



Technical Committee Meeting

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| 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 | Via recorded zoom |
| Athlete Representative | Olivia Simpson | Replacement athlete voting |
| Program Committee Chair | Patti Conner | Non-voting |
| Program Director | Jacqui Godfrey | Non-voting |

Meeting called to order by Deanna Hanford at 8:30am on Wednesday June 21, 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.
- Laurie indicated a Col with item 6.3 and recused. Dante voted in her place.
- Billie indicated a Col with item 7 and recused. Dante voted in her place.
- Deanna indicated a Col with item 9 and recused. Billie chaired and voted in her place.
- Dante and Deanna indicated a Col with item 11 and recused. Billie chaired and voted in their place.

2. International Assignments

The committee discussed the process and agreed that the changes are beneficial in presenting new opportunities for judges.

Motion to recommend to the Selection Committee to update the International Assignment process on the website, as submitted.

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

3. Disciplinary Procedures

The committee discussed the process and agreed that the proposed changes are beneficial in presenting new opportunities for judges. It was agreed to remove proposed clause 2 (timing of how long misconduct is considered). Questions were raised regarding how this relates to the Code of Ethical Conduct. The item was tabled, Jacqui will talk to Debbie Shon re how this relates to the USAG Code of Ethical Conduct.

4. Performing an Additional Attempt

The committee discussed ways to communicate to the community that additional attempts are not allowed.

It was agreed that this would be best included in the T210, and that allowing second attempts should be so rare that this would only be done thorough full communication with the TC Chair / PC Chair / Program Director.

The information will be submitted for inclusion in the T210. Work on finalizing R&P wording for Guide to judging and/or R&P

5. Education Materials

Hybrid/virtual Category 3 Tumbling is in progress and is close to completion.

Current cost is \$45 (\$50 for onsite signup). The committee discussed allocating \$15 for the written test (to go to USAG) and \$30 for the practical (to go to course presenter). Jacqui to ask Membership if this is acceptable.

Must pass written online before taking practical in person.

Category 2 will be started once Category 3 is completed.

Leader Level meeting is in September – this is the first time it is needed.

6. Leader Level

The committee reviewed the Leader Level appointment process. It was agreed that all candidates meet the minimum requirements. Additional criteria were discussed for each candidate in turn.

6.1. Motion to appoint Wyatt Moore to Leader Level in Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini.

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

6.2. Motion to appoint Jenny Gomez to Leader Level in Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini.

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

6.3. Additional candidates were discussed, and it was agreed that no further appointments would be made at this time. Deanna (and other TC members as appropriate) will contact all applicants to explain the committee’s reasoning in greater detail.

6.4. A suggestion was brought forward for changes to the geographical representation clause and whether Leader Level judges should have all disciplines. It was agreed that this would be a high consideration, but no changes were made as this is already incorporated into the process.

It was agreed to prioritize regions with limited judges over the next year.

7. Judging Extenuating Circumstance

The committee discussed a letter submitted requesting an extenuating circumstance be applied for missing minimum event requirements.

Motion that the reasons submitted in the letter be approved as extenuating circumstances, for the process of Senior Council and Leader Level for one year on a probationary period requiring full completion of the requirements in 2024.

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| | Trampoline | Tumbling | Double mini |
| Motion | Deanna | Deanna | Deanna |
| Second | Olivia | Olivia | Olivia |
| Vote | Unanimous | Unanimous | Unanimous |

It was clarified and agreed that there is no opportunity to request extenuating circumstances for not meeting Clause III criteria for international assignments.

8. Competition Card Submission Deadline

Discussion was held concerning the necessity of the penalty for a late, missing, or incomplete competition card. It was agreed that the penalty should be removed as it is not part of an athlete's performance. It was agreed that the penalty for a late, missing, or incomplete competition card from all Development Code of Points, Guide To Judging, and the U.S. Elite T&T Special Requirements be removed.

