



USA Gymnastics Athletes Council  
Special Meeting  
Sunday July 11, 2021, 5 pm ET

AC in Attendance

Ivana Hong, Chair  
Jessica Renteria, Vice Chair  
Jessie DeZiel  
Logan Dooley  
Michael Devine  
Rebecca Sereda

Women's Program Representative  
Acro Program Representative  
Women's Program Representative  
USOPC AAC Representative  
T&T Program Representative  
Rhythmic Program Representative

USAG Staff in Attendance

Stefanie Korepin

Chief Programs Officer

Absent

Paul Ruggeri  
Serena Lu  
Grace Vonder Haar  
Alex Renkert

Men's Program Representative  
Rhythmic Program Representative/ USOPC AAC Rep  
Acro Program Representative  
T&T Program Representative

- I. The USOPC Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) has requested that each NGB nominate two flagbearers (one male and one female) who will run in an election for the honor of carrying the flag at both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The AAC asked each NGB, driven by athletes, to determine a process by which to nominate the flagbearers.

Given the short turnaround time, the AC decided that they would make the nominations on behalf of the athletes.

With the COVID protocols in place, only the Artistic and Trampoline teams are eligible to participate in the Opening Ceremonies, and only the Rhythmic team is eligible to participate in the Closing Ceremonies. It was confirmed that both Men's and Women's Artistic athletes do not plan to participate in the Opening Ceremonies because they will compete on Day 1 and 2, respectively, of the Games.



MOTION by Rebecca Sereda to nominate Nicole Ahsinger and Aliaksei Shostak to run as the USA Gymnastics nominees for the Opening Ceremonies and Laura Zeng as the USA Gymnastics nominee for the Closing Ceremonies.

Second: Michael Devine

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The AC selected Rebecca Sereda to serve as the USA Gymnastics voting representative for the flagbearer election.

Stefanie will notify Nicole, Aliaksei, and Laura and collect each athlete's acceptance of the nomination.

- II. Ivana Hong opened discussion on organizing an in-person Athlete Council meeting. The AC will coordinate via email to find a date in August or September to meet.
- III. Logan Dooley raised concern regarding Allan Bower, MAG Olympic alternate, not receiving funding. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the group that all Olympians and Olympic alternates should receive funding. The AC requested that USAG staff provide Allan the contact information for the athlete reps on the AC so that they may provide support if he desired and that all pertinent athletes have access to the AC's contact information. It was also noted that a larger discussion on athlete funding should be added to the agenda for the next in-person meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 ET.