



### Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Chair
Elite Committee Chair	Chelsea Rainer	Voting
Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford	Voting
JO Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting (1 vote combined)
Athlete Representative	Michael Devine	
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Ex-officio
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Ex-officio
Outgoing Elite Committee Chair /	Scott Lineberry	Ex-officio
Programs Council Representative	Konstantin Gulisashvili	Ex-officio
Programs Council Representative		

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 5:00pm MST, Thursday September 10, 2020.

### Program Committee Meeting Agenda

#### 1. Calendar

Jacqui provided updates on the currently published tentative calendar:

- We are expecting announcements from FIG and PAGU on World Cups and Pan American Championships very soon.
- Junior Pan Am Games may be postponed to later in 2021. Despite the title of Junior, it is actually open to athletes 17-21 years old.
- CAVU has agreed to be the home of National Team camps for 2021.
- VIP Classic has been confirmed as the host of the remaining 2021 selection event.
- Jacqui will publish an updated version next week.
- 2021 Selection procedures (including Development Team, National Team, international assignments, World Championships and WAGC) will be drafted in October and will go to relevant committees for discussion, editing and voting, with an aim to publish in November 2020.

#### 2. Developmental Program / National Teams

##### 2.1. JumpStart State Testing

The JumpStart program will run during the 2021 season. Selection procedures will be published late 2020, and will involve JumpStart testing and competition results.

Jumpstart testing will take place between State Championships and May 31. Athletes may test more than once, but their first result counts for selection. Each State will host a testing event – this may be combined with other states. Entry fees are a max of \$50; events must be sanctioned and run via the USA Gymnastics meet reservation system.

Anyone with a pro membership and who attends a JumpStart Testing webinar may be certified as a Tester. Two webinars will be led by Chelsea and Nuno and will be tentatively scheduled for:

- Sunday December 6
- VIP Classic in person (Thursday night)

## 2.2. Developmental Pathway

The committee discussed the Developmental Pathway Overview and provided some minor edits. The 2021 version will be published with selection procedures in late 2020.

**Motion to accept the Development Pathway document, with edits and updates for 2021.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

The Elite Committee was asked to determine minimum scores for EDP (for JumpStart there is no minimum score, it is purely by rank).

## 3. USOPC 2021-2024 (2021-2028) High Performance Plan

Jacqui provided insight into the HPP for the new quad. In line with USOPC suggestion, the T&T submission focused on the developmental level, widening and strengthening the base towards 2028. The document, encompassing all Olympic disciplines, has recently been submitted and we are awaiting feedback.

## 4. Round Table Discussion

### 4.1. Community Feedback

Feedback received from the community was discussed. Topics included emergence from bankruptcy and decertification, reassurance that USA Gymnastics will continue to operate as an organization, and the JO naming process.

Any changes proposed were discussed and minuted in the relevant section within these minutes.

### 4.2. FIG Code of Points

Nuno clarified that with multiple FIG TC meetings missed due to COVID, it is currently unknown as to when the new FIG Code of Points will be released – current expectations are May 2021.

### 4.3. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Jacqui and Michael outlined the key points from the new transgender policy that the Athlete Health & Wellness Council is working on, which is currently in draft form.

The committee discussed how the rules that penalize underwear showing might relate to chest binding. The JOC and TC was asked to provide feedback on whether these undergarment rules are still needed within the JO Code of Points: all members from both committees were in agreement that this rule was currently not in the best interests of the program.

**Motion to remove the penalties for undergarments showing from the JO Code of Points, effective immediately.**

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00am MST, Friday September 11.

The meeting began with a moment to reflect on the September 11 attacks that took place 19 years ago today, particularly to remember those who were lost and give thanks to the first responders.

## **5. Leadership Team Welcome**

The USA Executive Leadership Team joined the meeting via zoom, including:

- Li Li Leung – President and CEO
- Lauryn Turner – Chief of Staff
- Carol Fabrizio – Chief Communications & Marketing Officer
- Stefanie Korepin – Chief Programs Officer
- Erica Koven – Chief Membership Officer
- Kim Kranz – Chief of Athlete Wellness

The ELT outlined their current remits and roles. Key points included:

- Li Li thanked the PC for the work that they do.
- USA Gymnastics has a new mission statement and core values.
- Membership renewal rate is positive considering the challenges that COVID is presenting.
- Safe Sport has a slightly new direction. Moving towards a more rehabilitative approach than a punitive approach, and focusing on whether gymnasts are safe today, rather than things that have happened many years ago.
- The plan is to emerge from bankruptcy early 2021 – this has been delayed due to COVID
- Virtual sanctions are coming soon. It is likely that meet directors will have some flexibility in choosing their preferred platform to use for invitationals.
- USAG does not expect the NGA organization to have a large impact on operations. We are continuing to work positively on our own strategic plan.
- Member services is working on the membership value proposition, with the goal to increase the benefits of membership in addition to events (e.g. education and partnership benefits).
- USAG has recently signed two new partners: Hyperice and Captain U.

