



Development Committee Meeting

Development Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Development Committee TRA Rep	Steven Gluckstein	Voting
Development Committee TUM Rep	Patrick Lyell	Voting
Development Committee DMT Rep	Juwan Young	Voting
Athlete Representative	Vacant	Voting
Athlete Representative	Kenny Vogan Jr.	Replacement Voting
Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Non-voting
Program Director	Alex Renkert	Non-voting
Program Manager	Dylan Bealey	Non-voting
Invited Guest (Observing)	Brittany Stout	Non-voting

Meeting called to order by Nuno Merino at 8:05 PM EST on Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Development 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 any items noted 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.

2. USA Gym Champs Numbers & Data

The committee reviewed year-over-year attendance growth at GymChamps, particularly at Level 8 and Level 10, and discussed options for managing continued growth within the event's schedule and venue capacity.

- Level 10 participation increased significantly on Trampoline and Double Mini, with a smaller increase on Tumbling.
- The committee discussed several possible approaches to future qualification standards, including age-group-specific scoring, a national qualifier quota, and other alternatives. No final decision was made; qualification data broken out by age group will be reviewed at a follow-up meeting.
- Decision from June PC Meeting: Level 10 athletes may now use Elite Challenge as an additional qualification opportunity for Gym Champs. This competition will no longer serve as an eligibility competition
- Decision from June PC Meeting: Winter Classic may now be used as an eligibility meet for Levels 5-7.

3. Stars & Stripes Numbers/Data

The committee briefly discussed attendance trends at Stars & Stripes, including whether the event locations may contribute to participation numbers.

4. Athletes Out of Order

The committee discussed protocol for athlete preparation when an athlete is out of competition order. The Program Committee affirmed that judge panel chairs should use reasonable judgment in these situations, and R&P/T210 language will be updated to reflect this guidance.

5. 15-Minute Warm-Up

The committee reviewed the 15-minute warm-up format that was introduced and agreed it is working as intended overall, providing athletes with appropriate touches on equipment.

- Synchro: a minimum of 3 touches will be provided when no general warm-up session is provided.

6. Open Division - Merger into Level 10 (17+)

The committee reviewed the history and current structure of the Open category relative to Level 10.

Background was provided on the original creation of the Open category, which was formerly an Elite category. Over the years, after being moved into the developmental program, there has been ongoing discussion about the distinction between Open and Level 10.

- Open athletes (22+) compete with similar caps and difficulty limits as Level 10 17-21 athletes.
- The committee discussed the potential advantages and disadvantages of creating two Level 10 age group categories (17–21 and 22+) rather than a single 17+ age group category.
- Overall Open category participant numbers are small.
- Committee reviewed the impact for Level 10 participant numbers and agreed that merging Open with into the Level 10 category would not create oversized flights.
- Practical outcome: removes the podium advantage of a small, separate age group and forces competition against the broader 17+ pool. The existing triple somersault allowance (currently Level 10 17–21 only) would simply become “17+” under the merged rule.

Motion: Recommend to the Program Committee that the Open division be merged into Level 10 as a 17+ age group, eliminating the separate “Open” label.

Motioned: Juwan

Second: Kenny

Vote: Unanimous

7. Education

The committee reaffirmed its commitment to developing required coach education for the T&T Program, beginning with a mandatory Level 1 course (floor access), followed by a Level 2 course based on reception and ability to implement.

8. Reinstating Athlete into the Dev Program after extended absence from Competition

The committee clarified reinstatement policy for athletes returning to the Developmental Program after an absence.

Motion: Athletes out of the program for more than 2 competitive seasons must restart at Level 8, regardless of prior level, consistent with the Elite Program's existing 2-season threshold.

Motioned: Steven

Seconded: Juwan

Vote: Unanimous

9. Minimum Judges Panel

Decision from June PC Meeting: Category 3 judges are now permitted for execution on Elite judge panels (previously required Category 2).

10. Eligibility Meets for Nationals Prior to State

New R&P language will clarify that the two required eligibility meets must be completed before the conclusion of the qualification process (i.e., before the athlete's last qualifying competition, whether state or regionals).

11. Score Calculations for States and Above

New technical rules were approved for next season, including updated HD rules and a maximum deduction of 0.3 for legs on trampoline.

12. Synchro Qualifications for Nationals

- All Dev Synchro levels must now qualify to attend Gym Champs; pairs may no longer attend simply by registering together.

13. Qualification Data

The committee will review Level 8 and Synchro qualification data broken out by age group at a follow-up meeting later this week.

14. Foreign Athlete Participation

- Foreign athletes may compete at their home federation's level with a letter from their national federation confirming their competitive level.
- Foreign athletes may compete at nationals at the Dev level only and cannot displace a U.S. citizen from a finals spot.

15. Salute Requests

- Decision from June PC Meeting: Injured athletes who are unable to compete at in invitational may now salute for a zero to earn eligibility without prior approval from the National office.
- The salute request process and approval from the National Office will now only be required for National Qualifiers, State and Regionals Championships.

16. National Team Petition for Injured Athletes

Junior National Team members who age into Intermediate or mobilize into Senior and are injured may now petition to attend Gym Champs. Petitioning athletes must still meet qualification standards if healthy.

17. T210 (Technical Information Document) Updates

Separate T210 documents will be created; one for coaches and one for judges to improve rule awareness and clarity across roles.

18. Athlete Awards Renaming

The committee discussed adding named Tumbling and Double-Mini athlete awards to complement existing Trampoline named awards. Internal Committee nominations remain open.

19. Regional Boundary Decision Update

- Arkansas will remain in Region 5.
- Clubs currently participating at State and/or Regional Championships outside of their designated geographical area will be directed back to their home state/region.

20. Next Meeting

The Development Committee will reconvene Thursday, 8:30 PM Eastern, to continue discussion of GymChamps qualification scored and mobility scores for the 2026-2027 season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM EST.