



### Program Committee and Technical Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Voting
Elite Committee Chair	Nick Minney	Voting
Development Committee Chair	Nuno Merino	Voting
Technical Committee Chair	Dante Hebert	Voting
PC Athlete Representative	Drew Collins	Voting
TC Double Mini Technical Representative	Laurie Cavaretta	Voting
TC Tumbling Technical Representative	Deanna Hanford	Voting
TC Athlete Representative (Outgoing)	Alyssa Oh	Non-Voting (Guest)
TC Athlete Representative (Outgoing)	Olivia Simpson	Non-Voting (Guest)
Program Director	Alex Renkert	Non-voting
Program Manager	Sydney Carlson	Non-voting
Senior Council	Caryn Szyper	Non-Voting (Guest)

### Members Not Present

TC Trampoline Technical Representative	Amy McDonald	Voting
PC Athlete Representative	Hope Bravo	Voting

### Program Committee and Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order by Patti Conner at 8:30pm ET on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

#### 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 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.

*Dante joined at 8:35pm ET*

#### 2. Confidential Executive Session – Disciplinary Matter

The Program Committee and Technical Committee entered a confidential executive session. USA Gymnastics Senior Counsel, Caryn Szyper joined the meeting to discuss a disciplinary action previously reviewed by the joint committees.

- **Recused from Discussion:** Nick Minney & Amy McDonald

*Caryn, Laurie, Deanna, Dante, Alyssa, Oliva left the call at 9:07pm ET*

*Nick joined the call at 9:09pm ET*

#### 3. Waiving Eligibility

The committees discussed clarifications to the waiver of eligibility process to improve consistency, transparency, and understanding for staff, athletes, coaches, and officials.

#### Key Clarifications & Discussions:

- **Submission Method:** The committee discussed exploring an online submission form to streamline requests and improve communication.
- **Tracking:** Committee discussed accessible tracking methods
- **Injuries Close to Competition:** The committee discussed the need for additional Rules

& Policies language to address injuries that occur outside a reasonable window to request an exception (such as during warm-ups).

See Guidance Below: *(Official language will be posted to the R&P)*

- In these circumstances, an athlete may salute to receive a zero while approval is pending, provided the request is submitted promptly for review after the injury occurs outside of a reasonable window to the Program Director. The appropriate meet officials must be informed of circumstance at the competition.
- **Documentation Expectations:** Requests submitted outside the prior approval window must include an explanation of the timing and circumstances that prevented participation due to injury, along with any available onsite medical documentation, if available. Additional documentation, including a doctor's note, may be submitted after the competition if necessary.
- **Canceled Competitions:** It was discussed and determined that unexpected competition cancellations do not waive eligibility requirements. Member clubs are expected to schedule sufficient opportunities to meet eligibility criteria.

#### 4. **Equipment Concerns**

The committee discussed a concern raised through member feedback regarding the use of FIG-specification equipment at non-competitive sanctioned events. The Program Committee will review the existing language and feasibility of any adjustments and determine whether achievable accommodations could be considered in the future.

#### 5. **Future Program Committee Meeting**

The Program Committee discussed potential dates for an in-person meeting in the fall and will continue coordination offline to confirm details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm ET.