## **6. Athlete Council**

Michael briefed the committee on the Athlete Council progress and structure, and its recent work.

The Program Committee requested that the Athlete Council look to be invoiced in important projects, for example the development of the National Team handbook and JO renaming. It was noted however that there is a limit to the Council's ability to speak for all athletes on every topic.

## **7. Sanctioned Event Medical Requirements**

The Athlete Health & Wellness Council have developed a new medical policy regarding the type and number of medical people present at competitions.

Jacqui outlined the principles of the draft document. Several questions were asked:

- Is this a finalized document?
- Where this will be published?
- What happens if a Meet Director does not meet this requirement? It was suggested that this would be a sanction violation.
- Does the EMT sign off? It was suggested that a signature on the sanction form would be important to ensure compliance.
- The committee requested that USAG provide help or resources for sourcing medical people.
- Clarification was sought on who needs background checks – for example a nurse – if they are

contracted through their employer is this no longer required?

Jacqui will take these questions to Kim Kranz for clarification, and report back.

## **8. Programs Council**

Scott updated the committee on the Programs Council's recent work.

## **9. Competitions**

### **9.1. State Championships as Elite Mobility Opportunities**

A proposal has been received for State Championships to be utilized as Elite mobility opportunities. The committee discussed the pros and cons and agreed that this would not currently be advisable, for several primarily logistical reasons, including the difficulty of people traveling in the current COVID climate, and a limited pool of judges vs potentially up to 20 meets in a weekend.

### **9.2. Elite Virtual Mobility**

The first virtual mobility window is now open, through to September 30. Sydney will create a google sheet for judges to submit scores.

### **9.3. JO Virtual Mobility**

Virtual mobility is currently open for Elite athletes. A proposal was received regarding opening it up further, for Level 8->9 and 9->10.

The discussion about ongoing virtual mobility options in future years has been tabled for 6 months, once we have greater understanding and experience in how this process will look.

**Motion to allow JO 8->9 and 9->10 to utilize the virtual mobility video submission process, during the October and November submission windows.**

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

The TC and EC will determine the scoring system to be used (total score or skill-by-skill)

### **9.4. Virtual Sanctions**

The committee discussed the concept of virtual sanctions, how these are planned for T&T, and progress on the project. The schedule is for virtual sanctions to be open by October. Patti and Jacqui are currently working with the platform provider on scoring.

It was clarified that the sanction insurance would cover the listed clubs on the sanction, and a reminder that flexibility is the key wherever possible, especially when equipment is not perfectly to specification.

## **10. JO Committee**

The meeting was joined by JO committee members Jared Olsen and Juwan Young.

### **10.1. Introduction of the New Committee**

The new JO committee members were welcomed to the National Committee structure, and thanked for their involvement. Patti outlined the standard processes for communication and decision making, as well as the structure of National Committees.

## 10.2. JO Committee Update

Nuno updated the committee on the JO Committee's recent work. Projects in progress:

- All members are working on developing mobility PowerPoints – deadline January 15.

## 10.3. DMT Repetition Rule

It was agreed that the JO program will continue to use the current repetition rule for double mini in the new quad. Athletes may repeat an element as long as it is performed in a different phase of the routine or in a different position.

## 10.4. Trampoline Warm Up

The committee discussed the new FIG rule of 45 second warmups for trampoline. It was agreed to increase to 45 seconds and not timed for the new quad, to align with the FIG rules.

## 10.5. Saluting for Eligibility

The committee discussed a proposal that athletes saluting for eligibility do not need to be in competition attire. It was clarified that the existing CoP rules & penalties should be followed with regards to attire – once they salute, they are competing, so the usual rules apply for incorrect attire (either penalty or disqualification depending on the fault).

It was agreed that the rule stating that you cannot compete with a hard brace, will be reworded to state that you cannot “mount the apparatus” with a hard brace. This will allow athletes in casts and crutches to continue to salute for eligibility.

