



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 Herbert	Voting
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	Voting
Program Director	Amanda Casale	Non-Voting
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Non-Voting

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM EST.

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.

- Alex Renkert has a COI with agenda items for Athlete Representatives
- Nick Minney has a COI for the Elite Committee Charter
- Nuno Merino has a COI for the Development Committee Charter
- Dante Hebert has a COI for the Technical Committee Charter
- Patti Conner, Nick Minney, Nuno Merino, and Dante Hebert have a COI with the Program Committee Charter

2. Legal

The Committee met with Caryn Szyper Senior Counsel for USA Gymnastics to review the COI Policy. There were questions about specific scenarios that come up in committees, especially at the State and Region level and Caryn suggested to give her these scenarios so that she can present to the Ethics and Grievance Committee on the front end to make sure that the COI Policy is followed, or appropriate actions are taken to stay compliant.

3. Communication

The Committee discussed the importance of communication throughout the program. States and Regions including the National Office on email communication and making sure all minutes get to the proper committee heads for approval before posting.

4. T210

The Committee reviewed the updated information for the 2024-25 T210 course. The review included checking the difficulty that is in the new Code of Points, a clarification that permanent jewelry can be worn using the same language as rings without gemstones and piercings may be taped to the body and worn without deduction, and voting on the below measures to add to the T210 and their respective documents

Motion to allow coaches to wear shorts with a minimum of a 5-inch inseam and be professional in both look and length during competition sessions, except the premier session of USA Gymnastics Championships.

Motion: Nuno

Second: Nick

Vote: unanimously passed

Motion that mixed gender synchronized trampoline pairs should wear complimentary uniforms with like colors.

Motion: Alex

Second: Nuno

Vote: unanimously passed

5. Elite Committee

Nick provided the following updates from the Elite Committee:

- That the Virtual Elite Mobility process is going well, and a video bank of mobility skills will be added to the website and R&P.
- Selection procedures for 2024-25 are almost complete and looking to schedule a webinar for coaches once complete to review.
- An addition of a Coaches Expression of Interest Google Form for Coaches consideration to be selected to various international assignments.
- Discussion of the Elite Premiere Session Open Training Sessions and how to make the lines more manageable.
- Discussion of archiving the R&P and CoP from previous years with a water mark to the website.

6. Development Committee

Nuno provided the following updates from the Development Committee:

- Working on finalizing the new quad routines that will start on August 1st, 2025.
- Discussing the idea of limiting interruptions, especially in Levels 1-4 in all disciplines.
- Discussed feedback of making Stars and Stripes earlier in the year but not possible due to scheduling of States and Regionals and USA Gymnastics Championships.
- The increase in national numbers of athletes and coaches in the sport has been positive since 2018.
- Discussion was held regarding the TRA DEV CoP in regards to the process when there is a breakdown of the electronic system for ToF and HD.

Motion: Should a breakdown of the time measurement device occur the Meet Referee or a minimum of one judge assigned by the Meet Referee and the Meet Director will use the following protocol to determine the valid ToF for the routine.

Motion: Dante

Second: Alex

Vote: unanimously passed

7. Technical Committee

Dante provided the following updates from the Technical Committee:

- The Judges Domestic Funding document lists that it is for 2022 only. The committee would like to confer with legal to ensure what feedback would constitute a COI in matters such as these.
- No changes in Category requirements for judging panel minimums.
- Discussion was held on what panel is required for Level 8 and above mobility competitions.
- Dante reviewed with the PC a Judges' evaluation for the recent Olympic Selection panel last season.
- Working on coaches and judges' relationships for the upcoming season and beyond.
- Revamping the Junior and Senior Judges Counsel to reflect service to the sport.
- Using national events as a way to allow an inexperienced Chair of the Judges Panel to work with the experienced panel to gain that experience.

