



## **OPERATING CODE FOR THE ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

### USA GYMNASTICS

#### ARTICLE I- STRUCTURE

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program is composed of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and its sub-committees. These sub-committees are charged with specific acrobatic gymnastics programs and are as follows: Administrative Committee, Junior Olympic Committee, Elite Committee, and Technical Committee. They function as per the Operating Code and Duties & Responsibilities.

#### ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP

An individual who holds current paid professional membership and safety certification in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program of USA Gymnastics 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 he/she is a Professional Member with full 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 Athlete Representatives.

#### ARTICLE III- PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1. All activities of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee 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 Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee or any of its sub-committees without approval of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors and/or the President. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee 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 Bylaws and be guided by policies and statements from the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and its sub-committees shall serve as a recommending body to the President of USA Gymnastics.
2. All elected officials of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and its sub-committees are obligated to support USA Gymnastics, its rules and policies, and its programs of competition.
3. The governing body of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program shall be known as the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee. The committee composition is as follows:
  - a. Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Chairman
  - b. National Elite Committee Chairman
  - c. National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
  - d. National Technical Committee Chairman
  - e. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
  - f. USA Gymnastics International Technical Consultant (non-voting)
  - g. Senior Program Director of Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)
  - h. President of USA Gymnastics (non-voting)
4. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee shall:

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- a. Be charged with the development of a well-organized and well-designed program for acrobatic gymnastics in the United States, consistent with the goals and objectives of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Provide for the improvement and growth of acrobatic gymnastics through the training, education, certification, and evaluation of coaches, judges, and athletes.
  - d. Design procedures for selecting coaches, judges, athletes, and support staff for domestic and international events including the World Championships and the World Games.
  - e. Recommend to the Executive Committee candidates to represent the corporation in FIG activities including international judges' courses, FIG technical committees, and competitions.
  - f. Work with the Senior Program Director to develop the annual budget.
  - g. Assist in setting goals for each sub-committee and evaluate on a continuing basis the progress of the sub-committees.
  - h. Review and approve minutes of all sub-committees and serve in an arbitration capacity to all sub-committees when necessary.
  - i. Organize through the sub-committees competitions for acrobatic gymnastics athletes of all levels at the local, state, regional, and national levels.
  - j. Receive recommendations from the sub-committees for change to the Rules and Policies.
  - k. Maintain and update the Rules and Policies.
  - l. Maintain the financial records of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program.
5. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Chairman shall:
- a. Have served for a minimum of four years on a regional and/or national committee within the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program, with at least two of the years as chair of the committee.
  - b. Be actively involved in the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program as a coach, judge, or administrator.
  - c. Chair all Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee meetings.
  - d. Represent the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program to USA Gymnastics as necessary.
  - e. Act as a liaison to all sub-committees as necessary.
  - f. Represent the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee to other organizations as requested.
  - g. Submit financial reports to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Senior Program Director for reimbursement of expenses.
  - h. In coordination with the Senior Program Director, prepare and distribute the agenda to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee in a timely manner prior to their annual meeting and any other meetings.
  - i. Attend as many national and regional functions as possible to be familiar with all aspects of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program.

### ARTICLE IV-SUB-COMMITTEES

#### SECTION A- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

1. The National Administrative Committee shall consist of:
  - a. Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics, acting as Chairman (non-voting)
  - b. Regional Administrative Committee Chairmen (4-8)
  - c. Event Administrative Chairman
  - d. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
2. The National Administrative Committee shall:
  - a. Coordinate the administration of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program.
  - b. Make recommendations to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.
  - c. Establish and maintain the financial reporting systems of the Regional and State Administrative Committees.

