events and non-traveling alternates) will be added to National Team in an unfunded capacity.**

- National team coordinators and Amanda will begin working on upcoming selection procedures beginning in their July meetings.
- There has been a request to consider implementing the new routines and rules in January 2025. It was determined that we could not be ready for everyone to begin using new routines and rules by January 1 and a major concern that judges will not have the needed education to begin this soon. It is the recommendation of the Elite Committee to incorporate the following in the 2025 program.
  - New Trampoline difficulty and bonus

- Scoring Double mini out of 20.0 for a completed routine and 16.0 for interrupted routines
- Allow elite tumbling competitors to perform the new Y elements and award the new FIG bonus.
- Include mixed synchro in the USA program (qualification only for all levels)
- Include Winter Classic as a Qualification event

**Motion to include Winter Classic as the 4<sup>th</sup> opportunity for YE, JR, IE and SR as a national qualifier. Athlete must still attend two of the three but may use all four as a potential qualifier.**

**Motion: Nuno Merino**

**Second: Alex Renkert**

**Motion Passed**

## 12. Development Committee

- The new routines were presented to the membership in an open forum this week at Gymnastics Championships. Nuno shared the first version that were presented of the suggested routines with the PC committee. There will be a feedback form that will be released to the membership in the next few days and will be available until the middle of August. Coaches were encouraged to go back to their gyms and use the routines with their athletes and provide the development committee with feedback. There are some levels where two options were presented, and the committee ask for coaches to provide their feedback on which one they prefer.

- Gymnastics Championships Feedback

The Development Committee will include some request for feedback in their upcoming feedback form including. Gym Champs new structure, warm up etc.

- Request for consideration
  - Flight athletes by team
 

The committee received a request to consider flighting competitions by team. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that this was beneficial to coaches but makes the logistics of a competition very difficult for judges, awards etc.
  - Splitting Age Groups
 

The committee discussed the possibility of splitting large age groups. Verbiage will be added to the R&P to allow large groups to be split. This will be at the Meet Director's discretion. In order to split an age group, each group must have a minimum of 30 competitors.
- New National Qualification Scores
 

Patti will provide the Development Committee with the data regarding number of entries for the past four National Championships. The DC will review to ensure the qualification scores are serving the program as intended.
- A request to clarify whether Level 8 and above tumbling must begin with a run.

The committee will include this clarification in the annual T210. There are no restrictions on how competitors must begin a routine beginning at level 8. Competitors are allowed to begin with a run, power hurdle or from a stand with no deduction or interruption.

**13. Technical Committee**

- **Judges Panels Requirements**

The Technical Committee will present some recommendations regarding panel category changes to accommodate the needs of the program at Invitational and smaller qualifiers. They will present their recommendations for the next Program Committee meeting.

- **Dante will take the recommendation to the TC that anyone running for a position on the TC must have an FIG brevet. This will ensure that the representative participates in a testing cycle the same as all other judges.**

- **Nominations for upcoming FIG testing**

The TC will update the procedures for selection to the intercontinental, and the continental course. We will have five spots for the Intercontinental, ten spots for the continental and online testing will also be available.

- **Code of Points**

- A request to add some of the information that was moved to the R&P back to the Code of Points to make finding information easier during competition. This will be done beginning in the new quad.
- A request was made of the TC to send a list of all recommended changes for the T210, updates to the CoP as well as the R&P.

**14. Adaptive Program for Elite Levels.**

Discussion was had regarding an adaptive program for the elite levels. The committee discussed options and will include the medical team in possible ways to include the adaptive program for elite level.

**15. Finals Random Draw**

When 9 or more go to the final athlete 9, 10 etc. will go first in the rotation for finals. The draw will be used for the remaining spots.

**16. Hall of Fame Updated**

Patti updated the committee on the Hall of Fame process and where the T&T program is. We will work this year to determine if there are any teams that should be inducted in 2025. We have already submitted our nominee for the class of 2025. Questions were raised regarding the 2013 DMT Men and Women's Gold Medal Double Mini Team. Alex Renkert also questioned whether athletes were given credit for the 2013 Columbia competition where they were not allowed to compete.

**17. New Quad Timeline**

- July - August 2024 – New feedback form
- October 1, 2024 – Revised routines according to feedback
- January 1 – May 31 – New routines presented to membership
- August 1, 2025 – New routines and rules take effect.

**18. New Quad FIG changes**

The committee was presented with a drafted version of all the upcoming FIG changes that will take place in the new quad. Each chair was asked to take the information back to their committees for discussion and come to the Fall meeting with all recommendations.

Patti thanked the committee for all their hard work and dedication to the Trampoline & Tumbling program. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.