Motion to replace the penalty for a late, missing, or incomplete competition card from all Development Code of Points, Guide To Judging, and the U.S. Elite T&T Special Requirements with the following rule:

“Depending on the level of the competition, a designated time and place may be set in the competition directives as a deadline for competition cards. Any competition cards not turned in by the designated time and place will need to be submitted to the judging panel at the start of each athlete’s specific flight of competition. Additional competition cards should be available at each judging panel for any athletes or coaches to complete if needed. Athletes at Levels 9+ will not be permitted to compete until the competition card has been received by the judging panel for that event.”

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| Motion | Dante | Billie | Laurie |
| Second | Deanna | Deanna | Deanna |
| Vote | Unanimous | Unanimous | Unanimous |

It was agreed that this would be on a trial basis, and a final decision will be taken when the new quad’s CoP is published. It was also agreed to include guidance in the T210 for meet directors, coaches, and judges moving forward.

9. Judges Council Appointments

The committee discussed the process. Currently applications are submitted anonymously, however this creates difficulty with checking that the data submitted (for example years judging) is accurate. It was agreed that the initial vote will still be taken anonymously based on the assumption that data are correct, and once the vote is taken names would be added for the purpose of checking data and confirming, with no changes to the vote unless the submitted date was incorrect.

There were 15 anonymous applications for Junior and Senior Council. The Committee ranked the applications by total score.

9.1. Senior Judges Council

There are four spots available on Senior Council The committee agreed to appoint the judge with the highest rubric score (with a minimum score of 175) to the Senior Council.

Motion to name the following judge to the Senior Council:

- **Kristin Cleveland**

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| | Trampoline | Tumbling | Double mini |
| Motion | Dante | Billie | Laurie |
| Second | Olivia | Olivia | Olivia |
| Vote | Unanimous | Unanimous | Unanimous |

9.2. Junior Judges Council

All spots on the Junior Council are open. Fifteen applications were proposed to the Junior Council based on the selection procedures. The committee agreed to appoint the twelve judges with the highest rubric score (with a minimum score of 75) to the Junior Council:

Motion to name the following judges to the Junior Council:

- **Leslie Gill**
- **Jennifer Gomez**
- **Jamie Hastings**
- **Carola Heim**
- **John Kauffman**
- **Heather Marks**
- **Wyatt Moore**
- **Julia Orlinsky-Morgan**
- **Shannon Roby**
- **Brittany Stout**
- **Conner Stout**
- **Andrew Wise**

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| | Trampoline | Tumbling | Double mini |
| Motion | Dante | Billie | Laurie |
| Second | Olivia | Olivia | Olivia |
| Vote | Unanimous | Unanimous | Unanimous |

10. Inter-Committee Communication

It was agreed that in general, committees will work to communicate any discussions or changes covered in meetings, to other committees who may be affected or have thoughts on those decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Meeting reconvened via e-mail on June 30.

11. West Palm Beach World Cup Judges

An opportunity has presented for the U.S. to add an additional judge (self-funded) in each discipline for the West Palm Beach World Cup. The committee reviewed the FIG requirements and assignment rotation.

Motion to recommend to the Selection Committee the following additional self-funded judges for the West Palm Beach World Cup:

- **Trampoline: No judge named**
- **Tumbling: Dante Hebert**
- **Double Mini: Amy McDonald**

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| | Tumbling | Double mini |
| Motion | Billie | Laurie |
| Second | Laurie | Billie |
| Vote | Unanimous | Unanimous |

12. Pan American Games Judges

Dante Hebert and Tatiana Kovaleva were requested by name by PAGU.

The committee reviewed the FIG requirements and assignment rotation. Dante is not available. Konstantin declined his assignment and provided a letter requesting consideration for extraordinary circumstance.

Motion to recommend to the Selection Committee the judges for Pan American Games:

- **Tatiana Kovaleva**
- **Kelly Israel**

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

Motion to accept the extraordinary circumstance.

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

13. West Palm Beach World Cup Judges

Following the initial vote, Dante became unavailable for the event. The committee was in favor of assigning Deanna Hanford – unfortunately logistically this was unable to be completed in time.

Meeting adjourned.