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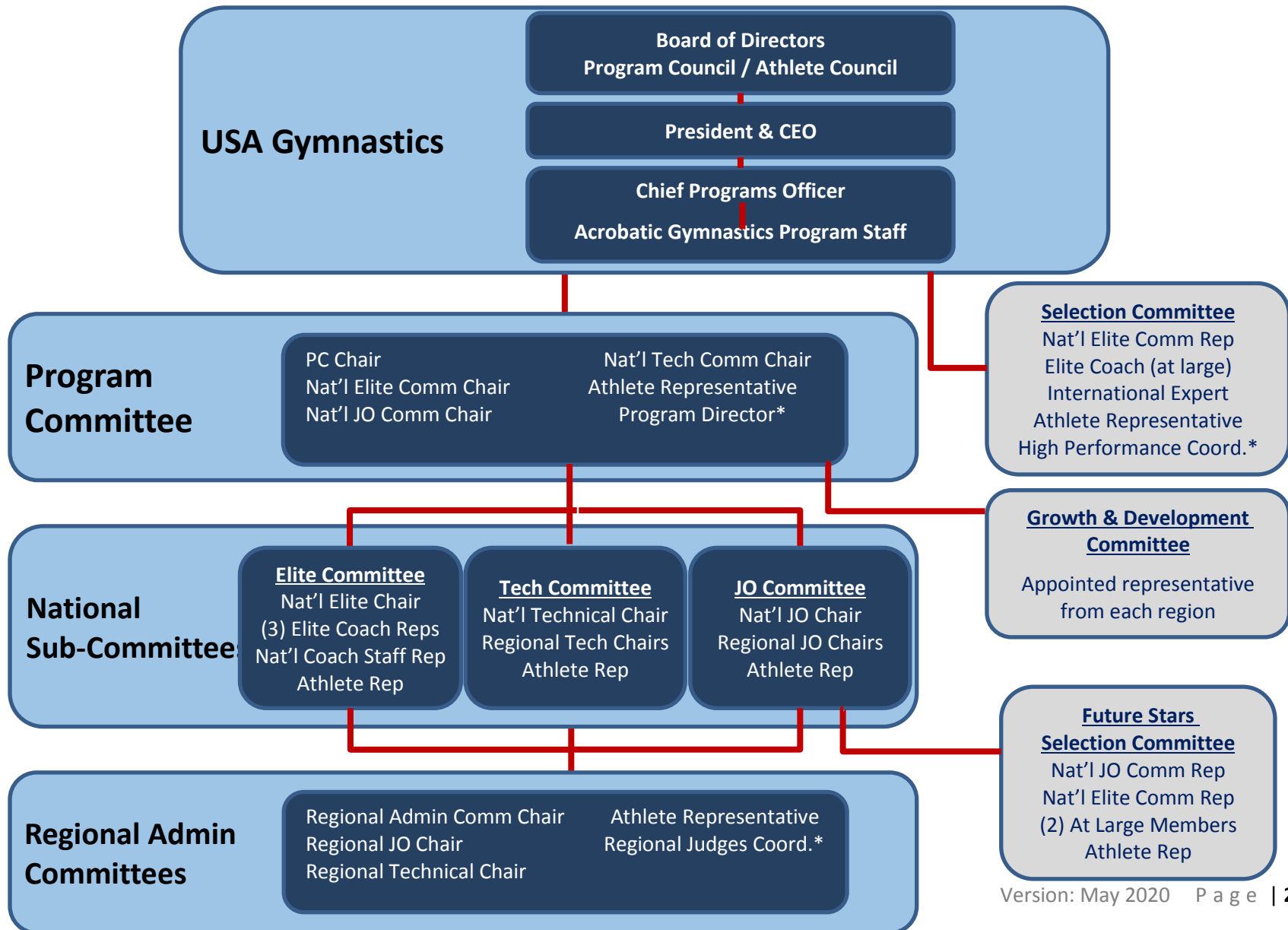
FOR THE

ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

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ARTICLE I – STRUCTURE

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program is composed of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and its sub-committees, regional committees, and special committees. The committees function as per the Operating Code and Duties & Responsibilities.



*non-voting position

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

An individual who holds current paid membership in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program of USA Gymnastics, safety/risk management certification, are U.S. Center for SafeSport Core Course Trained, and has passed a background check shall be deemed a Professional member. This individual must be a minimum of 18 years of age and shall receive a membership card stating that they are a Professional Member with full voting privileges. Junior Professional members do not have voting privileges.

An individual who holds current paid athlete membership in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program of USA Gymnastics shall be deemed an Athlete Member. Athlete Members who are competitive age 14 and older have voting privileges related only to the nomination and election of Regional Athlete Representatives.

ARTICLE III – PROGRAM

All activities of the Acrobatic Program Committee (APC) and its sub-committees shall be coordinated with the National Office staff. No USA Gymnastics funds or statement of official policy shall be made by the APC (or any of its sub-committees) without approval of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors and/or the President. The APC will have overall responsibility for the direction of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program of USA Gymnastics. These responsibilities must stay within the framework of the USA Gymnastics Constitution and as guided by policies and statements from the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors. The APC and its sub-committees shall serve as a recommending body to the President of USA Gymnastics.

