Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee Meeting

Program Committee Chair: Patti Conner
Elite Committee Chair: Scott Lineberry
Technical Committee Chair: Deanna Hanford
JO Committee Chair: Chelsea Rainer
Athlete Representative: Alex Renkert
Athlete Representative: Michael Devine
Program Director: Jacqui Godfrey

Meeting called to order by Scott Lineberry and Patti Conner at 1:30pm, Tuesday July 7, 2020. (The Elite Committee was also present at this meeting).

Program Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Olympic Games Revised Selection Procedures

   The committee listened and contributed to the Elite Committee discussion. Once the EC motion was made, that committee left the meeting.

   The Program Committee again discussed the arguments for each option. It was agreed that this was an extremely complex situation and difficult decision, and the members requested more time to consider the options. It was requested that a pro/con list be written as a resource for consideration, and also to investigate whether the 2020 judging panel members would be available to serve in all 2021 events.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Meeting reconvened by Patti Conner at 11:30am, Tuesday July 14, 2020.

2. Olympic Games Revised Selection Procedures

   The committee discussed the pro/con list developed. Deanna reported that most 2020 judges would be available once again, however two were hesitant depending on quarantine restrictions. The emerging situation of states currently going back into lockdown was discussed – this raised a new possibility of further amendments being required later in the process, and how this could potentially be dealt with.

   The committee agreed that the list of reasons for using 2021 events for the revised 2020 Olympic Games selection procedures is stronger in the current scenario:
   - Simpler calculation – more transparent.
   - Everyone knows where they stand throughout the process (no guessing at others’ choices).
   - Everyone is on the same pathway, using the same events – no one has an advantage.
   - It is closer to the original process (mirrored process with a year’s delay).
• Procedures will barely change from the original – everyone is familiar with them.
• The athletes preferred this method in two separate polls.
• Doesn’t put additional pressure on athletes to make the right competition choice.
• The judging panels might not be the same as for the 2020 VIP competition therefore judging consistency between the two competitions need not be compared.
• Coach feedback was that setting a precedent of athletes choosing their preferred competitions is not desirable.
• We will identify the athlete that is ready as of 2021, not a combination of readiness from the past – the athlete that has the highest chance of success in 2021.
• With states going back into lockdown, this brings in questions about further disruptions. The restart procedures will be easier to amend further if needed – the other option will be very complicated and throw up further problems at that time.

Motion to use the option of using 2021 events for the revised 2020 Olympic Games selection procedures.
• Motion: Scott
• Second: Michael
• Vote: unanimous