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- d. Help to organize and administer national events.
  - e. Oversee regional activities, including Regional Championships and petitions to state and regional competitions.
  - f. Work to develop acrobatic gymnastics in the regions and nationally.
  - g. Maintain and update the Rules and Policies.
  - h. Act as an information conduit between the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program and the membership.
3. The National Administrative Committee Chairman shall:
    - a. Represent the Administrative Committee to USA Gymnastics as necessary.
    - b. Work closely with the National Administrative Committee to implement their programs.
    - c. Work with the Regional Administrative Committees to evaluate athlete petitions.
    - d. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the Administrative Committee in a timely manner for each Administrative Committee meeting.
    - e. Oversee elections for Regional Administrative Committee Chairmen.
    - f. Oversee and guide the work of the Regional and State Administrative Committee Chairmen.
  4. Each Regional Administrative Committee shall consist of:
    - a. Regional Administrative Committee Chairman
    - b. Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
    - c. Regional Technical Committee Chairman
    - d. Regional Judges' Coordinator (non-voting)
    - e. Representative chosen by the National Elite Committee
    - f. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of number of committee)
  5. The Regional Administrative Committee shall:
    - a. Develop acrobatic gymnastics in the region.
    - b. Determine the format and organization of all the designated qualifying events and programs under its jurisdiction within the region including entry fees.
    - c. Support and attend regional events.
    - d. Create the budget for the region on a yearly basis.
    - e. Be responsible for planning and conducting the annual regional clinic.
    - f. Be responsible for the training and education of coaches and judges in coordination with the Regional Junior Olympic Committee and the Regional Technical Committee.
    - g. Maintain official membership lists including birth dates of athletes of the region.
    - h. Work with the Regional Administrative Committee Chair to evaluate all petitions for local, state, and regional events.
    - i. Develop a State Administrative Committee system as it is warranted by the membership of the region.
  6. The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman shall:
    - a. 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 a fall 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. Represent the region as a voting member on the National Administrative Committee.
    - g. Facilitate the petition process for local, state, and regional events.
    - h. Receive a copy of the Competition Report Form and meet results for each meet in the region.
    - i. Ensure athletes have properly qualified for state and regional events.
    - j. Dispense information of an administrative nature to the membership of the region.
    - k. Support and attend regional events.
    - l. Prepare a written annual report of regional activities and finances and submit this report to the National Administrative Committee Chairman.

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- m. Establish procedures to raise operating funds for the region and maintain a regional checking account.
- n. Be directly responsible to the National Administrative Committee Chairman.
- o. Chair additional duties assigned to the Regional Administrative Committee.

### SECTION B- NATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE

- 1. The National Elite Committee shall consist of :
  - a. National Elite Committee Chairman
  - b. National Team Coach
  - c. Coaches of Junior and/or Senior Elite National Team Athletes within the last 2 years (one per club\*)
  - d. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
  - e. National Technical Chairman or Representative
  - f. USAG International Technical Consultant (non-voting)
  - g. Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)

*\*One representative per club from each club represented with athletes on the Junior and/or Senior Elite National Team within the last two years. It will be the club's responsibility to determine their representative to the committee. Membership on the committee is not affected if the national team athletes leave the club or retire. Nor is membership affected if the coach changes clubs.*

- 2. The National Elite Committee shall:
  - a. Recommend to the Program Committee selection procedures for the National Teams.
  - b. Organize and develop the National Teams.
  - c. Set goals for the development of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Elite Program nationally and internationally.
  - d. Make recommendations to the Program Committee for athlete and judge selections for all international competitions.
  - e. Develop full teams for World Championships or equivalent competitions.
  - f. Develop Elite coaches' education and certification programs.
  - g. Work with the Junior Olympic Committee on program considerations.
  - h. Encourage and assist the regions to develop Elite athletes.
  - i. Evaluate new elements.
  - j. Recommend subject and content for national and regional clinics.
- 3. The National Elite Committee Chairman shall:
  - a. Have met one of the following requirements:
    - i. Have coached a junior and/or senior elite national team member within the last two years and have been designated Head or Assistant Coach for the United States on an international assignment. (Personal coaches are not eligible. Head or Assistant Coaches of 11-16 age group events are not eligible.); or
    - ii. Have been designated Head Coach at World Championships and/or International Age Group Competition (WAGCC) within the last four years.
  - b. Serve as a voting member on the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.
  - c. Serve as a liaison between the National Elite Committee and the Program Committee.
  - d. Organize and direct the activities of the National Elite Committee.
  - e. Effectively communicate information with all Elite coaches across the country.
  - f. Recommend subject and content for national clinics and publications.
  - g. Represent the National Elite Committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
  - h. Submit financial reports to the Senior Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics for reimbursements of expenses.
  - i. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the National Elite Committee for each National Elite Committee meeting.

### SECTION C – ATHLETE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

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The Athlete Selection Committee shall consist of:

- a. Member 1: USA Gymnastics International Technical Consultant (FIG rep.)  
Alternate: National Technical Committee Chairman
- b. Member 2: National Elite Committee Chairman  
Alternate: High level international coaching experience
- c. Member 3: National Athlete Representative  
Alternate: High level international experience

The Athlete Selection Committee shall:

- a. Make athlete selection for all international competitions
- b. Review and make decisions on all athlete selection to Junior Olympic National Team and National Team

\*Affiliated is defined as the immediate family of the athlete, an owner or paid employee of the athlete's club, a team member or coach of the athlete or immediate family member of coach who has athletes competing at the selection event.

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee will assign alternates to the ASC as needed.

### SECTION D- NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

1. The National Junior Olympic Committee shall consist of:
  - a. National Junior Olympic Chairman
  - b. Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairmen (4-8)
  - c. National Elite Committee Chairman or Representative
  - d. National Technical Committee Chairman or Representative
  - e. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
  - f. Senior 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. Work in conjunction with the National Technical Committee on technical aspects, competition format, and rules and regulations of the Junior Olympic Program.
  - c. Work with the National Elite Committee on the development of the Level 1-10 exercises.
  - d. Establish score requirements and qualification guidelines for the various levels of competition.
  - e. Conduct and direct educational and certification programs for the community as needed including video education of the Junior Olympic Program.
3. The National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman shall:
  - a. Have been coaching at the Junior Olympic level for a minimum of five years including having experience coaching Level 10 athletes at National Championships.
  - b. Serve as a voting member on the Acrobatic Gymnastics 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.
  - e. Effectively communicate information with all coaches across the country.
  - f. Represent the committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
  - g. Submit financial reports to the Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics for reimbursement of expenses.
  - h. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the Junior Olympic Committee in a timely manner for each National Junior Olympic Committee meeting.
  - i. Recommend subject and content for national clinics and publications.

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- j. Oversee elections for Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairmen.
  - k. Oversee and guide the work of the Regional and State Junior Olympic Committees.
4. The Regional Junior Olympic Committee shall consist of:
- a. Regional Junior Olympic Chairman
  - b. Regional Administrative Committee Chairman
  - c. Regional Technical Committee Chairman
  - d. Representative chosen by the National Elite Committee
  - e. State Junior Olympic Committee Chairmen (if warranted by membership)
  - f. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
5. The Regional Junior Olympic Committee shall:
- a. In coordination with the Regional Administrative Committee, provide a minimum of one regional clinic per year for athletes and coaches.
  - b. Recommend topics, content, and presenters for regional clinics.
  - c. Recommend changes to the Junior Olympic Program to the National Junior Olympic Committee.
  - d. Develop a State Junior Olympic Committee system as it is warranted by the membership of the region.
6. The Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman shall:
- a. Have coached level 9 or level 10 athletes within the past five years.
  - b. Be prepared to represent the views of the region at any meetings.
  - c. Represent the region as a voting member at National Junior Olympic Committee meetings.
  - d. Support and attend regional events.
  - e. Submit a written report of regional activities to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman.
  - f. Submit recommendations for the Junior Olympic Program to the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman.
  - g. Assist with regional clinics, recommending topics, content, and presenters.
  - h. Submit expenses to the Regional Administrative Chairman for reimbursement.

### SECTION E- NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. The National Technical Committee shall consist of:
- a. National Technical Committee Chairman
  - b. Regional Technical Committee Chairmen (4-8)
  - c. National Junior Olympic Chairman or Representative
  - d. National Elite Committee Chairman or Representative
  - e. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee membership)
  - f. USAG International Technical Consultant (non-voting)
  - g. Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics (non-voting)
2. The National Technical Committee shall:
- a. Work in conjunction with the National Junior Olympic Committee on technical aspects, competition format, and rules and regulations of the Junior Olympic Program.
  - b. Work in conjunction with the National Elite Committee concerning technical aspects, competition format, and rules and regulations of the Elite Program.
  - c. Respond to technical inquiries regarding the interpretation of the FIG Code of Points for Acrobatic Gymnastics and the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies for Acrobatic Gymnastics.
  - d. Dispense information of a technical nature to the membership.
  - e. Recommend topics, content, and presenters for national clinics.
  - f. Make recommendations to the Program Committee for changes to Rules and Policies and Specifications for Acrobatic Gymnastics.
  - g. Be responsible for the continuing education of judges.
  - h. Implement the testing and active status requirements for judges.

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- i. Keep a record of active status for all judges
  - j. Recommend to the Program Committee the judges' compensation schedule.
  - k. Recommend to the Program Committee Meet Referees for national events.
  - l. Appoint one member of the Jury of Appeals at Junior Olympic the National Championships.
3. The National Technical Committee Chairman shall:
  - a. Hold an FIG Brevet judge rating of Category I or II.
  - b. Serve as a voting member of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.
  - c. Serve as a liaison between the National Technical Committee and the Program Committee.
  - d. Effectively communicate information with all judges across the country.
  - e. Represent the Technical Committee on all sub-committees as necessary.
  - f. Submit financial reports to the Senior Director of Acrobatic Gymnastics for reimbursement of expenses.
  - g. Prepare and distribute the agenda to the National Technical Committee for each National Technical Committee meeting.
  - h. Oversee the assigning of judges at the regional levels and consult with the Meet Referees about the assigning of judges for the National Championships and for other national events.
  - i. Administer at least one judge's certification course per season.
  - j. Recommend subjects and content for national clinics and publications.
  - k. Review reports for judges' active status.
  - l. Oversee the election of Regional Technical Chairmen.
  - m. Oversee and guide the work of the Regional and State Technical Committees.
4. The Regional Technical Committee shall consist of:
  - a. Regional Technical Committee Chairman
  - b. Regional Judging Coordinator
  - c. Officers from other Regional Committees as deemed necessary for facilitating the technical aspects of the regional Acrobatic Gymnastics Program
  - d. Athlete Representative(s) (20% of committee number)
5. The Regional Technical Committee Chairman shall:
  - a. 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 at any meeting.
  - c. Represent the region as a voting member of the National Technical Committee.
  - d. Oversee the assigning of judges to all local, state and regional meets that is accomplished by the Regional Judging Coordinator.
  - e. Dispense information of a technical nature to the membership of the region.
  - f. Receive a copy of the Meet Referee Report for each meet within the region.
  - g. Maintain records of the active status for all judges within the region.
  - h. Assist with regional clinics, recommend topics, content, and presenters.
  - i. Actively participate in the training of judges, coaches, and athletes in the technical aspects of the rules and regulations.
  - j. Support and attend regional events.
  - k. Submit a financial report to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman for reimbursement of expenses.
6. The Regional Judging Coordinator shall:
  - a. Be certified as a State judge or higher.
  - b. Serve as a voting member on the Regional Technical Committee.
  - c. Serve as a non-voting member of the Regional Administrative Committee.
  - d. Be responsible to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
  - e. Function as the assigning officer for all local, state, and regional meets.
  - f. Attend the fall meeting of clubs within the region for the planning of the competitive year.
  - g. Send to all judges of the region a list of planned meets to assess their availability.
  - h. Send a list of assignments to all judges and host clubs as soon as such a list is available.

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- i. Submit a financial report to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman for reimbursement of expenses.

### SECTION F – NATIONAL ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

1. National Athlete Representative – see the USA Gymnastics Bylaws
2. The Regional Athlete Representative shall:
  - a. Be elected at Regional Championships on even numbered years by all athletes competing at Regional Championships who are competition age of 14 or older.
  - b. Have, within the past 10 years, been a member of the National, World Championships, Junior World Championships (WAGC), or World Games Team if possible. If the region has no candidates that meet this criterion, must have been an Elite athlete in the past 5 years. If there are no Elite athletes in the region, the athlete must have been at least Level 10 in the past 5 years.
  - c. Be prepared to represent the views of athletes in the region at any meetings.
  - d. Attend 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.
  - h. Submit a financial report to the Regional Administrative Committee Chair for reimbursement of expenses.

## ARTICLE V- 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 USAG 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 and Policies and Code of Ethics.
2. Athlete Representative nominees must be Athlete or Professional Members of the USAG Acrobatic Gymnastics Program, be at least 16 years of age, 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 Specifications, Rules and Policies, and Code of Ethics.
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 the above positions can be made by any Professional Member. Nominations for the Athlete Representative positions may also be made by Athlete Members competitive age 14 or older. Nominations must be sent to the Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics.

### SECTION B- NATIONAL OFFICERS

1. Elections for the National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman and the National Technical Committee Chairman, and National Athlete Representative will be conducted two years after the Olympic Games.
2. Elections for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Chairman and National Elite Committee Chairman will be conducted in the year of the Olympic Games.
3. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Chairman will be elected by professional membership of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program by written ballot through the postal service or by online voting.

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4. The National Elite Committee Chairman will be elected by coaches who have had elite athletes qualified to National Championships during the two years prior to the election (one vote per qualified club).
5. The National Junior Olympic Committee Chairman will be elected by all coaches at the Junior Olympic National Championships (one vote per club).
6. The National Technical Committee Chairman will be elected by state and higher rated judges in attendance at the Junior Olympic National Championships.
7. Nominations for all national positions shall be solicited in January and/or February of the year of the election. Nominations shall be sent to the Senior Program Director for Acrobatic Gymnastics by April 1 of the election year. Prospective candidates shall forward a resume' to the National Office by May 1. Resumes' of prospective candidates will be sent to Professional Members or posted on the USA Gymnastics website by June 1.
8. Ballots for all national positions will be prepared by the Senior Program Director. Ballots for the National Elite Committee Chair, the National Junior Olympic Committee Chair, and the National Technical Committee Chair will be presented at the Junior Olympic National Championships on the appropriate year. Ballots for the Program Committee Chair will be available online by July 1 or mailed to all professional members by the National Office postmarked by July 1 of the appropriate year. Online voting must conclude or written ballots (if used) must be returned postmarked by August 1 of that year.
9. Write-in votes will not be allowed.
10. 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. The positions to be elected at the National Championships will have an immediate runoff.
11. If only one nomination for a National Officer is received, the nominee will be elected by acclamation.
12. The National Officers' term of office is four years.
13. The term of office will begin on September 1.

### SECTION C- REGIONAL OFFICERS

1. The offices of Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman, Regional Technical Committee Chairman, and Regional Athlete Representative shall be elected on even numbered years.
2. The Regional Administrative Committee Chair will be elected by all professional members of the region who attend Regional Championships.
3. The Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chair will be elected by all coaches of the region who attend the Regional Championships (one vote per club).
4. The Regional Technical Committee Chair will be elected by judges of the region that are state rated and higher who attend Regional Championships.
5. The Regional Judges Coordinator will be elected by all currently certified judges of the region who attend Regional Championships.
6. The Regional Officers' term of office is two years.
7. The term of office will begin on September 1.

### ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS

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.

### SECTION A- NATIONAL MEETINGS

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee shall have two regular meetings a year. In addition, they will conduct business by conference call or additional meetings as appropriate. It is recommended that all national sub-committees meet at least twice annually.

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If a regional representative is unable to attend his/her national sub-committee meeting, the committee member should select a suitable replacement. This replacement must be approved by the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman and the National Chairman involved. The proxy has full voice and voting privileges.

### SECTION B- REGIONAL MEETINGS

Each region shall have annual meetings of the regional committees and additional meetings as necessary to conduct regional business. If a committee member is unable to attend a meeting, the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman shall approve a suitable replacement. The proxy has full voice and voting privileges.

## ARTICLE VII- FUNDING

All revenues generated by the Acrobatic Gymnastics 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.

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

## ARTICLE VIII- VACANCIES

### SECTION A- NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

In the event of resignation or removal of any national sub-committee chairman, the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee Chairman, in consultation with the respective committee, will appoint a chairman. If the remainder of the term exceeds one year, the election procedures shall be followed.

### SECTION B- REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

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

## ARTICLE IX- 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 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 Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee by two-thirds majority of the voting members of the committee he/she chairs and a two-thirds majority of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee; or
  - b. a two-thirds majority vote of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.

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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.

### ARTICLE X- INTERIM BUSINESS

All chairmen may conduct official business by 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 XI- AMENDMENTS

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