All elected officials of the APC and its sub-committees are obligated to support USA Gymnastics, its Rules and Policies, programs of competition, and to further the development of USA Gymnastics at the grassroots level. Members of the APC and sub-committees shall carry out all responsibilities in a professional manner in order to promote the growth of acrobatic gymnastics in an atmosphere of cooperation and communication.

The chairman of the APC, any sub-committee, or special committee may invite guests to meetings, discussions, and emails as needed based on agenda topics, expertise, etc. Guests may participate with full voice, but no vote. Guests may include individuals such as, but not limited to, the USA Gymnastics Board Representative, Programs Council members, Growth & Development Committee Chair, FIG Acro-TC Representative, National Team Coaching Staff, etc. National Committee Chairmen may attend meetings of any sub-committee or special committee.

ARTICLE IV – ACRO PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1. The governing body of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program shall be known as the Acrobatics Program Committee (APC). The committee composition is as follows:
 - a. Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman (APCC)
 - b. National Elite Committee Chairman (NECC)
 - c. National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (NJOCC)

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- d. National Technical Committee Chairman (NTCC)
 - e. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
 - f. Program Director of Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)
 - g. Chief Programs Officer of USA Gymnastics (non-voting)
2. The Acrobatic Program Committee shall:
- a. Be charged with the development of a well-organized and well-designed program for acrobatic gymnastics in the United States.
 - b. Organize acrobatic competitions at all levels at the local, state, regional and national divisions.
 - c. Create, distribute and disseminate technical materials, rules and regulations, educational and scientific literature and other information necessary and appropriate to support the coaching and judging community.
 - d. Provide improvement and growth of acrobatic gymnastics through the training, education, certification, and evaluation of coaches, judges, and athletes.
 - e. Endorse candidates to represent USA Gymnastics in FIG activities including international judges' courses, coaches' courses, and competitions. Final assignments are made by USA Gymnastics.
 - f. With the National Elite Committee, assign an independent committee(s) responsible for the development of World Championships, World Age Group Competition, World Games, and Olympic Games selection procedures.
 - g. Receive requests from international track pair/groups to participate in international club competitions.
 - h. Evaluate petitions for USA Gymnastics Championships and other national-level events.
 - i. Assist in setting goals for each sub-committee and evaluate on a continuing basis the progress of the sub-committees.
 - j. Review and approve minutes of all sub-committees and serve in an arbitration capacity to all sub-committees when necessary.
 - k. Review and approve NTC recommended Meet Referee(s) for national-level events. Note: any member with a conflict of interest should recuse him/herself from these discussions and votes.
 - l. Maintain the Rules & Policies and Operating Code. Receive recommendations from the sub-committees for change to the Rules and Policies and Operating Code.
 - m. Work with the Program Director to develop annual strategic plans and budget.
 - n. Manage special committees and establish taskforces as needed to meet specific strategic plans.
3. The Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman shall:
- a. Meet the following requirements:
 - i. Be actively involved in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program as a coach, judge, or administrator; AND
 - ii. Have served a minimum of four (4) years on an acrobatics national committee, sub-committee, special committee, or regional committee, or on the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors (BoD) or special committee of the BoD.
 - b. Chair all Acrobatics Program Committee meetings.
 - c. Represent the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program to USA Gymnastics as necessary.
 - d. Act as a liaison to all sub-committees as necessary.

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- e. Represent the Acrobatics Program Committee to other organizations as requested.
- f. In coordination with the Program Director, prepare and distribute the agenda to the Acrobatics Program Committee in a timely manner prior to their annual meeting and any other meetings.
- g. Attend as many national and regional functions as possible to be familiar with all aspects of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program.
- h. Facilitate communication and meetings of the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman. Organize at least one (1) meeting annually.
- i. Assist regions with administrative aspects, events, and growth/development tasks.
- j. Communicate with the Programs Council and acrobatics representatives on the council.
- k. Coordinate with the Growth & Development Committee and any other special committees.

ARTICLE V – NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

SECTION A - NATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE

1. The National Elite Committee (NEC) shall consist of:
 - a. National Elite Committee Chairman (NECC)
 - b. Three (3) elite coach representatives
 - i. Criteria for nominees:
 - a) Currently coaching or have coached a junior (JE 12-18 or JE 13-19) and/or senior elite pair/group at USA Gymnastics Championships or other designated national team selection event (i.e., Acro Cup, World Team Trials) within the last four (4) years.
 - ii. Elite coaches serve a two-year term.
 - iii. Elections are held in even-numbered years.
 - iv. Nominations may be submitted by any current professional member within the acrobatic gymnastics program.
 - v. Eligible voters are coaches with athletes competing at Junior or Senior Elite USA Gymnastics Championships in the year of the election and coaches who have had junior or senior elite athletes in the past two (2) years (one vote per club).
 - c. High Performance Coordinator (non-voting). If the High Performance Coordinator position is vacant, then a representative of the National Coaching Staff, determined annually by agreement of all national coaching staff personnel, will serve in this role.
 - d. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of number of committee), non-APC representative
 - e. Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)
2. The National Elite Committee shall:
 - a. Develop and maintain all aspects of the Elite program nationally. This includes recommending level mobility and minimum difficulty standards, rules, etc. for the elite levels.
 - b. Organize and develop the National Teams, including working closely with the High Performance Coordinator, National Coaching Staff and clinicians.
 - c. Develop, and recommend to the Program Committee, selection procedures for the Age Group Team 11-16, Junior National Teams 12-18 and 13-19 and Senior National Teams.

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- d. Develop, and recommend to the APC, selection criteria and procedures regarding athletes, coaches, judges, and support staff for World Cups and other international events and competitions.
 - e. Assign an independent committee, comprised of NEC and, if needed, other qualified individuals, to develop selection procedures for World Championships, World Age Group Competition, World Games, and Olympic Games.
 - f. Recommend to the APC coaching candidates for FIG Academy courses.
 - g. Set goals for the development of the Acrobatics Elite Program nationally and internationally.
 - h. Develop teams for World Championships or equivalent competitions.
 - i. Develop and conduct elite coaches' education.
 - a. Recommend subject and content for national and regional clinics, training camps, and congresses.
 - b. Each Elite Committee Member should develop and present 2 coaching education presentations annually. These should be based on technical skill development, biomechanics aspects of skills, or specific to an exercise composition (e.g. artistry, skill selection). Presentations may be made at training camps, USA Gymnastics Championships, congresses, via online education, etc.
 - j. Coordinate with the national office to run national and regional training camps for national teams.
 - k. Work in conjunction with the National JO Committee on JO program considerations.
 - l. Encourage and assist the regions to develop Elite athletes.
 - m. Evaluate new elements, in coordination with the National Technical Committee, for use within the US acro program.
3. The National Elite Committee Chairman (NECC) shall:
- a. Meet one of the following requirements:
 - i. Coached a junior (12-18 or 13-19) and/or senior elite national team member within the last six (6) years; OR
 - ii. Been designated Head or Assistant Coach for the United States on a USA delegation international assignment within the last four (4) years. (Personal coaches are not eligible. Head or Assistant Coaches of 11-16 age group events are not eligible.); OR
 - iii. Served as a member of the NEC, within the last four (4) years.
 - b. Serve as a voting member on the Acrobatics Program Committee.
 - c. Serve as a liaison between the National Elite Committee and the Program Committee.
 - d. Represent the National Elite Committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
 - e. Serve as a member of the Future Stars Selection Committee or appoint another Elite Committee representative.
 - f. Organize and direct the activities of the National Elite Committee.
 - g. Effectively communicate information with all Elite coaches across the country.
 - h. Recommend subject and content for national training camps, clinics, online and other educational needs.
 - i. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the National Elite Committee in a timely manner for each National Elite Committee meeting.

SECTION B - NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC (JO) COMMITTEE

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1. The National Junior Olympic Committee shall consist of:
 - a. National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
 - b. Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairmen (one from each region)
 - c. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of number of committee)
 - d. Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)

2. The National Junior Olympic Committee shall:
 - a. Set goals for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program nationally.
 - b. Develop and maintain all aspects of the Acrobatic Gymnastics JO compulsory program and Code of Points. This includes yearly review, clarifications and errata, and revisions every 4 years.
 - c. Assist in producing a JO Code of Points and all associated handbooks, videos, training, and education once every four years.
 - d. Work with the National Elite Committee on the development of the Level 1-10 exercises.
 - e. Work in conjunction with the National Technical Committee on technical aspects, scoring, competition format, and rules and regulations of the Junior Olympic Program.
 - f. Establish score requirements and qualification guidelines for the various levels of competition.
 - g. Develop, conduct and direct educational and certification programs for the community as needed including presentations and video education of the JO Program and compulsory skills.
 - h. Oversee the Future Stars Selection special committee. Direct activities, collaborate on projects, and approve proposals.
 - i. Coordinate with the national office to run at least one Future Stars camp, as well as, other developmental training opportunities for coaches and athletes (i.e., national developmental camp) per season.
 - j. Make recommendations to the NEC regarding coaches for FIG Coaching Academies, especially Level 1.
 - k. Make recommendations to the APC for changes to the Operating Code and Rules and Policies.

3. The National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman shall:
 - a. Meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have been coaching at the Junior Olympic level for a minimum of five (5) years; AND
 - ii. Have experience coaching Level 10 or above athletes at USA Gymnastics Championships. Note: 11-16 age group level does not meet this requirement.
 - b. Serve as a voting member on the Acrobatics Program Committee.
 - c. Serve as a liaison between the National Junior Olympic Committee and the Program Committee.
 - d. Organize and direct the activities of the National Junior Olympic Committee, working closely with the Vice-Chair, if assigned.
 - e. Serve as a member of the Future Stars Selection Committee or appoint another JO Committee representative.
 - f. Effectively communicate information with all coaches across the country.
 - g. Represent the committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
 - h. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the Junior Olympic Committee in a timely manner for each National Junior Olympic Committee meeting.

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- i. Recommend subject and content for national training camps, clinics, online and other educational needs.
- j. Oversee and guide the work of the Regional (and State) JO Chairmen and Committees.