8. Athlete Representatives

Alex proved the following updates about Athlete Representatives process for State and Regional Athlete Representatives:

- That States and Regions should get started on their Athlete Representation appointment process right away
 - The Process
 1. Elect in each State / Region and submit names to PC chair for submission to the Athlete's Counsel for appointment
 2. Need to be 2 athlete representatives to reach the mandatory 33%
 - Who can nominate and vote.
 1. Any athlete that is registered with USA Gymnastics can nominate.
 2. One vote per club
 3. If there is a tie, the Regional Committee will break the tie.
 4. All state/regional athlete representative terms will be extended to line up with the terms of the State / Regional committee.
- Reminders
 - Anything that has to do with Athlete Funding the representative needs to be an athlete who has competed within the past 10 years.
 - Athlete Representatives at the State and Regional level will serve 2-year terms

9. Apparel

The Committee discussed apparel related items.

- Awards Stand Apparel Protocol and what to allow on the awards stand.

Motion to allow either all Competition or all full team sponsored warm up. All awards attire is at the discretion of the Meet Director.

Motion: Alex

Second: Nick

Vote: unanimously passed

- Discussion was held in regards to allowing the new FIG rule for head covering during competition when for religious reasons

Motion: Head coverings are permitted, provided they are snug, secure, and do not pose a safety risk. The covering must fully conform to the head without loose or flowing material that could impede performance or cause entanglement. Accessories such as headbands, hats, or other non-skin-tight headwear are not permitted.

Motion: Nuno

Second: Dante

Vote: unanimously passed

- Discussion was held regarding the policing of dress code for athlete and coaches. Judges will be responsible for athletes and the Meet Director is responsible for coach's dress code enforcement.

10. Equipment

The Committee discussed the feasibility of creating a repair / maintenance log that is attached to the equipment so that there is a record of what has been done to each piece of equipment. Adding something to the meet directives about a chain of communication for equipment complaints

11. ScorSync and ProScore

The Committee discussed updates for the new year regarding ProScore and ScorSync regarding challenges last year and how we can be proactive and improve for the upcoming season. Meetings and communication with be ongoing with both parties.

12. National Schedule for Gym Champs and Stars and Stripes

The Committee discussed overall schedule for Gym Champs.

- Level 8 at the beginning of the competition means less people at the senior finals but schedule wise for coaches and warmups, it makes the most sense.
- The committee discussed the logistics of the schedule for F1 and F2 for tumbling and double mini and how that would work with timing if there could be three different rotations. Alex is going to get athlete feedback before a schedule is finalized.
- Based on member feedback, it was apparent that the preference is to have an awards session at the end of each session, acknowledging sometimes that means that an athlete might have to choose between getting their award and warming up for their next event.
- Discussion was held to revert to the previous rule of only the top 6 athletes being awarded for Level 8 - Open, decreasing the amount of potential conflicts and helping the ceremony be more efficient with time.

13. Gym Champs Feedback

The Program Committee appreciates the communities feedback on two key items regarding Gymnastics Championships for Levels 8 – Elite regarding the training/warm up and awards sessions. Scheduling this event along with the events teams creates many unique challenges including available space, resources and time. Keeping in mind how long coaches and families have to be gone from their jobs. The need to include T&T in this premier event is vital to our program and we strive to try to consider as many possible scenarios as possible prior to schedules being finalized.

- a) **Request to include Level 8 at Stars and Stripes instead of Gym Champs so they can have a training day.**

The committee discussed the pros and cons of moving Level 8 athletes to Stars and Stripes and it was agreed that the financial burden this would put on families that would possibly need to attend two competitions as well as the clubs that do not participate in the lower-level national championships would not be in the best interest of the program.

b) **Request to schedule a break for awards so there are no conflicts with athletes having to choose between awards and warm up.**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of scheduling a break for awards ceremonies. Unfortunately, the numbers of athletes and the days and times available are already causing us to have to begin warm up for the first session of the day at 7:30 am and we did not finish before 9:30 pm on any of the competition days, so this would require adding a day to the schedule.

c) **Request to allow athletes that are receiving an overall award, an extra warmup touch if they miss their session warmup due to attending the awards ceremony.**

It was determined that this would be difficult for judges to track and would be impossible for other athletes, coaches and parents to understand why only some got the extra touches. While it is not always possible, when working on the schedule we will try to mitigate the number of age groups that would compete in back-to-back sessions.

