

Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair

Elite Committee Chair

Technical Committee representative

JO Committee Chair

Athlete Representative

Program Director

Patti Conner

Scott Lineberry

Billie Willis (acting for Deanna Hanford)

Chelsea Rainer

Michael Devine

Jacqui Godfrey

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 6:30pm on October 19th, 2019.

Program Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Selection Procedures Proposal

A proposal was received regarding selection procedures for 2020 and beyond, including methodology and examples for a point-based system.

Patti presented the Elite Committee discussion and recommendations regarding the proposal. The Program Committee discussed the proposal and agreed with the EC that the three competition / two highest score method is working – it is transparent and has been putting the correct athletes on teams. This method remains the preferred option for selection procedures.

The Elite Committee recommended to the Program Committee to consider adding specific international events (possibly including Pan American Championships, Pan American Games, Pacific Rim) as a possible replacement competition for total score. There was discussion regarding how this could be incorporated into procedures while not providing some athletes with a significant advantage (having additional opportunities to achieve scores). It was agreed that athletes would need to declare prior to the competition their desire to replace a national competition with a specific international event. Jacqui will work to include this in future procedures. It was noted that these competitions are already an option for World Cup and other assignments that depend on results from the full previous 12-months.

2. Petitions to USA Gymnastics Championships

The committee discussed the current rules for petitioning to Gym Champs.

Motion to add to the R&P that athletes who are a semi-finalist or finalist in the same event at the previous World Championships are eligible to petition to USA Gymnastics Championships.

Motion: Scott
Second: Chelsea
Vote: unanimous

3. Jumpstart

The idea of re-starting the Jumpstart program in 2020 was discussed. Jumpstart was a much-loved developmental tool until a few years ago, and there have been a number of requests to bring it back into the T&T developmental pathway.

Chelsea was confident that the program can be ready for the fall of 2020. She proposed a method of qualification to JumpStart for phasing in over the first two years:

- State Fitness testing (including 12 different tests) could count towards each athlete's score.
- Regional Scores could count towards each athlete's score.
- Regional Chairs could announce their team at Regionals.

This idea was tabled for further discussion.

The committee agreed to move forward with the addition of the Jumpstart program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.