SECTION C - NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. The National Technical Committee (NTC) shall consist of:
 - a. National Technical Committee Chairman
 - b. Regional Technical Committee Chairmen (one per region)
 - c. USA Gymnastics' FIG Acro-Technical Committee Member (non-voting)
 - d. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of number of committee), an athlete with judging experience will be given preference
 - e. Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)
2. The National Technical Committee shall:
 - a. Work in conjunction with the National JO Committee on technical aspects, competition format, and rules and regulations of the JO Program and the JO Code of Points for Acrobatic Gymnastics.
 - b. Work in conjunction with the National Elite Committee concerning technical aspects, competition format, and rules and regulations of the Elite Program.
 - c. Evaluate new elements, in coordination with the National Elite Committee, for use within the US acro program.
 - d. Respond to technical inquiries regarding the interpretation of the FIG Code of Points for Acrobatic Gymnastics and the USA Gymnastics J.O. Code of Points for Acrobatic Gymnastics, as well as Rules & Policies for Acrobatic Gymnastics.
 - e. Dispense information of a technical nature to the membership.
 - f. Recommend topics, content, clinicians, and presenters for national and regional clinics.
 - g. Make recommendations to the APC for changes to Rules and Policies and Operating Code.
 - h. Be responsible for the certification and continuing education of judges.
 - i. Develop and maintain judges' rating and progression standards.
 - ii. Develop and implement the testing and active status requirements for judges.
 - iii. Maintain records of all certified judges, including rating, experience, and active status.
 - iv. Provide certification and continuing education opportunities for judges of all levels.
 - i. Evaluate judges' performance for education, development and selection purposes.
 - j. Recruit and train new acrobatic gymnastics judges.
 - k. Recommend to USA Gymnastics the judges' compensation schedule.
 - l. Recommend Meet Referee(s) to the APC, and assign judging panels, for national-level events, such as USA Gymnastics Championships, Acro Cup/National Qualifier, and World Team Trials.
 - m. Appoint at least one member of the Jury of Appeals at the USA Gymnastics Championships.
3. The National Technical Committee Chairman shall:
 - a. Meet the following requirement:
 - i. Hold a current FIG Brevet Judge rating of Category I, II, III, or IV; AND
 - ii. Been certified as a judge within the USA Gymnastics Acrobatics Program for a

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- minimum of four (4) years.
- b. Serve as a voting member of the Acrobatics Program Committee.
 - c. Serve as a liaison between the National Technical Committee and the Program Committee.
 - d. Organize and direct the activities of the National Technical Committee, working closely with the Vice-Chair, if assigned.
 - e. Represent the National Technical Committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
 - f. Effectively communicate information with all judges across the country.
 - g. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the National Technical Committee in a timely manner for each National Technical Committee meeting.
 - h. Develop selection criteria and procedures, and make recommendations to the APC regarding judges for international events and competitions, including the World Championships and World Age Group Competition, World Games, and FIG Brevet Judging Courses.
 - i. Administer, in conjunction with the national office, at least one National judges' certification course per season.
 - j. Review options for international judges' education, and develop and prepare judges for FIG Brevet Judging Courses and international assignments.
 - k. Recommend subject and content for education at national training camps, clinics, online and other educational needs.
 - l. Oversee and guide the work of the Regional (and State) Technical Chairmen and Judges Coordinators, including Regional Judges' Courses.

ARTICLE VI – REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

SECTION A – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

1. There is one Regional Administrative Committee (RAC) for each region actively participating in acrobatic gymnastics. Each Regional Administrative Committee shall consist of:
 - a. Regional Administrative Committee Chairman
 - b. Regional Junior Olympic Chairman
 - c. Regional Technical Chairman
 - d. State Administrative Chairman (one per state), only if State Administrative Committees exist within the respective region
 - e. Regional Judges' Coordinator (non-voting)
 - f. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of number of committee)
2. The Regional Administrative Committee shall:
 - a. Develop acrobatic gymnastics in the region.
 - i. Provide information and host clinics/workshops for interested new clubs.
 - ii. Follow-up with new clubs, providing resources, information, and assistance as needed.
 - iii. Provide continuing education for all levels of athletes, coaches, and judges.
 - b. Determine the format and organization of all the designated qualifying events and programs under its jurisdiction within the region, including entry fees and refunds.
 - c. Support and attend regional events.
 - d. Create the budget for the region on a yearly basis.

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- e. Be responsible for planning and conducting an annual regional clinic for athletes, which can include judges and coaches education.
 - f. Assist the Regional JO Chairman and the Regional Technical Chairman in the recruitment, training and continuing education of coaches and judges in the region.
 - g. Maintain official membership lists, including birth dates and competitive levels, of athletes of the region. Maintain lists of current/active professional members.
 - h. Evaluate all petitions for local, state, and regional events, in accordance with the Rules & Policies.
 - i. Develop a State Administrative Committee system as it is warranted by the development and membership of the region.
3. The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman shall:
- a. Meet the following requirements:
 - i. Be actively involved in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program as a coach, judge, or administrator; AND
 - ii. Be a certified Meet Director within the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program
 - b. Be responsible for the overall organization, administration, planning, development and finances of the region.
 - c. Help to develop acrobatic gymnastics within the region.
 - d. Call and chair an annual meeting of the clubs and members of the region to organize the competitive year.
 - e. Be prepared to represent the views of the region at any meetings.
 - f. Facilitate the petition process for local, state, and regional events, in accordance with the Rules & Policies.
 - g. Receive a copy of the Competition Report Form and meet results for each meet in the region.
 - h. Assist meet directors in verifying athletes' qualification for state and regional championships events.
 - i. Dispense information of an administrative nature to the membership of the region.
 - j. Support and attend regional events.
 - k. Be directly responsible to the Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman.
 - i. Prepare a written annual report of regional activities and finances and submit this report to the Program Committee Chairman.
 - ii. Attend annual administrative meeting with Program Committee Chairman and other Regional Administrative Committee Chairman.
 - l. Establish procedures to raise operating funds for the region and maintain a regional checking account.
 - m. Manage additional duties assigned to the Regional Administrative Committee.
4. The Regional JO Chairman shall:
- a. Meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have been coaching at the Junior Olympic level for a minimum of three years; AND
 - ii. Have experience coaching Level 9 or above athletes at USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - b. Be prepared to represent the views of the region, especially JO coaches, at any meetings.
 - c. Represent the region as a voting member at National JO Committee meetings.
 - d. Be directly responsible to the National JO Committee Chairman.

