



NATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 24, 2008 – National Team Training Camp

1. Role Call

Ivaylo Katsov – National Elite Committee Chairman
Selena Peco – National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
Bob Meier – National Acro Program Committee Chairman
Tom Housley – Program Director
Ronda Francis – Acro Explosion
Linda Meier – Aerial Tumbling and Acrobatics
Linda Porter – Rising Star Acrobatic Club
Nichole Tilton – San Ramon Valley and Dance
Gwain Dupree – Crescent City Gymnastics
Marie Annonson – West Coast Training Center
Danill Kostovetskiy – Emilia's Acrobatic Gymnastics Center
Youri Vorobyev – Realis Acro
Anatoliy Solodar – Paramount Tumbling and Acrobatics (absent)
Tisa Penny – Unaffiliated (absent)
David Reiakvam – Empire Acrogymnastics (absent)

2. USA International Track

The Elite Committee, in conjunction with the Junior Olympic Committee, has compiled input regarding the new international track for the US Acrobatic Gymnastics Program. At the National Team Training Camp, each of the committee chairmen will address the coaches as a whole to better educate coaches on the new track.

3. 2009 Freedom Cup Selection

A recommendation was made to send invitations to National Team Members and Junior Olympic National Team Members currently training with the same or different partners to attend this event and participate as members of Team USA. Coaches who have athletes that are non-members are eligible to submit a video from their respective State Championships and/or Regional Championships.

Video is to be submitted to the National Office and must be the official video used by the jury of appeals. No other video will be accepted to be submitted for consideration. The video must be on a DVD and be submitted to the National Office (in-hand) no more than 10 days immediately following the competition. No late videos will be accepted past the deadline.

Motion: Ronda Francis
Second: Marie Annonson
Second

Petition Process – per the Rules and Policies; upon Elite Committee's approval, the coach may use their respective Regional Championships to prove readiness.

Motion: Linda Porter
Second: Marie Annonson
Passed

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A target score* is set for consideration to the USA Delegation. Consideration to the team will be determined based on proof of readiness at the Freedom Cup Selection.

*The target score is calculated using the sum of the execution average plus the artistry average less performance related CJP deductions (i.e. time faults, special requirements, minimum difficulty) for full competitive program.

Level 8 – 46.00
Level 8-I – 46.00
Level 9 – 48.00
Level 10 – 66.00
Elite – 67.00

Motion: Selena Peco
Second: Ivaylo Katsov
Passed

All athletes, regardless of national team status, must show proof of readiness for international competition by participating at the Freedom Cup Camp. Athletes who do not show readiness will not compete for the USA; however the pair/groups will be allowed to represent their club team in the Freedom Cup competition.

A 3-day camp will be held prior to the Freedom Cup Event. Recommendation for the Freedom Cup Selection Camp tentative schedule was proposed:

Day 1: Tuesday, July 07 – Training for all athletes
Day 2: Wednesday, July 08 – Present routines – (proof of readiness)
Day 3: Thursday, July 09 – Scheduled Training (USA Team and Club Team)

All athletes must show proof of readiness for international competition before competing at the Freedom Cup.

Motion: Danill Kostovetskiy
Second: Youri Vorobyev
Passed

The Elite Committee recommends additional Team Managers and Chaperones to assist with the two delegations.

Motion: Ronda Francis
Second: Ivaylo Katsov
Passed

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2009 British Open Tournament

The Elite Committee recommends sending a USA delegation in preparation for 2010 Acro World Championships and World Age Group Competition. Junior Olympic National Team, Junior National Team, and Senior National Team members will be given automatic selection to the delegation. Assignments will be made based on age eligibility and competitive level and performance from the 09 Junior Olympic Acrobatic National Championships and 09 Visa Championships. The automatic selections will be for the designated age groups*: 11-16 Age Group, 12-19 (Junior Age Group) and 15+ (Senior Age Group) and are contingent on the athletes attending the 09 National Team Training Camp and showing proof of readiness.

**Age Groups may be opened to allow an increase in participation.*

National Team athletes in new partnerships, non-national team athletes, and pair/groups wishing to be considered for a different age group have the opportunity to compete at the selection competition for consideration. The selection competition is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the National Team Training Camp.

Motion: Selena Peco

Second: Ronda Francis

Passed

4. Coach/Judge Updates on the Acro website

On the left-hand side of the Acro page, a new button labeled "Judges/Coaches Updates" has been added. The button will provide important updates to current Acro Judges/Coaches as it relates to upcoming events, reminders, technical information etc... The link was added to increase communication as it relates specifically to Acro Judges and Coaches.

5. Coaching Standards

The Elite Committee reiterated the importance of each coach holding themselves to the highest standard in and out of the gym. Coaches must exhibit a positive and constructive attitude towards athletes, volunteers and staff involved in the competition.

6. National Team List Update

The National Team list was updated to include any changes with partnerships.

7. International Selection Follow-up

The National Elite Committee reiterated the importance of follow-up after an international selection event with every coach, especially coaches with athletes not named to Team USA. Follow-up allows the coach to focus on area of improvement to ensure athletes are selected in the future. Video review of the selection event has been expressed to be the best forum to provide feedback.

8. Communication Channels

Ivaylo Katsov asked that all emails are sent directly to him as they pertain to elite coach questions and feedback. Bob Meier and Tom Housley are to be copied on the emails.

Meeting adjourned: 10:57pm

Approved by Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics President

12/18/2008