
Trampoline & Tumbling Program Assembly: Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2016
Location: Adobe Connect Virtual Platform/Pragmatic Conference Call
In Attendance: Voting Members:
Stéphan Duchesne (GCG - High Performance Director)
Derek Hanson (AB)
Debbie McBoyle (BC)
Michelle Dewyn (MB)
Jennifer Charters (NB)
Allison Tanaka (ON)
Marylène Turp (QC)
Cheryl Russell (SK)

Observing:
Dillon Richardson (GCG Staff)
Trish Quinney (AB)
Eran Silberg (AB)
Andrée Montreuil (BC)
Rachelle Perry (NB)
Nadia Bruno (ON)

1. Introduction

S. Duchesne began the meeting at 13:10, outlining the agenda and requesting additions to the agenda; no additions were made.

Review of Distributed TTPC Minutes

New Code of Points to impact provinces and territories on multiple aspects (judges, competitions, etc.); goal of current meeting for provinces to agree on 2017 competition season schedule.

Biggest possible change to be introduction of horizontal displacement device (device to track where the athlete lands on the trampoline; responsibility and deduction removed from judges, objective analysis through technology). New Code of Points redistributes tasks (Time of Flight to Chair of Panel, only 4 Execution Judges, 2 Judges to do horizontal displacement; same number of Judges on panel). The future may have one judge doing horizontal displacement and time of flight; provinces can eventually run a competition with 2 less trampoline judges. Current technology not stable enough and very expensive; GCG does not recommend provinces and clubs to purchase one yet.

For the 2017 season, displacement to be judged manually but an effort will be made to make it electronically for the national events.

Competition Trampolines in Canada

Current contract with Gymnova does not include Trampoline; Gymnastics Canada (GCG) has the freedom to use any company. The obvious choice is to use Eurotramp, as these are used internationally. Beginning at 2017 Canada Cup, the desire to begin selling full equipment and/or parts of equipment (beds, springs, etc.). Moving forward, the desire is to rotate equipment (beds and springs) every year (2 competitions) and the frames every 2 years.

Current Canadian System

Some challenges and changes to come but nothing major to levels.

S. Duchesne reiterated that provinces should not begin their competitive season before February 10, as judges won't be recertified before then. Judge recertification to occur after FIG Intercontinental Judging Course at the beginning of February; exact dates not known. Roles are changing within judging, as previously described.

GCG won't be able to recognize competition if done before the FIG Intercontinental Course planned to happen at the end of January or beginning of February; judges to return and spread changes. This decision is based off experience from last cycle.

The link to the new Code of Points draft document was provided:

http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/tra/TRA-CoP_2017-2020-e.pdf

Qualifications to National Championships

Current qualification relies on provinces tracking mobility after competitions. Trust and reliance on provinces to register athletes in the proper categories. The overall thought related to coach education and mobility is that mobility is the minimum requirement for the next level – not what's required to be successful and competitive; moving levels isn't always the best development option.

GCG plan to organize a Coaches' Forum in December. New and revised rules along with mobility and program direction will be communicated to coaches and administrators with rationale.

Fresh Start Finals

The decision has not yet been made; organization not totally in favour of this yet. Current system not setup for this but internationally this is the way competition rules. If competitions are changed to fresh start finals, minimum score to make finals would need to be raised with requirements to hit both routines.

2. Discussion of 2016-17 Event CalendarSeptember 2016: Third Trial for Trampoline Carding

Addition of a third trial for trampoline only, mainly for carding purposes to occur in September in the Great Toronto Area; minimal setup required, judges to be brought in. This event could occur the same time as the planning session and quadrennial debrief. Information to be distributed at the month's end.

October 2016: Junior Commonwealth Gymnastics Championships

The plan is for the Trampoline Program to attend bringing athletes only in trampoline; athletes capable of competing in double mini-trampoline will have the opportunity to do so. Event to occur October 10-15, 2016 in Walvis Bay, NAM for Junior level athletes. Athletes selected using Junior Ranking. GCG to provide funding for Trampoline; recommendation for province to provide some additional support.

November 2016: Senior Pan Am Championships/Age Group Pan American Club Cup

Both events occurring this fall. Age Group Pan Am Club Cup presents opportunity for athletes to gain international experience. Equipment supplier failed FIG test, which may cause the event to be moved to Colombia; information to come in the following weeks.

3. 2017-18 Domestic Event Hosting

2017 Canada Cup

One formal bid received; date preferably to be May 6-8, 2017. Possible conflict with Eastern/Western Championships but their date hasn't been confirmed.

2017 Canadian Championships

One club has displayed interested.

2018 Events

Some interest but nothing officially received. Deadline to submit interest or bids (preferably) is June 24, 2017. Email with bid packages sent from GCG to clubs, coaches and provinces in recent week.

The link to the GCG Event Bid Hosting document and packages was shared:

<http://www.gymcan.org/events-results/general-event-documents/hosting-documents>

Set Locations of Events

A discussion was had regarding the idea of alternating events east and west; the idea of assigning events to provinces was agreed to in principle but further details and viability needs to be worked out. Provinces present on the conference call seems to be in favor of using such a methodology to fairly distribute the events. A discussion with GCG's Events Director is required on this idea.

4. Review of Motions Submitted to the TTPC

No decisions taken with any motion; all to be reviewed in detail in September.

a. BC: To review the mobility requirements for Level 4 Tumbling to mobilize to Level 5.

The consensus of review was that it will be revisited come September at the review; values for deductions and bonuses to be changed with FIG changes. Possibility to get rid of 1.0 penalty (punishes those for being ready for Level 4); to change that elements above 1.1 difficulty will only get value of 1.1 difficulty like Junior FIG/World Age Group Competition. Submitted statistics appear to incorrect.

Decision: Top coaches in country to converge in September to build new routines and rules.

b. ON: For the GCG Dress for Competitors or Spotters be updated to reflect the FIG Dress for Gymnasts and Spotters.

Motion not required to be moved – merely a misprint in rules.

Decision: approved and to be modified in next distributed rules (to use same Dress for Competitors and Spotters as FIG Code of Points, allow short unitard/longs, one-piece suit).

c. QC-1: To modify the level of difficulty in the compulsory routine in the P1 category in TRI for a revised routine.

The consensus of the review was adding somersaults in Level 1 routine requirements will eliminate/restrict athletes from accessing sport. No somersaults in Level 1 is to ensure safety and participation across Canada.

Decision: during the September review, different option will be explored (ex. should it be required to do 10 skills?).

d. **QC-2: To propose that no changes be done to the mobility standards after December 1st.**

Decision: Agreed to in principal. For the next competition season, it will be difficult to know as the system and rules will be modified and implemented. Rules for levels, including mobility requirements and selection standards will be set after X point, except for the case of obvious error (will occur in next year with new rules).

October 15th is the internal date set to have everything complete. Updates only to occur when obvious mistake is discovered.

e. **QC-3: To redefine the requirements for obtaining the Coaching Level 3 Certification.**

The requirements for obtaining the Level 3 Coaching Certifications are identical between each province, as clarified by the Coaching Education Staff.

Proposal: A working group to modify the actual requirement tasks or number of points required of the Level 3 Practical Component is being considered.

f. **QC-4: To make provincial championships mandatory for all national level athletes, except for those who participate in an international competition, assigned by GCG during the of the event.**

The general expectation is athletes participate in two provincial cups and their provincial championships, with the exception of injury and international assignment by GCG. Provinces should implement National Championships/general funding consequences should they not fulfill this requirement (most other provinces do this).

Decision: GCG to change requirements to be listed as “athletes must compete in two provincial cups AND the provincial championships.” National Team athletes recommended to attend one to two provincial cup and the provincial championships, with the exception of a conflict with an international event or injury.

5. Discussion Items

a. International Sanctions versus Participation at Canada Cup

Previously discussed; partially impacted by an event’s location. East clubs more likely to travel internationally for experience than compete at Canada Cup; if those clubs aren’t in attendance, athletes from west can’t get better competition either. All levels effected (Level 5 gains better experience, equipment and judges; Level 6 are attempting to make National Team and World Age Group Competition Team). Counterpoint is the system creates incentive to attend international event. Solutions are already in place with events being hosted later and ideally split between cities east and west.

Events possibly to be shorter in length; more panels running at once.

Athletes, coaches and clubs overreacting to gain international experience early (international experience and Indo Pacific Championships in same year); proper model should be in different years.

Statistics:

Event	Clubs	Number of Athletes
2016 Canada Cup	43	182
2016 Canadian Championships	64	326
International Sanctions	16	65

b. Number of Coach Exemptions

The number of coaching exemptions has risen with the requirements of full Level 3 Certification for 2016 events. Coaches given amplitude of notices to apply for exemptions.

Statistics:

Year	Number of Exemptions
2015	8
2016	14

A Level 4 Course to be offered in the fall.

c. Concussion Protocol

Session lead by National Team Athletic Therapist, Stephen King at 2015 Canadian Championships' Coaches' Forum.

Baseline tests attempted to be completed by Senior National Team Members during competition weekend to very low completion rates. Program to receive updated completion records and attempt to complete during summer.

d. 2019 Canada Games – Inclusion of TRA-SYN

Inclusion of Synchronized Trampoline provisionally approved. Quota may be raised; to be discussed about why a third athlete would be beneficial (higher level competition). TRA-SYN would add another day of competition (2 training days, 2 competition days, day break; athletes must be there for around 1 week).

Canada's provinces must encourage more participation at the national level. Many pairs participated at the Eastern and Western Championships.

Next discussion will be over TRA-SYN's inclusion in Pan American Games (European Games had it). The more included it is in major multi-sport games, the more likely it will be included at the Olympic level in the future (beyond 2020).

As a nation, we should be proactive in training and competing in TRA-SYN.

6. Other Items/Additions**a. Judging Update/FIG International Judge Course**

Marthe Desmarais-Moen provided an update on judging internationally and domestically.

Courses and Recertification

All provincial judging representatives in agreement that no courses will run from October 1st until September 2017; this will allow time for Canadian rules to be developed, exams to be created and scores to be validated.

Recertifications to be in place by December 31, 2017 with the expectation that all judges recertify before Canada Cup or National Championships. The first course to be completed after the intercontinental course in mid-February.

Intercontinental FIG Course

Not much is known on the details about when or where the course will take place or how many judges will be eligible to be sent on behalf of Canada. This could create problems for the 2017 Canada Cup being FIG certified. It's possible to be limited to 10 judges attend a course; this could be expanded to 21; this is being addressed to FIG by Stéphan Duchesne.

Exams

The exams are to be shortened for provincial judges, to include better videos and less repetition.

Comments from Provinces

Quebec understands process, not agreeing to it; they require more judges to run events.

New Brunswick planning a course before the cutoff date, understanding that judges have to recertify in early February because of Code of Point changes.

7. Date for Next Meeting

Coach Planning Session to occur mid to end of September.

Quadrennial Debrief, Retreat and Coaches' Forum to occur in December.

8. Other Items/Additions

a. Reports from Provinces and Territories

Quebec asked to share information about the number of competition per year: around 50 per competitive season; most are mixed with MAG and WAG, which in Quebec is a model that works.