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- i. Submit an annual written report of regional activities to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman.
 - ii. Recommend changes for the JO Program to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman.
 - iii. Complete work on projects as assigned by the National JO Committee Chairman and/or Committee.
 - e. Serve as a voting member of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - f. Support and attend regional events.
 - g. Attend the annual meeting of clubs within the region for the planning of the competitive year.
 - h. In coordination with the Regional Administrative Committee, provide a minimum of one regional clinic per year for athletes and coaches.
 - i. Recommend topics, content, and presenters for regional clinics.
 - j. Develop a State Junior Olympic Committee system as it is warranted by the membership of the region.
 - k. Submit expenses to the Regional Administrative Chairman for reimbursement.
5. The Regional Technical Chairman shall:
 - a. Meet the following requirement: Be certified as a Regional judge or higher and maintain rating through the term of office.
 - b. Be prepared to represent the views of the region, especially relating to judging and technical issues, at any meeting.
 - c. Represent the region as a voting member of the National Technical Committee.
 - d. Be directly responsible to the National Technical Committee Chairman.
 - i. Submit an annual written report of regional activities to the National Technical Committee Chairman.
 - ii. Complete work on projects as assigned by the National Technical Committee Chairman and/or Committee.
 - e. Serve as a voting member of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - f. Oversee the assigning of judges to all local, state and regional meets that is accomplished by the Regional Judging Coordinator.
 - g. Dispense information of a technical nature to the membership of the region.
 - h. Receive a copy of the Meet Referee Report for each meet within the region.
 - i. Maintain records of all certified judges in the region, including rating, experience, and active status. In coordination with the Regional Administrative Committee, provide a minimum of one regional judges' clinic per year.
 - j. Recommend topics, content, and presenters for regional clinics.
 - k. Actively participate in the training of judges, coaches, and athletes in the technical aspects of the rules and regulations.
 - l. Support and attend regional events.
 - m. Attend the annual meeting of clubs within the region for the planning of the competitive year.
 - n. Submit a financial report to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman for reimbursement of expenses.
 - o. Develop a State Technical Committee system as it is warranted by the membership of the region.

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6. The Regional Judging Coordinator shall:
 - a. Meet the following requirement: Be certified as a State judge or higher and maintain rating through the term of office.
 - b. Serve as a non-voting member of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - c. Be responsible to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
 - d. Function as the assigning officer for all local, state, and regional meets.
 - e. Attend the fall meeting of clubs within the region for the planning of the competitive year.
 - f. Send to all judges of the region a list of planned meets to assess their availability.
 - g. Send a list of assignments to all judges and host clubs as soon as such a list is available.
 - h. Submit a financial report to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman for reimbursement of expenses.

7. The Regional Athlete Representative shall:
 - a. Meet the following criteria:
 - i. Have, within the past ten (10) years, been a member of the National, World Championships, World Age Group Team, or World Games Team; OR
 - ii. Have, within the last five (5) years, competed as an Elite (JE 12-18, JE 13-19, Senior) athlete.
 - iii. If the region does not have candidates meeting either criterion, the athlete must have been at least Level 10 within the past five (5) years.
 - iv. Be at least 18 years of age.
 - b. Be prepared to represent the views of athletes in the region at any meetings.
 - c. Serve as a voting member of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - d. Attend regional and/or national sub-committee meetings as asked, selected and/or assigned.
 - e. Help to promote and develop acrobatic gymnastics in the region.
 - f. Support and attend regional events.
 - g. Assist with regional clinics to ensure that athlete interests are being met.

ARTICLE VII – SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

SECTION A – ATHLETES COUNCIL, ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

Roles, responsibilities, and criteria for the Athlete Representative and the Athletes Council are defined in the USA Gymnastics' Bylaws and the USOPC's Bylaws. Nominations and elections will be conducted by USA Gymnastics National Office.

Acrobatics Program Committee appoints one representative, of the two Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Representatives on the Athletes Council, to serve on the Acrobatics Program Committee and the Selection Committee. The other representative will serve on the National Elite Committee.

