Meeting called to order by Deanna Hanford at 8:30pm EDT on Wednesday June 8, 2022.

Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome**
   All attendees were asked to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest based on a review of the agenda.
   No conflicts of interest were brought forward by those present.

2. **Wording Clarification for Tie-breakers**
   The committee discussed the wording in the CoP tie breaking section referring to E Score: does E Score refer to the highest individual judges E score, or the highest total of all the E scores from all judges (counting or not)? It was clarified that the E score refers to the athlete’s total execution score for a routine. This clarification will be included in the new T210.

3. **Inquiry Process issues**
   The new “blind” inquiry process (avoiding perceived or actual bias by not providing the Jury with the details of an original call) has been used for its first season.

   The committee reviewed this process and noted that there are some challenges with not having any information be provided to the Jury, including that if video is inconclusive the original call stands, however sometimes the Jury does not know what to determine is inconclusive, and also that the Jury may discover additional problems that were not called originally. It was agreed that basic information should be given to the Jury regarding the inquiry, including which skill and what type of deduction. The Jury should only assess the subject of the inquiry and cannot make any other determinations outside of the focus of the inquiry. Jury members should continue to review independently, as they have been doing this season.

   **Motion to recommend to the PC to provide a Jury of Appeal with basic information on what an inquiry is about: which skill and what type of deduction. The Jury is only responsible for reviewing the subject of the inquiry and cannot make any other determinations outside of the focus of the inquiry.**
4. **Scoring Systems**

The committee discussed the two scoring systems, and resulting E scores brought about by 3 E score average x 2, and element-by-element scoring system.

It was acknowledged that differences do exist, however the scoring system for each meet must meet the requirements in the CoP, and that system will be in use for all athletes at each meet.

5. **Rounding to 2 Decimal Places**

This will be updated for the 2022-2023 version of the CoP.

6. **Elite Dress Code Clarification**

There have been different understandings of the definition of a leotard over the season. The committee agreed on a clarification for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season, being that the accepted definition of a leotard is “a unisex skin-tight one-piece garment that covers the torso from the crotch to the shoulder”. Compression shirts do not meet this definition and may not be worn in competition.

There have been different understandings of the whether synchro leotards, being required to be “identical in color and design”, may have individual names on them. The committee agreed on a clarification for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season, being that individual names on the back of the leotard are acceptable for synchro pairs if the leotards are otherwise identical in color and design.

These clarifications will be sent to relevant USA Gym Champs participants, and further discussion will take place for the 2022-2023 version of the CoP.

7. **R&P Changes**

7.1. **Leader Level Judges**

The committee reviewed the draft document submitted by Deanna and agreed to recommend this to the PC to update the 2022-2023 R&P.

7.2. **Judges Requirements for Active Status**

The committee reviewed the draft document submitted by Deanna. There was discussion around several points and Deanna agreed to submit an updated draft for committee review.

7.3. **Judges Certifications**

The committee reviewed the draft document submitted by Deanna and agreed to recommend this to the PC to update the 2022-2023 R&P with minor changes to enhance understanding. It was suggested that the testing protocols be updated in for the 2022-2023 R&P.

**Motion to recommend documents submitted under 7.1 and 7.3 to the PC.**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Meeting reconvened via e-mail on Tuesday June 14, 2022.
8. **R&P Changes**

8.1. **Judges Requirements for Active Status**

The committee reviewed the updated draft document submitted by Deanna.

**Motion to recommend the updated Judges Certifications document to the PC.**

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8.2. **Judges Certifications**

The committee reviewed a proposed additional clause regarding judges who have been inactive for one cycle. It was agreed to recommend this to the PC to update the 2022-2023 R&P.

**Motion to recommend the updated Judges Certifications document to the PC.**

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