



## 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 9:30pm EST on Tuesday December 13, 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.
- Dante indicated a Col with item 5, and recused.

### 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 TC discussed and agreed upon repercussions for each individual involved in the situation, based on the R&P under the TC jurisdiction. It was noted that there may be additional repercussions under the PC jurisdiction that will be 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

The TC recommends to the PC the following:

- That sanction violations be applied to the Meet Director / Referee (in each role)
- To recommend that whenever the Meet Director / Referee is assigned as a Meet Director or Meet Referee throughout 2023, that they be supervised by a member of their state or regional committee approved by the Program Committee.

#### Regional Technical Chair

Because the Regional Technical Chair was not directly involved with the sanction, the TC does not recommend that sanction violations be applied.

#### Active Judges

The committee agreed to send letters of warning to all active judges (except those included below (“other active judges”), 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.

#### **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

The TC recommends to the PC to investigate additional consequences for those involved that lie under the PC’s jurisdiction.

#### 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.

### **3. International FIG assignments**

The committee discussed whether judges removed from SR & JR Judges Council should be re-ranked based on this change, given the rotation was established for the quad.

It was agreed that there could be unintended consequences (positive or negative) for all involved in the rotation, and for this reason the rotation should not be changed at this time.

### **4. Brevet Retesting**

#### **Motion to accept the extenuating circumstances claimed in the letter from the judge declining an assignment.**

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

The Committee discussed a future amendment to the judge assignment process. It was agreed to plan for this to come out on August 1 2023, in order to workshop those updates with judges over the season. Planned updates to include:

- Adding a minimum and additional criteria clause similar to those in athlete and coach selection procedures.
- Allow for requests of potential availability when needed rather than once a year
- Define “assignment” as it is listed in the procedures.

**5. Baku World Cup Judges Assignment**

The Committee discussed potential judges. The process for selection was discussed, especially as relating to the use of criteria 5 on the assignment procedure. There are four judges eligible under criteria 5, and 7 events total (including 2022 Worlds already complete).

It was agreed that any judge accepting additional assignments under criteria 5 should be required to commit to serving as an Olympic judge should they be selected by the FIG.

Deanna and Jacqui to draft a statement of commitment and send it to the eligible judges. If needed, Jacqui will write a letter to FIG to request that all Cat 1 and 2 judges at qualification events be drawn to at least one E panel position to ensure that JEP scores can be collected.

It was agreed to table this item until the forms are received.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.