

Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair Patti Conner Voting

Elite Committees Chair Chelsea Rainer Voting (via e-mail)

Technical Committees ChairDeanna HanfordVotingDevelopment Committees ChairNuno MerinoVotingAthlete Selection RepresentativeMichael DevineVotingT&T Program DirectorJacqui GodfreyNon-voting

USAG Programs Council Konstantin Gulisashvili Guest (non-voting) Technical Committee Billie Willis Guest (non-voting)

Technical Committee Laurie Cavarretta Guest (non-voting)

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 8:45pm EST on Thursday December 15, 2022.

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 above, 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.

Patti reiterated the importance of confidentiality with regards to the discussion and details of the incident, except as published in official minutes.

2. Mulligan Meet

Following the Mulligan Meet, it was discovered that the Meet Director / Referee, after consulting the Regional Technical Chair, advertised and ran the meet with an option for athletes to have a second attempt at competing. There were differing accounts of the mechanics of this meet, and whether it applied to the eligibility portion, Development mobility portion (there was no Elite mobility component), or both. Mobility was granted several months ago to athletes, without knowledge of the additional attempts. The committee discussed the differences between this situation and the previous minuted situation, including whether all athletes were treated identically, whether those involved made decisions knowingly or unknowingly, the process through which decisions were made, and the roles performed.

The committee unanimously shared their disappointment at this situation, which defies several rules across the CoP, R&P, and USAG Code of Ethical Conduct.

The committee discussed and agreed upon repercussions for each individual involved in the situation, based on the R&P and under the PC jurisdiction. It was noted that there are additional repercussions under the TC jurisdiction that have been decided upon by that committee.

The minutes contained herein are intended for publication, with a more comprehensive version including specific investigations and findings to be filed confidentially.

Meet Director / Referee and Regional Technical Chair

Motion to fine the Mulligan Meet Director \$100 for a sanction violation.

Motion: DeannaSecond: NunoUnanimous

Because the Regional Technical Chair was not directly involved with the sanction, the PC will not apply sanction violations in this case.

Active Judges

The PC agreed that there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the judges could have reasonably believed the competition to be approved with the advertised rules.

Mulligan Meet mobility status

Because mobility has been fully granted to these athletes and due to the timeframe between the incident and the discovery of the issue, the committee agreed that in this instance, mobility for the athlete granted such would not be rescinded.

The committee agreed that education is clearly required on this subject, and this will be provided in detail via the upcoming T210.

The meeting went into executive session, and Laurie and Billie left the meeting.

3. Tumble Tech Mobility Meet

Letters were received on behalf of athletes affected by the removal of Elite Mobility status for Tumble Tech to request that the PC's decision be reversed.

The committee discussed the letters and requests. It was agreed that if it were possible to allow mobility equitably for all involved, this would have been the preferred outcome. The issue remains that because the official results were altered, incomplete and inconclusive, and additional entries were not taken through the USAG meet reservations system, it is not clear as to which athletes entered again, which athletes repeated passes and which scores were altered. For this reason, it is not possible to allow individual athletes to use mobility scores from this meet because this cannot be applied across the elite mobility competitors in a fair and equitable way.

The committee again expressed its regret at this unfortunate situation. It was agreed to offer the affected athletes one entry into the new elite mobility system free of charge before February 2023.

Patti will respond on behalf of the Program Committee to those who reached out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.