



## 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 3:00pm EST on Friday November 25, 2022.

## 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 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 CoIs were declared.

### 2. Tumble Tech Elite Mobility Meet

Following the Tumble Tech Elite Mobility Meet, it was discovered that some athletes had been allowed a second attempt at completing their passes to achieve an elite mobility score. After an investigation, it was shown that the Meet Director, after advisement by the Meet Referee and another FIG judge, allowed several athletes to have additional attempts at competing. Athletes were invited to pay a second entry fee to the Meet Director (not through the USAG meet reservations system), in order to be judged again. Official results were altered to only show the second attempt. Accounts differ as to which athletes, and how many athletes, were a part of this incident. Opinions from those involved also differ in whether they thought the athletes were paying to try again, paying to enter the same meet again, or paying as part of a new unsanctioned meet. None of these options combined with the submitted results are allowable under the USAG rules.

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

The TC discussed and agreed upon repercussions for each individual involved in the situation, based on the R&P under the TC jurisdiction, and as recommended by the Program Committee. It was noted that there are additional repercussions under the PC 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 Referee and FIG leader

**Motion to remove the Meet Referee from the Junior Judges Council, and one FIG judge involved from the Senior Judges Council.**

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double mini</b>
<b>Motion</b>	Dante	Billie	Laurie
<b>Second</b>	Deanna	Deanna	Deanna
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous

Active Judges

The committee agreed to send letters of warning to all judges fined, stating the reasons why the decisions were incorrect, reiterating the responsibilities of all judges to implement the CoP, disappointment at the decisions taken and the responses to the incident, the ramifications to the event and athletes, and a warning about additional offenses. These letters will be approved by the PC and Program Director prior to sending.

**Motion to send letters of warning to active judges, except those included below (“other active judges”).**

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double mini</b>
<b>Motion</b>	Dante	Billie	Laurie
<b>Second</b>	Deanna	Deanna	Alyssa
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous

Other Active Judges

It was agreed that some judges should be held less responsible, due to one or more factors:

- Differential of age, rating and/or experience
- Power imbalance due to being a current athlete

The committee agreed to send educational follow-up to the remaining active judges, providing information on why this is a problem and techniques to use in the future. These letters will be approved by the PC and Program Director prior to sending.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Meeting reconvened via e-mail on Monday November 29, 2022.

**3. FIG Retesting**

An opportunity exists for existing FIG judges to retest their FIG category for potential upgrade. One person per discipline plus three reserves are allowed per Federation on a first come first served basis, and only established FIG judges are eligible. The opportunity is self-funded.

The committee reached out to eligible judges for expressions of interest. One EoI was received.

**Motion to recommend to the Selection Committee that Josh Williams be selected for the 2022 FIG Judge retesting.**

	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double mini</b>
<b>Motion</b>	Deanna	Deanna
<b>Second</b>	Billie	Laurie
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Meeting reconvened via e-mail on Saturday, December 3.

#### **4. Synchro Exercise Start**

The current wording in the Guide to Judging says the following:

*2.12. In synchronized competition the routine will be considered started when both gymnasts perform an element. Should one gymnast begin and the other does not, they may begin again until they have exceeded the maximum time allowed. If the competitors exceed the maximum time the routine will be considered a DNS.*

The committee agreed to add some points of clarification to match the FIG Code of Points.

**Motion to add the following bullets under Guide to Judging:**

- 2.12. In synchronized competition the routine will be considered started when both gymnasts perform an element.**
- **When one athlete performs an element and one does not, the pair may stop and restart their bounces if they choose. No additional penalties will apply unless the athletes exceed the time limit allowed to start their exercise. If the competitors exceed the maximum time the routine will be considered a DNS.**
  - **If one athlete performs an element and one continues bouncing, the routine is not deemed started until the second athlete performs an element. The synchronized routine will be judged out of the number of identical elements the pair performed.**

**Motion to change the verbiage in the Trampoline Code of Points:**

**1.6.6. A synchronized routine is considered started when both gymnasts perform ~~the first~~ an element.**

- **Motion: Dante**
- **Second: Deanna**
- **Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned.