



Technical Committee Meeting

Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford	Chair
Trampoline Representative	Dante Hebert	Voting
Tumbling Representative	Billie Willis	Voting
Double Mini Representative	Laurie Cavarretta	Voting
Athlete Representative	Alyssa Oh	Voting
Athlete Representative	Olivia Simpson	Non-voting
Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Non-voting
Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Non-voting

Meeting called to order by Deanna Hanford at 10:30pm on Friday March 3, 2023.

Technical 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 detailed 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.
- Deanna and Billie indicated a Col with item 2 and recused. Dante and Laurie voted in their places.

2. World Championships and World Age Group Competitions Judging Assignments

The committee discussed two requests for clarification from the Selection Committee regarding the judges rotation order and selection process, and submitted these to the SC.

3. Elite Challenge vs Pan Am Champs

A letter was received requesting that athletes assigned to Pan Am Championships be permitted to have their routines rejudged on video by the Elite Challenge panel for selection purposes.

The committee felt that there could be contrasting opinions on whether this would be an advantage or a disadvantage from those involved, and therefore each Pan Am Champs athlete should have the opportunity to nominate their choice of whether to use their Pan Am Champs score or have their E score rejudged by the Elite Challenge panel via video. In the case of the latter, the athlete would nominate their choice in writing prior to departure for Pan Am Champs, the panel would be required to not view scores prior to the re-judge, the score may go up or down or be the same.

This recommendation will be submitted to the Selection Committee for voting.

4. Piercings

A request was made to clarify the rules around piercings for Elite and Development programs. It was agreed to modify the Development Code of Points and Elite Special Requirements to say that all piercings should be removed; alternatively, if piercings are not removed they must be completely covered. If outside of the leotard, the covering must be tape affixed to the body, and be tan, black or

white. The penalty for breaking this rule should be 0.2 taken from the total score of each routine it occurs in. Jewelry larger than a simple stud earring would constitute a major violation and the athlete would not be allowed to start.

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double mini
Motion	Dante	Billie	Laurie
Second	Deanna	Deanna	Deanna
Vote	Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous

Patti will update the relevant documents and publish.

5. Judges' Role at International Events

The committee agreed that judges assigned to international events are required to be available for the team at all practices, except as agreed by the Head Coach or HoD and during judge briefings. USAG will include job descriptions with all assignment sheets, with the information outlined in the National Team handbook. If judges are not performing their duties, this should reflect on future assignments.. The item was tabled and the TC will discuss specific penalties further at a future meeting.

Jacqui will ask the Elite Committee if they would like to provide the same information for coaches, and circulate draft JDs for review.

6. Education

Jacqui updated the committee on progress made by the USAG Education department on providing online study resources for judging courses. The committee agreed that the proposed timeframe of all materials being submitted by May 2023 would be possible, and that sections of work would be submitted to Sara as they were available. There are a variety of formats available for use depending on the type of content submitted.

Once all parts are submitted and available for editing, the Committee will finalize which parts should be available to all and which should be available upon course registration.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30am.