



Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Voting
Elite Committee Chair	Nick Minney	Voting
Development Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Technical Committee Chair	Dante Hebert	Voting
Athlete Representative	Michael Devine	Voting
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting
Program Director	Amanda Casale	Non-voting
Athlete Representative	Kayttie Nakamura	Non-voting
Program Council Representative	Scott Lineberry	Non-voting

Meeting called to order via email by Patti Conner at 5:00pm EDT on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

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.

Region 2 member Kayttie Nakamura is the only PC member with a possible conflict because of club affiliation.

2. **Scheduling conflict with Region 2 Championships and Elite Challenge.**

After a lengthy discussion regarding all possible challenges. The Committee recognizes the following conflicts :

- Conflict 1 – Level 10 athletes must attend regionals, and it is their second opportunity to obtain a National qualifying score.
 - Motion below allows Region 2 Level 10 athletes to use Elite Challenge to qualify for the 2025 National Championships and as the R&P requirement to attend their respective regionals.
- Conflict 2 – Level 10 EDP Qualification score needed at Elite Challenge.

- Request to the Selection Committee to consider Winter Classic as part of the selection procedures as an opportunity to obtain a score for EDP.
- Conflict 3 – Elite Athletes attending regionals vs Elite Challenge.
 - R&P allows the Program to grant Elite athletes with extenuating circumstances to attend another Region Championships. Region 2's Elite athletes will receive this consideration when requesting to attend another Regional Championships.
- Conflict 4 – Coaches
 - The possibility to allow teams with athletes who need to attend Elite Challenge to earn scores to be considered for selection and extreme challenges with coaching staff to request their team be allowed to attend another Regional Championships.
- Request to attend another regional championship will not be considered once Elite Challenge begins.
- Because of the possible negative financial impact on Region 2, Regions that accept athletes from Region 2 because of the conflict will be asked to share the entry fee with Region 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm EST

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 am EST on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, to consider proposals presented by Region 2 Chair Chelsea Rainer. The committee discussed each proposal, and it was determined that the motions and decisions made at the August 25th meeting were the best options to ensure all athletes had an opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am EST

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 pm EST on Sunday, September 15, 2024, to consider additional information presented by Region 2 Chair Chelsea Rainer. Michale Devine was not present for this portion of the meeting.

Discussion continued about possible options that would allow all athletes to participate and qualify for events and national teams.

Motion to allow all states within Region 2 to host a separate regional qualification session at their respective State Championships for the purpose of qualification and Regional Championships attendance requirement for Region 2 Level 10, Open and Elites athletes.

- **Motion: Alex**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimously**

Noted:

1. Athletes will be required to pay a regional championships entry fee for the state sponsored regional qualification opportunity and all fees will be sent to Region 2 in full. Awards will be the responsibility of Region 2
2. If panels do not meet the minimum state/regional requirements listed in the Rules and Policies for the levels competing, the judging panels must be approved by the USAG T&T Technical Committee.
3. Athletes may only compete at one of the following competitions:
 - a. Region 2 state sponsored session
 - b. Region 2 Championships
 - c. Another Region Championships
4. Results from all State sponsored regional sessions will be combined after the conclusion of the Region 2 Championships and awards will be given to the appropriate club for distribution. Athletes who earn the overall regional champion title for level 10 and open will earn automatic qualification. Once scores are combined, if an athlete is displaced by an athlete who did not participate in the Region 2 Championships, both athletes will earn automatic qualification to USA Gymnastics Championships.
5. If coaches are concerned about the health and safety of their athletes based on the amount of competition in one weekend, they may request to attend other Regional Championships due to extenuating circumstances based on the guidelines in the T&T Rules and Policies.
6. Athletes who sustain an injury or have an illness and meet the criteria will be able to use the current Rules and Policies procedures to petition to the USA Gymnastics Championships.
7. To help assist athletes who wish to attend Region 2 Championships and Elite Challenge. USA Gymnastics T&T will revise the schedule for Elite Challenge to include level 10 qualification competition on Thursday evening. Qualification for all levels will be held Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday AM if needed.
8. Moving forward the national office will communicate dates that state and regional chairs should try to avoid when booking dates for future state and regional competitions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm EST