



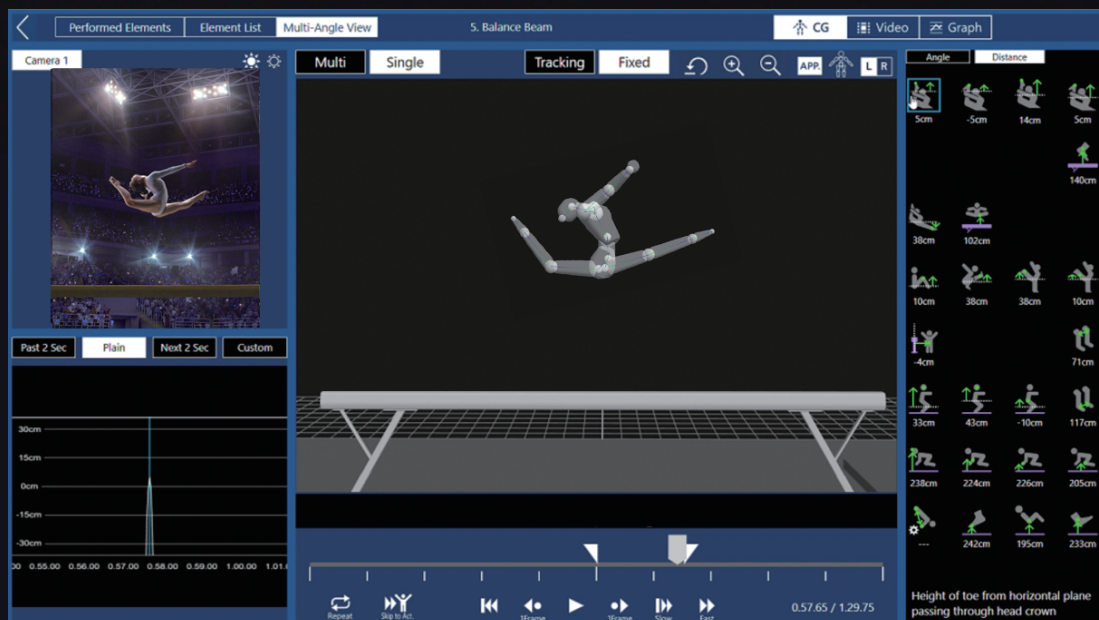
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In memoriam



Egle Abruzzini (ITA)
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Egle Abruzzini passes away

Egle Abruzzini (ITA) spent her long life tirelessly working for the betterment of Rhythmic Gymnastics.

An early graduate of Rome's Higher Institute of Physical Education, Abruzzini moved from Rome to Urbino in 1961 intending to teach Gymnastics and dance. During the 1960s, the still-developing sport captured her imagination, and her involvement increased until she became the Italian Gymnastics Federation's in-house Rhythmic expert.

It wasn't long before her talents and drive elevated her to the international federation. During the following years, she dedicated her considerable energy to organising teaching academies, helping train judges, and serving on the committees that developed apparatus and competition rules.

In 1980, Abruzzini was elected to the Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee with a mandate to take the sport into the Olympics. Four years later, Rhythmic made its debut at the Los Angeles Olympic Games. Abruzzini emerged from the Games as Technical Committee President, a position she would hold for the next quarter century.

While on her watch Rhythmic flourished spectacularly over the course of seven Olympic Games, Abruzzini herself changed little. Within the sport, she advocated for instilling strong fundamentals and not overtraining the body.

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The ITA charges gymnast Ana Maria Barbosu with an anti-doping rule violation for three whereabouts failures

The International Testing Agency (ITA), leading an independent anti-doping program on behalf of World Gymnastics, confirms that it has charged Romanian gymnast Ana Maria Bărbosu with an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) for three whereabouts failures committed within a 12-month period.

The ITA confirms that gymnast Ana Maria Bărbosu was charged with an ADRV under Article 2.4 of the World Gymnastics Anti-Doping Rules (World Gymnastics ADR) for committing three whereabouts failures within a 12-month period.¹

Further, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and Article 7.4.2 of the World Gymnastics Anti-Doping Rules, a provisional suspension has been imposed on the athlete.

The athlete has requested for the case to be referred for adjudication to the Court of Arbitration for Sport Anti-Doping Division where the athlete will have the opportunity to present explanations and evidence regarding each of the three whereabouts failures.

Pursuant to World Gymnastics' delegation of its anti-doping program to the ITA, the prosecution of the case is being handled entirely by the ITA.

Given that the case is underway, there will be no further comments made.

¹ Athletes included in a Registered Testing Pool (RTP), such as Ana Maria Barbosu, have the obligation to provide daily whereabouts as well as a specific daily 60-minute time slot where they will be available for testing. The purpose is to allow anti-doping organisations to locate athletes for unannounced out-of-competition testing. Any combination of three missed tests (which relate to the athletes' unavailability with respect to their 60-minute time slot) and/or filing failures (which are caused by the athletes' failure to provide accurate whereabouts) committed within a twelve-month period amount to an ADRV as per article 2.4 of the World Gymnastics ADR and World Anti-Doping Code.



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The ITA reports that gymnast Daniil Kuzmin has been sanctioned with a 3-year period of ineligibility

The International Testing Agency (ITA), leading an independent anti-doping programme on behalf of World Gymnastics, reports that Russian gymnast Daniil Kuzmin has accepted a three-year period of ineligibility after testing positive for the prohibited substance boldenone.

The ITA, on behalf of World Gymnastics, confirms that the athlete Daniil Kuzmin has agreed¹ to the consequences imposed for his anti-doping rule violation (ADRV).

As previously reported, the athlete tested positive for the prohibited substance boldenone after providing an out-of-competition on 3 February 2026. He was provisionally suspended on 20 March 2026.

The athlete did not challenge the ADRV and agreed with the consequences proposed by the ITA. Due to his early admission, the athlete was entitled to a one-year reduction of the otherwise four-year period of ineligibility usually imposed for an ADRV for the presence of boldenone as set forth in article 10.8.1 of the World Gymnastics anti-doping rules.² Accordingly, the case was resolved via an acceptance of consequences.

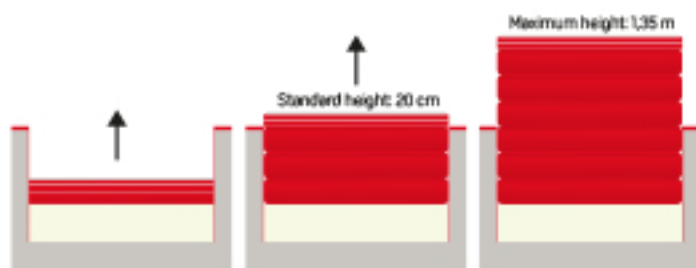
The athlete's period of ineligibility runs from 20 March 2026 until 19 March 2029. In addition, all the athlete's individual competitive results from 3 February 2026 onwards are disqualified, including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes.

Parties with a right of appeal may challenge the decision before the appeals division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with article 13.2.3 of the World Gymnastics anti-doping rules.

The ITA will not comment further on this case.

¹ Athletes have the right to choose not to have their case referred to a hearing panel. In these instances, the anti-doping organisation will assess the athlete's case file and establish the applicable consequences pursuant to the anti-doping rules and the athlete will have the right to accept the proposed consequences. If the athlete refuses the proposed consequences, the case is transferred to a hearing panel. This resolution mechanism is provided for in articles 8.3.1 and 8.3.3 of the World Gymnastics anti-doping rules and 8.3 of the World Anti-Doping Code. It is commonly referred to as an agreement on consequences and is deemed a World Gymnastics/ITA decision. The athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation and the World Anti-Doping Agency have the right to appeal the agreement on consequences before the competent appeal body.

² Article 10.8.1 of the World Gymnastics anti-doping rules (and World Anti-Doping Code) provides for a one-year reduction for certain ADRVs based on early admission and acceptance of sanction. This applies where an athlete after being notified by World Gymnastics/the ITA of a potential ADRV that carries an asserted period of ineligibility of four (4) or more years, admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of ineligibility no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an ADRV charge. Where the athlete receives the one-year reduction under Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the period of ineligibility is allowed.



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Summary of the main decisions:

UPDATE - RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN ATHLETES

The EC has decided to lift all restrictions applicable to Russian and Belarusian athletes since February 2022, with immediate effect. The FIG Ad-Hoc rules are therefore no longer in force.

2027 ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisation of the 2027 Artistic Gymnastics Junior World Championships has been allocated to the Egyptian Gymnastics Federation and the city of Cairo, pending ratification by the Council. These are scheduled to take place on 20-31 October 2027.

PROPOSED UPDATES TO RULES

The EC approved some proposed updates to the following rules and regulations:

- 2027 Technical Regulations (to be ratified by the Council)
- Code of Discipline (to be ratified by the Council)
- 2025-2028 General Judges' Rules
- 2025-2028 Specific Judges' Rules
- Appendix to the Codes of Points 2025-2028
- TRA World Cup Rules 2025-2028
- Apparatus Norms

The approved updates will be published on the World Gymnastics website in due course.

NEW WORKING GROUP

The EC has agreed to the establishment of the "Aerobic Wellness & Movement" Working Group.

PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

The proposals from the following Commissions and Working Groups were approved:

- Anti-doping, Medical and Mental Health Commission: update on the medical Regulations



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2027 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HOSTED BY A DEVELOPING NATIONAL FEDERATION

The EC entrusted the Jamaican Gymnastics Federation with the organisation of the 2027 Executive Committee meeting hosted by a developing National Federation.

NATIONALITY CHANGES

The EC approved the following nationality changes:

- Yasir Amjad El Sakka – MAG gymnast – Former: PLE / New: CAN
- Adam Lakomy – MAG gymnast – Former: USA / New: CZE
- Léonie Ouvrier – ACRO gymnast – Former : FRA / New : USA
- Silvia Santiago – WAG judge – Former: ESP / New: PUR



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Council held in Sharm El-Sheikh (EGY), 18-19 May 2026

REVISION OF THE TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The Council approved the proposed changes to the Technical Regulations. The changes will be published on the World Gymnastics website in due course.

CODE OF DISCIPLINE

The Council ratified the Executive Committee's decision to approve the revision of the Code of Discipline. The updates will be effective on 1 September 2026.

2030 ARTISTIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisation of 2030 Artistic World Championships has been allocated to British Gymnastics and the city of Liverpool.

2031 WORLD GYMNAESTRADA

The Council entrusted USA Gymnastics and the city of Las Vegas with the organisation of the 2031 World Gymnaestrada.

2027 COUNCIL

The German Gymnastics Federation and the city of Cologne will host the 2027 Council meeting. The dates will be communicated in due course.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Council approved the 2025 accounts and auditors' reports, as well as the 2026 revised budget and auditors' report.

FEDERATION AFFILIATIONS

The Council approved the provisional affiliation of the Niger Gymnastics Federation. Its definitive admission must be ratified by the next Congress.

World Gymnastics wishes to thank the Egyptian Gymnastics Association and its President, Mr Ehab ESAWY for the warm welcome and hospitality.

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Meeting held by videoconference, 10 February 2026

Participants

President	Rogério VALÉRIO (POR).
Vice President	Jerome HUEBSCHER (SUI); Chris MUCHATUTA (ZIM).
Members	Yumiko ITOH (JPN); Monika SISKOVA (SVK); Lori LAZNOVSKY (USA); Michele Carbinatto (BRA).

1 Opening and approval of the agenda

2 Minutes approval

- Minutes from the September Meeting will be shared for approval at the next meeting.

3 World Gymnaestrada 2027

- Notification of Interest. A thorough review of the numbers has been done. It's clear some federations did not understand the categories as a few entered numbers that are not typical. The LOC will follow up with all these federation to clarify.
- A session for the colloquium for first time administrators and federation should be added to help educate everyone on the registration process and the upcoming timeline.
- Rogerio will send out the new LOC organization chart as soon as received.
- We really need to think about how we can encourage and support the participation of more countries. While the participation numbers are high, there is potential for more countries to register at least to equal the number of national federations that attended last edition.
- The LOC should present the ticket prices very soon.

4 World Gymnaestrada 2031

- 3 Bids were submitted by the deadline
 - Antwerp, Belgium
 - Helsinki, Finland

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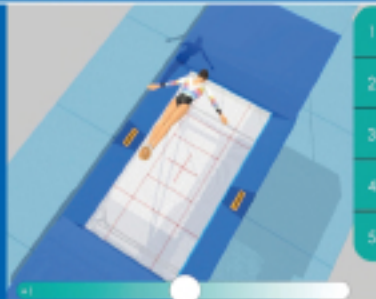
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- The process now is for two members from the GfA C to conduct a site visit in each city. The vote to select the host will be taken at the upcoming World Gymnastics Council Meeting in May.

5 GfA Colloquium 2026 – Mexico City

- Registrations
 - Registration numbers are good evolving participants from the five continents and we look forward to having a wide range of participants from around the world.
- Detailed Program
 - A few changes to the proposed program were discussed. We will continue to work though the final details with assignments made to each committee member to manage particular sessions.
- Tasks to be completed
 - Time limits for presentations will be made clear.

GfA Colloquium 2027

- It is expected to have the contract for the GfA Colloquium 2027 finalized and signed in order to have a formal announcement of location and dates during this year edition.

Preparation of next committee meeting in Mexico City

- An agenda item for the meeting will be to dive further into the details of the WG 2027 registrations including the number of slots, the Gala and National Performances.

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Excused	Chris MUCHATUTA (ZIM)

1 Opening and approval of the agenda

2 World Gymnaestrada 2027 Notification of Participants was reviewed.

- 44 countries
- 22,164
- 385 requests for group performance
- 358 City performances
- 14 Large Groups World team
- The LOC will add another hall for Group Performances offering now 8 halls
- The committee has analysed all performance slots requests and accordingly the GFA Manual a decision has been taken
- It's needed to reach out to countries that have participated in the past and inspire new ones

National Evenings

- all applicants were reviewed and discussed
- Conditions for national evenings need to be clear from the beginning.
- Notification regarding the National Evenings will take place in May

City Performances

- City Performance Only – same routine 3 times up to 7 minutes
- If City Performance is requested by a group doing something else in the program, 1 performance per group up to 7 minutes same or different than before

World Gymnastics Gala

- Selection of groups proposal from the Gala team was reviewed and approved

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- Gala groups will be informed no later than May 2026

Schools

- LOC need to inform everyone about the details of the schools and set expectations.

Information Meeting

- The invitation is ready. It will be sent to national federations in the coming days.
- 2nd Information meeting will be July 3-4 in Lisbon, POR.

Bulletin #3

- LOC informs that the draft is almost ready to be submitted to the committee to review and further distribution during April.

Registration Deadlines

- 10% payment of the participant card is due in July 2026
- The July registration will be confirmed with the World Gymnastics office

LOC has presented a revised budget.

Safeguarding Course

- Anyone with a coach credential is required to register as a coach and have a World Gymnastics Coach license
- Anyone who is HOD will be required to take the new HOD Safeguarding which will be ready in July.

3 2027 Colloquium

The Colloquium will take place in Asia. They are not attending this year's colloquium but have sent a video message and the preparations are according the plan.

4 Education

One Academy Foundations Course and one Workshop Join GFA for each continent is included in the GFA C. budget.

5 2026 Colloquium

- 1) 64 participants including the committee, from all continents. It is noted a good mix of new and experienced participants.
- 2) Everyone is invited to the event WhatsApp group. This group and the previous ones will be deleted two weeks after the Colloquium and participants will be added to a GFA community group.
- 3) The committee reviewed the schedule and all presentations.
- 4) The abstract book is almost ready.

6 Next edition of E-book

- 1) The committee will start to identify new content for the next edition.
- 2) Committee president will create a list of possible countries to be invited. Everyone on the committee should be on the lookout for positive and inspirational ideas that could be included.
- 3) Invitations will be sent in July 2026.

A female gymnast is shown in profile, performing a pose. She is holding a purple ball in her right hand, which is extended upwards. She is wearing a blue and white patterned leotard and white ballet slippers. The background is a solid blue color.

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7 Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be sent in the next few weeks. There was a good response to the first Newsletter so we will continue with a quarterly pace

8 Colloquium 2028

The bid process for choosing a location for 2028 will start soon

9 Business Plan

Review of the plan to help guide further discussions

10 Miscellaneous

- European Gymnastics has asked that a European member of the GfA C be an evaluator at the European Gym for Life 2026.
- Safeguarding course, we need a finalized proposal as soon as possible.
- Discussion about future meetings, dates and locations.

Rogério VALÉRIO
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Meeting held in Sharm El-Sheikh (EGY), 27-30 October 2025

Participants

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Vice President	Irina Nikitina (RUS); Juan Leon-Prados (ESP)
Members	Bernardo Tomás (POR); Marco Palella (ITA); Carisa Laughon (USA); Amir Mozes (ISR) (<i>not present</i>)
Athletes Representative	Lore Vanden Berghe (BEL) (<i>not present</i>)

1) Welcome and Housekeeping

- Noha and Nikolina welcomed the committee to Egypt and provided the agenda for the meeting days. The TC expressed our gratitude to the Egyptian Gymnastics Federation for the warm welcome and hospitality in such a beautiful location.

2) PCVR for The World Games

- Reviewed and re-evaluated all 80 exercises (via video) from TWG to provide control scores to JEP for judge analysis.

3) TC meeting schedule for 2026:

- March 9-14, 2026 – Las Vegas, USA (tentative)
- July 25-30, 2026 – Lausanne, SUI (focus on WCH/WAG preparations)
- Sept 11-30 – Pesaro, ITA (WAG/WCH Competition)
 - Sept 11 – Arrival
 - Sept 14-27 Competition
 - Sept 28-29 – PCVR
 - Sept 30 – Departure
- Nov 4-9, 2026 – Lausanne, SUI (Focus on rules for next cycle)

4) Technical Delegates for 2026 World Cups:

The TC appointed Technical Delegates for the 2026 World Cup series.

5) General Judges Rules:

A combined meeting with Acrobatics, Rhythmic and Aerobic TCs was held with the Sport Managers (Rui and Eunice) to review the General Judges Rules document and offer proposals.

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6) JEP Platform:

An online meeting to review the JEP analysis platform was held between Dr. Hugues Mercier and the Acrobatics, Rhythmic, and Aerobics TCs. The group discussed JEP objectives; the need for more data, especially from our disciplines, to allow for stronger analysis; and understanding the analysis and review process, as well as reporting options. The TCs were able to ask questions of and provide feedback to Dr. Mercier.

7) Correspondence:

- The TC reviewed correspondence related to element evaluations, rules clarification, and technical questions.
All relevant clarifications are published.

8) 2027 Technical Regulations and World Cup Rules (Online Meeting with Sport Manager):

- The TC reviewed minor corrections and discussed future updates to the Technical Regulations and World Cup Rules.
- The TC discussed the ability to make adjustments and the deadline to do so for the Technical Regulations for 2027 and beyond. Future considerations include timing and maximum number of World Cups per series; qualification to The World Games; and implementation of real-time judging (i.e., execution - element-by-element; artistry - criteria-by-criteria).

9) Artistry Evaluation Tool:

- The TC finalized the Artistry Evaluation Tool for publication.
- The goal of the Artistry Evaluation Tool is to provide detailed definitions for artistry judging criteria and reward levels, to help all judges interpret artistry judging in the same way.

10) Guidelines for Attire:

- Updates to attire guidelines were approved, including provisions for head coverings.

11) AOB

- The TC will plan to meet via online to continue the implementation process for the Acro Development Project, which was approved by the EC.

Nikolina HRISTOVA
Acrobatics TC President

Carisa LAUGHON
Acrobatics TC Secretary

Meeting held in Las Vegas (USA), 11-14 March 2026

Participants

President	Nikolina Hristova (BUL)
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Members	Bernardo Tomás (POR); Marco Palella (ITA); Carisa Laughon (USA); Amir Mozes (ISR) <i>not present</i>
Athletes Representative	Lore Vanden Berghe (BEL) <i>not present</i>

1) Welcome and Housekeeping

The meeting was opened by the ACRO TC President.

2) Reports from TC Members:

TC members provided updates on their respective activities:

- Lore – provided an update from the recent Athletes Commission meeting.
- Bernardo – will revise the Development Project PPT for final review and use.
- Juan – recommended publication of a consolidated document of past newsletters and clarifications to address ongoing issues and misunderstandings at competitions.
- Carisa – offered an update on her duties as committee secretary, STS liaison and development of a brochure as part of the Acro Development Project. Also discussed upcoming role as TD for World Cup in Puurs (BEL).
- Irina – continues work on a proposal for reorganization and standardization of the ToD for 2029-2032 cycle.
- Marco – reported on his recent work at a training camp in Greece, role as TD at World Cup in Maia, and presented his app for judges draws.
- Nikolina – shared a report from the recent EC and Competition Innovation Working Group meetings.

3) Innovation for upcoming Acrobatics Competitions:

The committee discussed various ideas for growth, increased excitement and entertainment at acrobatics events. Proposals for implementation at the upcoming WCH and JWCH/WAGC

4) 2029 World Games Qualification Procedures:

- The six quota places for the 2029 World Games will be awarded from a combination of the 2028 World Championships, 2029 World Cup series, and the WG Wild Card. This change will be reflected in the 2027 TR.
- The TC spent time discussing the details of the qualification process from the World Cup Series, considering factors including, which of the 2029 World Cups events will be part of the WG qualification, determining ranking from the approved World Cups, and tie breaking rules.

5) Real-time Judging:

- The theory for consideration of real-time judging is that it could provide for “better”, more accurate judging and fairer scores; aid in preventing biased judging; help to identify judges lacking experience/education; help to prevent judges scoring only in the “safe zone”.
- The TC discussed and explored options to study the impact of moving to real-time judging, options to build this type of scoring technology, ways to determine costs, and how to conduct judge analysis.

6) Correspondence:

- Reviewed correspondence from several federations asking for clarifications on the rules and new element evaluations.
- Reviewed questions that arose from the first World Cup competition of the season.
- All clarifications, evaluations, and questions & answers are published in the March 2026 Newsletter No.6.

7) Attire:

- Clarifications to attire rules were approved and will be published in the Newsletter.

8) Acro Development Project:

Lead by Nikolina, the TC confirmed plans for implementation of the 2026 development project approved by the EC, including training camps and educational materials.

- Planning 5 training camps in 2026 with targeted countries across Africa, Asia, and Pan America.
- Proposed camp schedule was reviewed
- Irina showed the TC the basic compulsory exercises. These will be provided to developing countries to help them continue acrobatics following the training camp.
- The TC reviewed a promotional brochure and other materials related to the development project.

- Juan will complete the conditioning program document.

9) 2029-2032 Rules General Discussion:

- The TC reviewed and considered feedback from Maia World Cup Roundtable and submitted proposals thus far.
- Key goals and considerations include:
 - Simplify!!!
 - Encourage a greater variety of elements and exercise creativity
 - Consider a new system of difficulty and align value of elements that are out of proportion.
 - Impacts of changes on developing countries as well as youth and juniors.

10) Judging Exercises to use for Judges Education:

The TC worked together to evaluate execution and artistry scores for several exercises with the intent of using these evaluations for future judges' education.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikolina HRISTOVA
Acrobatics TC President

Carisa LAUGHON
Acrobatics TC Secretary