The Acrobatics Program Committee will consider the following criteria when making the appointment of Athlete Representative to the APC:

- Willingness to serve
- Availability to meet time commitments and expectations of APC role (e.g., meetings, travel, calls, electronic communications, etc.)
- Ability to communicate and work in a committee structure

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- Experience as an athlete, as well as in other aspect of acrobatics (e.g., coach, choreographer, clinician, judge, administrator, etc.)
- Rapport with athlete community, ability to connect and serve as a liaison between athletes and the APC

For the NJOC, NTC, Future Stars Selection Committee, and any other special committees with an athlete representative, the chair of the respective committee, acrobatics program committee chair, and the two Acrobatic Athlete Council Representatives will work together to appoint these representatives, as needed. Athlete Representatives for sub-committees and special committees are not required to currently be on the Athlete Council, but should, when possible, meet the Athlete Representative criteria defined in the USOPC Bylaws.

SECTION B – PROGRAMS COUNCIL

The Programs Council is a special committee of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors and its purpose and term are defined in the USA Gymnastics Bylaws. Each discipline has two representatives on the Programs Council. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee established the criteria for its two (2) representatives on the Programs Council, as follows:

- **Programs Council Member #1:** Individual must be a current USA Gymnastics professional member involved with the acrobatic gymnastics program, and have served in one of the following roles within the current or previous quadrennium: Acrobatics Program Committee, National Elite Committee, National JO Committee, National Technical Committee, Regional Administrative Committee Chair, USA Gymnastics Board of Directors, Standing Committee of the Board of Directors, or Program, Athlete or Advisory Council representative.
- **Programs Council Member #2:** Individual must be a current USA Gymnastics professional member involved with the acrobatic gymnastics program and currently be working in a USA Gymnastics Member Club. In addition, this individual must have been an active personal coach for a pair/group currently competing and/or previously competed at a junior (12-18 or 13-19) elite or senior elite at USA Gymnastics Championships or another designated national selection event (i.e., Acro Cup, World Team Trials) within the last four (4) years.

SECTION C – GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Growth & Development Committee shall consist of one (1) representative, appointed by the APC, using recommendations from the RACC and Growth & Development Committee Chair, from each participating acrobatics region. If a region is geographically large, with multiple states actively participating in acrobatics and at different stages of development, a second regional representative may be appointed. The term of the appointment is two years, without limits on terms.

The Growth & Development Committee members will elect one of their members as the committee chairman. The chairman serves as the liaison with the Program Committee and the Acrobatics Program Director, manages and directs activities of the Growth & Development Committee, and recommends individuals for vacant committee seats. The ending of the chairman's term coincides with the end of the term of the individual holding the chairman position.

From recommendations from the Growth & Development Committee Chairman, the APC reviews candidates and makes the final decision on appointment to the Growth & Development Committee.

The Growth & Development Committee shall:

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- Develop a strategic plan for growth & development initiatives, including grassroots efforts of developing new clubs, aiding existing clubs, and recruiting new judges, especially in developing regions.
- Promote acrobatics gymnastics in efforts to grow participation in the discipline.
- Create marketing and promotional materials for acrobatic gymnastics.
- Serve as contact points for clubs new to acrobatic gymnastics, and continually update contact lists.
- Assist new and developing clubs through education, clinics, etc.
- Organize program resources to work toward growth & development initiatives.
- Develop educational resources and assist with presentation at regional and national congresses, acrobatics clinics, and online courses.
- Assist with special projects for existing acrobatics events and competitions to help elevate those events and draw further participation.
- Convene periodically to provide updates, assign tasks, track progress on initiatives, and develop new initiatives.

SECTION D – SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Athlete Selection Committee shall consist of:

1. Athlete Representative
2. One (1) member of National Elite Committee (elected by the NEC)
3. One (1) Elite Coach
 - a. Criteria for ASC Elite Coach: Currently coaching, or have coached in the past four (4) years, senior national team athletes and/or junior (12-18/13-19) World Age Group Team athletes.
 - b. Nominations put forward and candidates voted on by elite coaches with athletes competing junior (12-18/13-19) or senior at the most recent and/or the two prior USA Gymnastics Championships (one vote per club).
4. One (1) International Expert
 - a. Criteria for International expert:
 - i. Athlete with world-level competition experience; AND/OR
 - ii. Coach with world-level competition experience of junior elite (12-18 or 13-19) or senior finalists; AND/OR
 - iii. Judge with international Judging experience (FIG Brevet)
 - b. Nominations put forward by APC, voted on by elite coaches with athletes competing junior (12-18/13-19) or senior at the most recent and/or the two prior USA Gymnastics Championships (one vote per club).
5. High Performance Coordinator (non-voting)

Additional criteria:

1. No person with a conflict of interest may serve on the Athlete Selection Committee as defined by the *USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy for Athlete/Coach/Judge Selection*. The policy can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/conflictinterest.pdf>
2. There can be no more than one ASC member affiliated with the same club.

The Selection Committee (SC) shall:

1. Serve an approximate 2-year term following the World Championships cycle. The SC is elected

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prior to the first selection event in the new cycle, typically USA Gymnastics Championships, and serves for all selection events leading up to and through World Team Trials, in the respective cycle. The term concludes with World Championships/World Age Group Competition.

2. Be responsible for selecting all pair/groups for the Age Group 11-16 National Team, Junior National Team (12-18 & 13-19), and Senior National Team.
3. Make selections and assignments, according to selection procedures, for athletes, coaches, and staff for all Team USA international competition assignments, including World Championships, World Age Group Competitions, World Games, etc. The ASC may also assign ranking to team members.
4. Adhere to the *USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy for Athlete/Coach/Judge Selection*.
5. Report to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Staff and USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer.

