Technical Committee Meeting

Technical Committee Chair	Dante Hebert	Voting
Trampoline Representative	Amy McDonald	Voting
Tumbling Representative	Deanna Hanford	Voting
Double Mini Representative	Laurie Cavarretta	Voting
Athlete Representative	Jessica Stevens	Voting
Athlete Representative	Kaylah Whaley	Non-voting
Program Director	Alex Renkert	Non-Voting
Program Manager	Dylan Bealey	Non-voting
Incoming TUM Representative	Wyatt Moore	Guest
Incoming DMT Representative	Andrew Wise	Guest

Meeting called to order by Dante Hebert in Tulsa, OK on June 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM CST.
Kaylah Whaley joined via Zoom.

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.

- Andrew indicated a conflict of interest with agenda item #2 and exited the meeting room for the discussion and vote. No other conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Dante thanked outgoing members for their years of service to the committee and welcomed new committee members who will officially begin their term on August 1, 2026.

General committee procedures were reviewed for meetings and throughout the competition season.

2. Leader Level Judge Applications/Considerations

Andrew exited the meeting at 10:05 AM

- The committee reviewed expressions of interest for Leader Level Judge appointments.
- The committee discussed the evolving structure of the judge education program, including anticipated expansion of virtual education, the future role of Leader Level Judges, and the continued importance of clinician-led education and mentorship.
- Given the anticipated changes to the education program, the committee agreed to retain the current pool of prospective Leader Level candidates for future consideration while limiting additional appointments at this time.

Motion: Approve Andrew Wise as a Leader Level Judge based on his upcoming Technical Committee education responsibilities while retaining the remaining candidates for future consideration.

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double-Mini
Motion: Amy	Motion: Deanna	Motion: Laurie
Second: Dante	Second: Dante	Second: Dante
Vote: Unanimously Passed	**Vote: Unanimously Passed**	**Vote: Unanimously Passed**

- The committee reviewed Jenny Wickett Gomez's request for an extenuating circumstance regarding Leader Level participation requirements.
    - After discussion of prior precedent and the circumstances presented, the committee supported granting a one-year extension.

Motion: Approve Jenny Wickett Gomez's request for an extenuating circumstance resulting in a one-year extension to the annual Leader Level participation requirements.

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double-Mini
Motion: Dante	Motion: Dante	Motion: Dante
Second: Amy	Second: Deanna	Second: Laurie
Vote: Unanimously Passed	**Vote: Unanimously Passed**	**Vote: Unanimously Passed**

Andrew returned to the meeting at 10:15 AM.

3. Education/Rules/Operations

- Alex provided the committee with an update from the USA Gymnastics Education team regarding the continued development of online judge's education.
- The committee also discussed continued enhancements to the Category 3 testing platform, study materials, and continuing education opportunities for judges. The committee will continue collaborating with the Education Department to explore future online testing opportunities and strategies to reduce barriers to entry while expanding the national judging pool.
- The committee discussed establishing a formal approval process for State and Regional Championship judging panels to improve consistency and ensure compliance with minimum panel requirements. The proposal will be forwarded to the Program Committee for further review.
- Rules and Policies, Code of Points, and Guide to Judging – Annual Updates
    - The committee reviewed potential topics and clarifications for inclusion in the annual T210 update. A final list will be submitted for consideration.
- The committee reviewed and developed recommendations on the following rules and operational updates for submission to the Program Committee.
    - **Note:** These recommendations are subject to review and approval by the Program Committee. USA Gymnastics members should reference the most current version of the applicable Rules and Policies and Code of Points.
    - Synchronized Warm-Up Procedures
        - Addition of 45-second warm-up language to Development Trampoline Code of Points.
        - Update the minimum number of warm-ups provided to synchro pairs when there is no general warm-up to 3 for all levels.
    - Standardize language regarding manufacturer logos and acceptable off-white apparel, including socks.

- Align long hair language with current FIG wording. “All hair should be secured close to the head. Loose hair is at the gymnast's own risk. It can cause safety problems and may result in an interruption.”
- Clarify procedures for athletes who salute but are unable to compete due to injury.
  - Require athletes not reflected as approved in the online system to be documented on the Meet Referee Report as having saluted for eligibility verification by the Program Director.
- Standardize DNS language across the Trampoline, Tumbling, Double Mini, and Elite Codes of Points to clarify that the CJP and Meet Referee may authorize an athlete to compete outside the published order due to extenuating circumstances.
- Align the Youth and Junior Elite DMT repetition rule with the Development Code of Points. “An element is considered a repeat when performed more than once in the same phase of any routine. Mounter, spotter, and dismount are considered to be different phases.”
- Add judging diagrams to the Code of Points for each discipline as appendices.
- Update rules and educational materials to reflect applicable 2025 and 2026 FIG Newsletter changes, including revised Trampoline execution deductions for legs and updated HD deductions.
- Clarify whether an athlete who only salutes during qualifications is eligible to advance to finals.
- Clarify whether an athlete who only salutes in the final round is eligible to receive a medal.

4. 2026-2027 Judges Courses/Judges Development

- Regional Category 1 Judges Courses: The committee agreed to offer each region the opportunity to host one Regional Category 1 Judges Course during the 2026–2027 testing cycle.
- Domestic Funded Judges Policy: The committee will develop a proposed policy outlining criteria for domestically funded judges at national selection events for consideration by the National Office.
- Judging Shortage Concerns:
  - The committee reviewed feedback received from state organizations regarding ongoing judging shortages.
  - The committee will continue working with the Education Department to enhance Category 3 education, testing, and preparatory materials while exploring future online education opportunities for additional certification levels.
  - Additional concepts related to judges' education and certification structure were discussed and will continue to be developed.

5. Misc/New Business

- The committee reviewed concerns raised by members of the judging community regarding per-session compensation at the USA Gymnastics Championships and support for qualified judges who are not funded but are needed to fill judging assignments throughout the week. The committee will compile supporting information and historical data for presentation to the National Office for future consideration.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:48 PM CST