## 10.6. Skipping Levels

The R&P mobility rules were clarified to state:

*Once an athlete has entered the system, they must compete at a minimum of one sanctioned event at each level (may not skip levels).*

## 10.7. Entry Into JO Program Higher than Level 8

The committee discussed the pros and cons of allowing this. It was agreed that with mobility now only beginning at Level 8->9 and athletes allowed to compete two levels at some competitions, this requirement was not overly problematic. The R&P mobility rules were clarified to clearly state:

*The highest level at which an athlete may enter the mobility system is Level 8.*

## Motion to approve the age groups and mobility as proposed by the JO Committee.

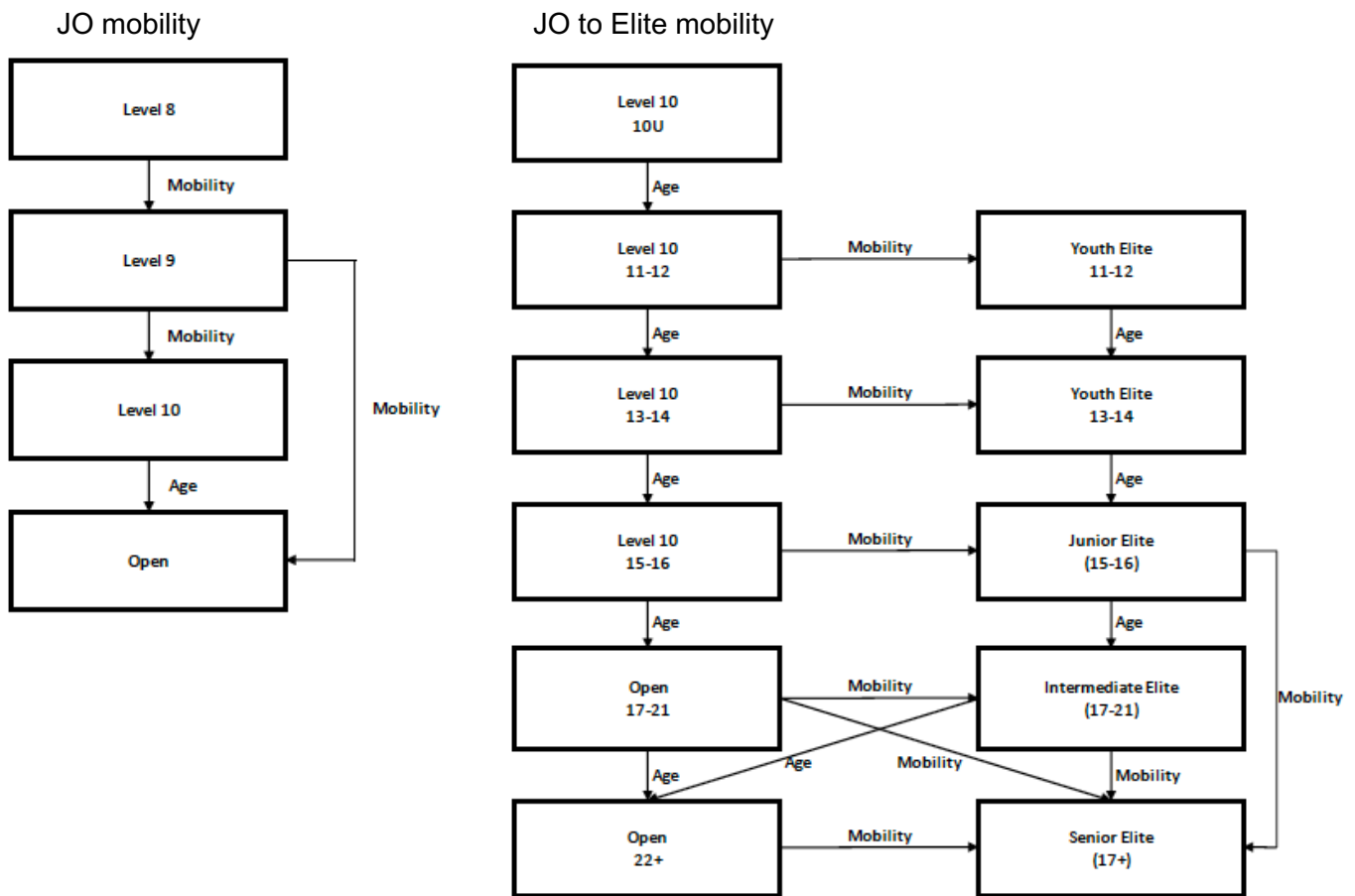
- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

## 10.8. New Quad Levels and Mobility

The committee discussed the proposed age group and mobility systems recommended by the JO Committee.

### Levels and age groups

Level	JO				Elite			
Age Group	8	9	10	Open	YE	JE	IE	SE
10U	✓	✓						
11-12	✓	✓			✓			
12U			✓					
13-14	✓	✓	✓		✓			
15-16		✓	✓			✓		
15+	✓							
17-21				✓			✓	
17+		✓						✓
22+				✓				



## 11. Elite Committee

### 11.1. Elite Committee Update

Chelsea updated the committee on the Elite Committee's recent work.

