



2024 Women's Program Committee (WPC) Minutes  
June 29, 2024 – Minneapolis, MN

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (WPCC/NDPCC) at 12:20 pm CST on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Roll Call:

WPCC	Tom Koll	Non-voting*
NDPCC		Voting
NTCC	Linda Thorberg	Voting
NXCC	Claudia Kretschmer	Voting
NACC	Jennifer Krause	Voting
IECC	Kelli Hill	Voting
Athlete Representative	Jessie DeZiel	Voting
Athlete Representative	Emily Schild	Voting
VP – Women's Program	Annie Heffernon (ex-officio)	Non-voting
Development Program Director	Christy Naik (ex-officio)	Non-voting
Technical Director	Nichole Otterson (ex-officio)	Non-voting
Incoming IECC	Kittia Carpenter	Guest

\*Casts a vote only in the case of tie or acclamation.

Reports:

**National Development Program Committee Chair (NDPCC) – Tom Koll**

Tom provided the committee an update from the Development Program Committee meetings that took place in Daytona Beach; details can be viewed in the 2024 Development Program Committee meeting minutes. Additional discussion included the upcoming development of the new compulsories.

**National Technical Committee Chair (NTCC) – Linda Thorberg**

Linda provided the committee an update from the Technical Committee meetings that took place in Daytona Beach; details can be found in the 2024 Technical Committee meeting minutes. Additional discussion included providing updates on the core courses for Congresses, feedback on the new judge's category system implementation (not scheduled to start for 2 more years), and new Code ideas.

**National Xcel Committee Chair (NXCC) – Claudia Kretschmer**

Claudia provided the committee an update from the Xcel Committee meetings that took place in Daytona Beach; details can be found in the 2024 Xcel Program Committee meeting minutes. Additional discussion included the new Xcel National Program of the Year award, which will be based on the philosophy of the program, as well feedback from the Xcel Committee on the possibility of holding a national Xcel event.

**International Elite Committee Chair (IECC) – Kelli Hill**

Kelli provided the committee an update from the IEC; details can be found in the posted 2024 IEC minutes. Additional discussion included an overview of IEC projects from the past year, continued efforts to improve and further the TOPS program, and a positive feeling of change from the Elite coaches.

**National Administrative Committee Chair (NACC) – Jennifer Krause**

Jennifer provided the committee an update from the Administrative Committee meeting that took place in Daytona Beach; details can be found in the 2024 Administrative Committee meeting minutes. Additional discussion included an overview of the 2024 State Chair workshop and all information that was provided.

**Athletes' Council representatives – Jessie DeZiel & Emily Schild**

Jessie and Emily provided the committee an update from the Athletes' Council; details can be found in posted meeting minutes. Additional discussion included the upcoming Athletes' Council elections in the fall as well as the request for additional in person AC meetings.



**Unless otherwise noted, the following clarifications and recommendations for change are effective for the 2024-2025 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2024.**