SECTION E – FUTURE STARS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Future Stars Selection Committee shall consist of:

1. Athlete Representative
2. National Elite Committee Chairman, NEC Vice-Chair, or other appointed Elite Committee representative
3. National JO Committee Chairman, NJOC Vice-Chair, or other appointed JO Committee representative
4. Two (2) additional members composed of:
 - a. Two (2) JO Coaches; OR
 - b. One (1) JO Coach and one (1) Judge
 - i. Criteria for JO Coach: Currently coaching (or have coached in the past (2) years) JO levels 8, 9 and/or 10 athletes at USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - ii. Criteria for Judge: currently rated national-level or higher with experience judging at USA Gymnastics Championships and/or internationally
 - b. Nominated by any current professional member within the acrobatic gymnastics program
 - c. Voted on by current JO coaches (one vote per club)
5. Program Director (non-voting)

Additional criteria:

1. No person with a conflict of interest may serve on the Athlete Selection Committee as defined by the *USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy for Athlete/Coach/Judge Selection*. The policy can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/conflictinterest.pdf>
2. There can be no more than one Future Stars Selection Committee member affiliated with the same club.

The Future Stars Selection Committee shall:

1. Serve an approximate 2-year term following the World Championships cycle. Future Stars Selection Committee members are elected prior to the first selection event in the new cycle, typically USA Gymnastics Championships, and serve for all Future Stars selection events in the respective cycle. The term concludes with World Championships/World Age Group Competition.

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2. Be responsible for selecting all pair/groups for all levels within the Future Stars program.
3. Adhere to the *USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy for Athlete/Coach/Judge Selection*.
4. Report to the National JO Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE

SECTION A - CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

1. All nominees for positions other than Athlete Representatives must be Professional Members of the USA Gymnastics Acrobatic Gymnastics Program, be at least 21 years old, and be in good standing for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to the nomination. A member in good standing is defined as a person who has complied with all aspects of the program as outlined in the Rules & Policies, Code of Ethical Conduct, and Safe Sport Policy.
2. Nominees must meet the criteria for the position as stated above.
3. Prior to being placed on the ballot, all nominees must sign a document that verifies that they have read and do understand the duties and responsibilities of the office for which they have been nominated.
4. Nominations for all positions can be made by any Professional Member.

SECTION B - NATIONAL OFFICERS

This section is referring to the Program Committee Chairman, National Elite Committee Chairman, National JO Committee Chairman, and National Technical Committee Chairman. The term of office will begin August 1st in the year of election and is for four (4) years.

1. Elections for the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman and National Technical Committee Chairman will be conducted two years after the Olympic Games.
2. Elections for the Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman and National Elite Committee Chairman will be conducted in the year of the Olympic Games.
3. The Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman will be elected by current professional membership of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program, at the time of the election.
4. The National Elite Committee Chairman will be elected by coaches who have had elite athletes (junior or senior elite) qualified to USA Gymnastics Championships at any time during the two years prior to the election or the year of the election (one vote per qualified club).
5. The National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman will be elected by all coaches participating in the Junior Olympic Program (one vote per club).
6. The National Technical Committee Chairman will be elected by current state-rated and higher judges, at the time of the election.

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7. Nominations for the national positions listed above shall be solicited by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director in the first quarter of the year of the election. Nominations shall be submitted by April 30th. Upon acceptance of nomination, prospective candidates shall forward a resume to the National Office. Resumes of prospective candidates will be available when voting opens.
8. Elections for national positions listed above will be done via online/email voting and will be administered by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director/National Office staff. Voting will be available from June 1-30.
9. All National Officers shall be elected by a majority (1 over 50%) of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority vote, the run-off election will be between the two candidates receiving the most votes.
10. If only one nomination for a National Officer is received, the nominee will be elected by acclamation.
11. National Officers may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms in their respective office (note: partial terms of appointment to fill a vacancy are not counted in this maximum). Officers are eligible to serve in a different position at the conclusion of his/her term. Past officers are eligible to run/serve again in the same position after a minimum four-year hiatus.

SECTION C – NATIONAL COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMEN

One (1) Vice-Chairman may be elected for each of the following National Sub-Committees: National Elite Committee, National Technical Committee, and National JO Committee. The role of the Vice-Chairman is to serve as the second-in-command and close aide to the respective National Committee Chairman. Vice-Chairmen may be assigned specific responsibilities for projects or other committee work, be appointed to participate with other committees or with the Program Committee in the absence of the National Committee Chairman.

1. The Vice-Chairman position is at the discretion of the respective National Committee Chair.
2. The National Committee Chairman nominates one committee member (must be a voting member) as Vice-Chair.
3. Committee representatives vote to approve the nominee.
4. Vice-Chairmen's term is 4 years.
5. Vice-Chair is elected the same year as the National Committee Chairman for the respective committee.

SECTION D - REGIONAL OFFICERS

The offices of Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Regional Junior Olympic Chairman, Regional Technical Chairman, Regional Judges Coordinator, and Regional Athlete Representative shall be elected in even numbered years and serve a two (2) year term. Term of office begins on August 1st of the year of election.