### 11.2. DMT Repetition Rule

It was agreed that the Elite program with the exception of Intermediate Elite and Senior Elite will continue to use the current repetition rule for double mini in the new quad. Athletes may repeat an element as long as it is performed in a different phase of the routine or in a different position.

### 11.3. New Life Finals

The committee discussed the preference for cumulative vs new life finals in the new quad, with focus on the implication for selection procedures and consistency through the season. The PC preferred to have selection procedures using prelims only, to ensure consistency into the new quad from previous years' selection procedures.

Chelsea to take this item back to the EC for a recommendation.

### 11.4. Trampoline Warm Up

The committee discussed the new FIG rule of 45 second warmups for trampoline. It was agreed to increase to 45 seconds and not timed for the new quad, to align with the FIG rules.

## 12. Technical Committee

### 12.1. Technical Committee Update

Deanna updated the committee on the Technical Committee's recent work. Projects in progress:

- New quad – the committee is mindful of possible future rule changes that come in after the test and T210 have been developed.
- Cat 1 exams – these are now due in the new year in the hopes that more information is

provided by FIG.

- Virtual Cat 3 course – Dante has done a great job of putting the pilot course together. The pilot course is planned for October. Caveats will need to be communicated, particularly about requiring high speed internet and being reasonably comfortable with technology. Because it is a pilot, candidates may re-sit at a live course if they have trouble.

#### 12.2. Jr Judges Council

The committee discussed a recommendation from the TC to extend the term of the Junior Council from one year to two years, starting in the new quad. This will provide greater consistency and reduce unnecessary administration.

**Motion to increase the term of Junior Council members to two years from 2021.**

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

#### 12.3. Minimum Panel Sizes in New Quad

The committee reviewed options for minimum panel sizes for each type of meet. The hope is to reduce panel sizes where possible, to reduce costs for host clubs so long as accuracy is not compromised. This item was tabled for further discussion and a recommendation by the TC.

### 13. Scholarship

#### 13.1. Program Alignment and Process

Patti and Jacqui outlined the process for scholarships to be awarded. The process was made more prescriptive in 2020, with points more objectively awarded for each section of the application than previous years, and more detail communicated to applicants prior to applying.

#### 13.2. Distribution of Funds

The committee discussed the optimum wording about scholarship funds distribution, in order to balance accurate information with flexibility to work with each year's circumstance. It was requested that more information be made available regarding historical totals, in order to make a more informed decision.

**Motion to amend the scholarship information to say: 50-100% of the funds collected from sanctioned events for the T&T scholarship will be awarded within one year of collection, with the remaining percentage to go into an endowment fund to assure the continuation of the Scholarship program. The Scholarship Committee may allocate funds to athletes in any amount as deemed appropriate.**

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Alex**
- **Vote: unanimous**

### 14. Rules & Policies

**Motion to accept changes to Section 1 of the R&P as presented.**

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

**Motion to accept changes to Section 2 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Deanna**
- **Vote: unanimous**

The Technical Committee will have further discussion on TC elections and requirements to run as a committee member, based on the feedback provided by the PC.

Alex and Michael will consider the source of the Athlete Rep for the Technical and JO Committees.

**Motion to accept changes to Section 3 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Chelsea**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

**Motion to accept changes to Section 4 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Alex**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

**Motion to accept changes to Section 5 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Michael**
- **Vote: unanimous**

It was noted that qualification scores and mobility scores for the new quad are required on November 1.

**Motion to accept changes to Section 6 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**

**Motion to accept changes to Section 7 of the R&P as presented.**

- **Motion: Deanna**
- **Second: Nuno**
- **Vote: unanimous**

Sections 8 and 9 had no material changes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Meeting reconvened on Thursday September 18, 2020, via e-mail.

## **15. Virtual Mobility Scoring**

The committee considered the recommendation by the JO committee to use 3 E judges and the formula  $E1 + E2 + E3 + DD - \text{Penalties} = \text{Total Score (TS)}$  for each routine, and  $\text{Routine 1 TS} + \text{Routine 2 TS} = \text{Final Score}$  for overall, for virtual mobility scoring. For levels not requiring DD, this box will be filled in "0.0" by the D judge / CJP.

**Motion to accept the recommendation of using 3 E judges and the formula  $E1 + E2 + E3 + DD = \text{FS}$  for virtual mobility scoring.**

- **Motion: Nuno**
- **Second: Chelsea**
- **Vote: unanimous**