1. Recommendation to update Regional Xcel Committee Chair nomination criteria: Must be presently a coach ~~judge~~ or administrator in the Xcel program.  
**MOTION:** Kelli Hill (IECC)  
**SECOND:** Linda Thorberg (NTCC)  
Abstention: 1  
**PASSED**
2. Recommendation to update the [Women's Program Operating Code](#) and appropriate charters with the following proposals brought forward from the May committee meetings:
  - a. Add to Article V – **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS:**
    - 1) SECTION J - REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (RTCC): Must have been assigned to judge Level 9 Easterns or Westerns and Level 10 National Championships in the current or previous cycle.
    - 2) SECTION L- STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (SACC): Must have previous volunteer experience on a State, Regional or National committee.
  - b. Add to Article VI – **ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE:**
    - 1) SECTION A – **NATIONAL OFFICERS**
      - a) Beginning in 2025, to allow for a staggering of National officer elections, the term of the incumbent NDPCC and NXCC (whose current term is 2022-2026) will be extended one (1) year to end in 2027.
      - b) Beginning in 2027, NDPCC and NXCC elections will be conducted three (3) years after the Olympics / one (1) year prior to the Olympics.
      - c) Nominations shall be sent to the Development Program Director in the National Office by May 15 of the election year.
      - d) Prospective candidates shall forward a résumé to the National Office by June 1.
      - e) If only one nomination for National Officer is received, the National Chairman of the respective committee will cast one vote and the nominee will be elected by acclamation.
        - In the case of only one (1) nomination being received for the position of Women's Program Committee Chair, the VP of Women's Program will cast one vote and the nominee will be elected by acclamation.
    - 2) SECTION C - **REGIONAL OFFICERS**
      - a) 2024 USOPC mandated term limits require the current WAG election cycle to undergo changes to ensure the longevity and continuation of Women's Program volunteer leadership structure. To remove the possibility of committees losing all members due to term limits in any given year, elections between 2025 and 2029 will follow the below staggered timelines:
        - i. Any mentioned two (2) year extension will NOT count as a term.
        - ii. **2025:** RTCC elections ONLY. RDPCC and RXCC terms extended one (1) year to 2026.
          - Four (4) of the eight (8) RTCC's will receive a two (2) year extension on their current term (2021-2025, extension ends 2027) while the remaining four (4) RTCC's will have elections for the next four (4) year term (2025-2029).
        - iii. **2026:** RDPCC and RXCC elections
          - RDPCC, RXCC: Four (4) of the eight (8) RDPCC's and RXCC's will receive a two (2) year extension on their current term (2021-~~2025~~ 2026, extension end 2028) while the remaining four (4) RDPCC's and RXCC's will have elections for the next four (4) year term (2026-2030).
        - iv. **2027:** RACC and RTCC elections
          - RACC: Four (4) of the eight (8) RACC's will receive a two (2) year extension on their current term (2023-2027, extension ends in 2029) while the remaining four (4) RACC's will have elections for the next four (4) year term (2027-2031).
          - RTCC: The four (4) RTCC's who received the two (2) year extension in 2025 will have elections for their next four (4) year term (2027-2031).
        - v. **2028:** RDPCC and RXCC elections



- The four (4) RDPCC's and RXCC who received the two (2) year extension in 2026 will have elections for the next four (4) year term (2028-2032).
- vi. 2029: RACC and RTCC elections**
- The four (4) RACC's who received the two (2) year extension in 2027 will have elections for their next four (4) year term (2029-2033).
- b) Beginning in 2030, all extensions will be completed, and the new election cycle structure will be as follows:**
- i.** The year of the Olympic Games
    - National Chairs – WPCC, NACC, IECC
    - Regional Chairs – RDPCC, RXCC\*
  - ii.** The year AFTER the Olympic Games
    - Regional Chairs – RTCC, RACC\*
  - iii.** Two (2) years after the Olympic Games
    - National Chairs – NTCC
    - Regional Chairs – RDPCC, RXCC\*
  - iv.** One (1) year before the Olympic Games
    - National Chairs – NDPCC, NXCC
    - Regional Chairs – RTCC, RACC\*
- \* Regional elections based on June 2024 WPC meeting
- c.** Recommendation to define duties and responsibilities of a Regional Technical Committee (RTC): to include assisting in the organization of clinics, camps, petitions, administrative work, newsletters and correspondence.

**MOTION:** Emily Schild (AC)

**SECOND:** Claudia Kretschmer (NXCC)

**PASSED**

**3.** Recommendation to accept the below proposal for Regional chair staggering:

**Regional Technical Chairs:**

- Even regions (R2, R4, R6, R8) to receive 2-year extension (2027 election for next term)
- Odd regions (R1, R3, R5, R7) to have 2025 election for next term

**Regional Development Program Chairs:**

- Odd regions (R1, R3, R5, R7) to receive 2-year extension (2028 election for next term)
- Even regions (R2, R4, R6, R8) to have 2026 election for next term

**Regional Xcel Chairs:**

- Odd regions (R1, R3, R5, R7) to receive 2-year extension (2028 election for next term)
- Even regions (R2, R4, R6, R8) to have 2026 election for next term

**Regional Administrative Chairs:**

- Even regions (R2, R4, R6, R8) to receive 2-year extension (2029 election for next term)
- Odd regions (R1, R3, R5, R7) to have 2027 election for next term

**MOTION:** Tom Koll (NDPCC)

**SECOND:** Kelli Hill (IECC)

**PASSED**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Claudia Kretschmer (NXCC)

SECOND: Jessie DeZiel (AC)

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm