**Agenda for March 2nd 2024 Meeting**

* Accept Meeting notes from Convention:
  + Clarification for judging requirement
* Chair reports
* Quick update on usage for unaffiliated judges and support for host teams -this will be a major topic of discussion at convention, so this will just be an update on usage to date
* Proposed changes to handbook from last meeting:
  + Proposal for youth figures:  
    I propose that youth figures includes all 4 figures as opposed to half do 2 and half do other 2.  
    Rationale: We select a Youth All Star Team and in fairness to all, it should be all 4 figures as previous quads.
  + I would like to propose that figures be drawn at 72hrs prior to the start of the meet. This put our athletes first and allows for teams that are traveling time to practice.
  + Proposal for discussion at the next East zone meeting:  
    I propose that we update the East zone rule about the late fees charged to the club who is late submitting the final coach cards to be payable to the East Zone rather than the host club.  Many volunteers outside of the host club are affected by the changes and need to either redo their work or do what they need to do at the last minute. We need to recognize that and value their volunteer work.  The volunteers include scoring people, DTCs, REFs,
  + Proposal for EZ Invitationals:  
    Current rule: NOTE: In an effort to regulate meet size (not too big, not too small), PRE-MEET entries will be required. Meet Hosts, in consultation with the Technical Chair, may  
    close entries to one meet if a maximum meet size (approximately 180 total routines) is reached.  
    Change 180 to 120?Potential change to officials
    - Current language:
    - Here is the updated language for your review for the 2023-24 season:  
      • Each club/team/unaffiliated athlete entered in the meet must provide at least one Zone level or  
      higher judge for every 10 athletes entered in competition, (1-10:1 judge, 11-20:2 judges, 21-30:3  
      judges) that will be available to judge/officiate during 80% of the events at the meet.  
      o Practice Judging will be accepted as available to judge while completing Zone rating for  
      a 2-year period.  
      o Level 2 Certified Technical controllers (difficulty and synchronization, certification will be  
      available from the USAAS this season) will be counted in the above ratio, assuming they  
      are available to officiate during 80% of the events at the meet.  
      o If the club/team/unaffiliated athlete cannot provide a judge(s) a fee of $20.00 per  
      athlete registered will be assessed with a maximum of $260.00 for the meet. Fee will be  
      applied for judges not provided for every 10 athletes, i.e., if one judge supplied and 12  
      athletes registered, the fee would be $40.00. Fee is due with meet entry and payable to  
      East Zone in a separate check. Practice judging will be accepted as available to judge  
      while completing the Zone rating, for a 2-year period, must be submitted with meet  
      entry.
* Elections needed:
  + President
  + VP/Awards
  + Technical Chair – might continue
  + Officials Chair – might continue
  + Education Chair
  + DEI
  + Treasurer – might continue
  + Secretary
  + Scoring chair
* Nominations needed:
* East Zone needs:
  + **1yr term**
  + 1 - AWD
  + 1 - nominating commitee -
  + 1 - Governance
  + IRC - requested
* Other