d) **Request to consider adding assigned training days the same as is provided for Level 5-7 athletes at Stars and Stripes.**

Discussion was held regarding the difference in Stars and Stripes and Gym Champs. While athletes at Stars and Stripes received assigned training there are no sessions warmups provided. Assigned training did not effectively serve the purpose for Levels 8-10 as it could be two or more days prior to their competition. Coaches requested training closer to the competition time which brought about this change.

e) **Consider adding a third "warm-up" gym with a trampoline, a double mini, and a tumbling strip this could ease all the congestion.**

The logistics of adding a warmup gym would create another problem with only one set of equipment for the two sets in the competition hall. Still creating logistical time problems. Other challenges include additional cost, and the space is not always a possibility depending on the venue chosen.

f) **Request to provide more carpet bonded foam in the stretching area.**

This can be requested and added to our equipment needs.

g) **Positive feedback on how the warmups were structured this year with the 55-minute session warmup and allowing the touches right before competing. It saves coaches, athletes and families the extra day away from work and home and the cost associated with that travel.**

It was agreed that this is the optimum process for coaches, athletes and families

- h) **Request to cap the number of athletes scheduled in each competition session. Filter smaller clubs into the numbers to decrease the number of athletes in lines for warmup.**

The schedule was decreased in the length of each session two years ago to help with the possible number of athletes in each session. Our challenges are that tumbling and double mini warm up moves much more quickly than trampoline. Since we compete by age group. It would not be possible to filter teams into certain sessions

- i) **Feedback on the 55-minute warm up for each session for Level 8 is good. Challenges include the difference in time between warmup and competing for many athletes. Request to consider session warmups and adding touches to the number of flight touches.**

The Program Committee has had various discussion regarding multiple options and has created mock schedule to try to emulate the outcome of different schedules. With the number of athletes and the number of additional touches and the amount of time this would add to the schedule it would exceed the available hours in the day and week.

14. Education

The Committee discussed potential new educational initiatives that the T&T Program could implement in the upcoming quad for athletes, coaches, and judges.

The meeting was ended at 5:00 PM EST.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM EST on Saturday October 5th by Patti Conner.

The Committee attended a Zoom meeting hosted by PAGU on the 2025-2028 FIG Code of Points hosted by Christophe Lambert and Miguel Vicente of the FIG TRA TC.

15. Rules and Policies

All revisions and recommendations submitted by committees throughout the year were discussed and reviewed. The Committee approved all changes and clarifications listed in the Rules and Policies for 2025.

- **Section 1**
Motion to accept Section I
Motion: Nuno
Second: Dante
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 2 (and Committee Charters)**
Motion to accept Section II
Motion: Nick
Second: Nuno
Vote: unanimously approved

- **Section 3**
Motion to accept Section III
Motion: Dante
Second: Alex

Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 4**
Motion to accept Section IV
Motion: Nuno
Second: Nick
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 5**
Motion to accept changes to Section V
Motion: Alex
Second: Dante
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 6**
Motion to accept changes to Section VI
Motion: Nuno
Second: Nick
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 7**
Motion to accept changes to Section VII
Motion: Dante
Second: Nick
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 8**
Motion to accept changes to Section VIII
Motion: Alex
Second: Dante
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 9**
Motion to accept changes to Section IX
Motion: Nick
Second: Dante
Vote: unanimously passed

- **Section 10**
 - Discussed changes to section 10 of the Rules and Polices

Meeting was ended at 5:00 PM EST.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EST on October 6th by Patti Conner

16. Code of Points

All revisions and recommendations submitted by committees throughout the year were discussed and reviewed. The Committee approved all changes and clarifications listed in the Code of Points for all disciplines for 2025.

17. Timeline

The Committee discussed the timelines for the new quad routines. Aiming to post before the end of the year with watermark that states that they are not the routines until August 1st, 2025 to avoid confusion and athletes competing the wrong routines.

Meeting was ended at 10:35 AM EST.