1. The Regional Administrative Committee Chair will be elected by all professional members of

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the region, at the time of the election.

2. The Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chair will be elected by all coaches of the region (one vote per club).
3. The Regional Technical Committee Chair will be elected by judges of the region that are state-rated or higher, at the time of the election.
4. The Regional Judges Coordinator will be elected by all currently certified judges of the region.
5. The Regional Athlete Representative will be elected by all athletes competing at Regional Championships who are competition age of 14 or older.
6. Nominations for the regional positions listed shall be solicited by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director/National Office Staff in the second quarter of the year of the election. Nominations shall be sent to the Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics by May 15. Upon acceptance of nomination, prospective candidates shall forward a resume to the National Office. Resumes of prospective candidates will be available when voting opens.
7. Elections for regional positions listed above will be done via online/email voting and will be administered by the Program Director/National Office staff. Voting will be available from June 1-15.
8. All Regional Officers shall be elected by a majority (1 over 50%) of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority vote, the run-off election will be between the two candidates receiving the most votes.
9. If only one nomination for a Regional Officer is received, the nominee will be elected by acclamation.

SECTION E – SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

Special Committees include the Athlete Selection Committee and Future Stars Selection Committee. Committee members are elected following the World Championships and serve an approximate two (2) year term following the World Championships cycle. Elections are run through the Program Director and/or National Office Staff. Nomination will be solicited at least 30 days prior to elections. Elections will take place at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the term of office.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

All committee meetings are closed. All committee members must be notified verbally or in writing of pending meetings to ensure participation. A quorum of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and all its sub-committees is necessary to conduct official business. A quorum is 60% of the voting members.

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SECTION A - NATIONAL MEETINGS

The Acrobatics Program Committee shall have two regular meetings, minimum of one, annually. In addition, they will conduct business by conference call, email, or additional meetings as appropriate. It is recommended that all national sub-committees meet at least once annually.

SECTION B - REGIONAL MEETINGS

Each region shall have annual meetings of the regional committees and additional meetings as necessary to conduct regional business.

SECTION C – SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Special committees shall meet as needed to conduct selection, provide coaches education, and fulfill other duties.

ARTICLE X - FUNDING

All revenues generated by the Acrobatics Program Committee or its national sub-committees shall be deposited in the general fund of USA Gymnastics, and appropriate records concerning those funds shall be maintained by USA Gymnastics. Expenditures must be prearranged with the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director and appropriate expenses may be reimbursed.

The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman is the authorized person to hold and disseminate funds for the region.

ARTICLE XI – VACANCIES

SECTION A – PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

In the event of a resignation or removal in the Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman position, the remaining program committee members, in close consultation with the Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics, will appoint a chairman, if the remainder of the term is two years or less. If the remainder of the term exceeds two years, the election procedures shall be followed.

SECTION B - NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

In the event of resignation or removal of any national sub-committee chairman, the Acrobatics Program Committee Chairman, in consultation with the respective committee, will appoint a chairman, if the remainder of the term is two years or less. If the remainder of the term exceeds two years, the election procedures shall be followed.

SECTION C - REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

In the event of the resignation or removal of a member of a regional committee, the Regional

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Administrative Committee Chairman, in consultation with the respective National Committee Chairman, shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

In the event of the resignation or removal of a regional committee chairman, the Program Committee Chairman, in consultation with the Regional Administrative Committee shall appoint an interim chairman.

SECTION D – SPECIAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS

In the event of the resignation or removal of a special committee member, the respective committee chairman, in consultation with the overseeing body (i.e. national committee or Program Director), shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

In the case that special positions, such as USA Gymnastics' FIG Acro-Technical Committee Member, USA Gymnastics Acro Board Member and/or Elite National Team Consultant, are vacant, no appointments or alternates will be assigned for representation on the respective committees.

ARTICLE XII - REMOVAL

SECTION A - ADVISORY LETTER

At any time that a USA Gymnastics Chairman or Professional Member is in danger of being removed from his/her current position, the appropriate chairman will send a letter advising the individual of failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, codes, or rules.

SECTION B - CHAIRMEN

Any of the chairmen may be removed by action of USA Gymnastics for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to attend any two or more meetings of their regional and/or national committees.
2. Failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, codes, or rules.
3. Removal of a national sub-committee chairman can be effectuated by:
 - a. a recommendation to the Acrobatics Program Committee by two-thirds majority of the voting members of the committee he/she chairs and a two-thirds majority of the Acrobatics Program Committee; or
 - b. a two-thirds majority vote of the Acrobatics Program Committee.
4. Removal of a regional committee chairman may be effectuated by a two-thirds majority of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Professional Members of the region.

SECTION C - PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

1. A Professional Member may be fined, placed on probation, or have membership revoked for failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, codes, or rules.
2. Removal of a Professional Member can be effectuated by the USA Gymnastics President after proper procedures are followed.

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ARTICLE XIII - INTERIM BUSINESS

All chairmen may conduct official business by email, mail, telephone, or other means of communication between meetings. All members of the committee must be contacted and polled for a vote. The official written result of the poll must be sent to the members of the committee and must indicate the vote of the individual members.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

This Operating Code may be amended at any meeting of the USA Gymnastics Acrobatics Program Committee. In order to conduct this official business, two-thirds of the voting members must be present.