

USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council (AC) Meeting  
December 12, 2024 – Start 9:00 am PST  
Las Vegas, NV

Roll Call

AC Attendees:

|                   |                                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Lily Avila        | Rhythmic Athlete Representative                    |
| Logan Dooley      | Team USA AC Alternate Rep                          |
| Evita Griskenas   | Rhythmic Athlete Representative                    |
| Alex Renkert      | Vice Chair, T&T Athlete Representative             |
| Braiden McDougall | Acro Athlete Representative                        |
| Kiley Boynton     | Acro Athlete Representative                        |
| Drew Collins      | T&T Athlete Representative – attended via Zoom     |
| Emily Schild      | Women's Athlete Representative – attended via Zoom |
| Jessie DeZiel     | Women's Athlete Representative – attended via Zoom |
| Akash Modi        | Men's Athlete Representative – attended via Zoom   |

Guests:

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kathryn Carson    | USAG Board Chair                   |
| Stefanie Korepin  | USAG Chief Program Officer         |
| Kim Kranz         | USAG Chief of Athlete Wellness     |
| Brandon Wynn      | USAG Board Athlete Director        |
| Margzetta Fraizer | Incoming Team USA AC Alternate Rep |
| Jessica Renteria  | USAG Board Athlete Director        |
| Debbie Hessie     | USAG Foundation Executive Director |
| Dante Hebert      | T&T Technical Committee Chair      |

Absent:

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| Cameron Bock | Men's Athlete Representative |
| Serena Lu    | Team USA AC Rep              |

**I. Welcome**

- Introductions
- Presentation of award to Jessica Renteria for her service as the AC Chair. We thank Jessica for her service and significant contributions to the Athletes' Council!

*Jessie DeZiel and Emily Schild joined the meeting at 9:25 am PT via Zoom*

**II. Discipline Updates**

- Acro – Kiley and Braiden reported on successes, challenges, and hot topics in the Program.
- Men's Program – Alex read a report submitted by Cameron. Brendon offered additional insight.
- Parkour – Alex gave an overview of the success of the Parkour athletes in 2024. Discussion on adding PK athletes to the USAG AC.

- Rhythmic – Evita and Lily reported on successes, challenges, and hot topics in the Program.
- T&T – Alex and Drew reported on successes, challenges, and hot topics in the Program.
- Women’s – Jessie and Emily reported on successes, challenges, and hot topics in the Program

*Akash joined the meeting at 10:05 am PT*

- Team USA AC Report – Logan gave an update on leadership election and the push to have independence from the USOPC. Akash gave his perspective from his recent attendance at the most recent Team USA AC meeting.

*Jessie left the meeting at 10:18 am PT*

*Akash left the meeting at 10:30 am PT*

### **III. Kathryn Carson Board Report**

### **IV. Governance**

- AC Charter review
- Proposed AC Charter Revisions
  - i. Remove requirement for selection rep to serve on the AC
  - ii. Clarify language on who can vote in AC election
  - iii. Edit meeting frequency to one time per month
  - iv. Add to duties to serve as a Safety and Response advocate
  - v. Add requirement of AC members to attend at least one camp or competition
  - vi. Add one non-voting Parkour Athlete Rep to the USAG AC

Motion to submit proposed charter revisions to the USAG Board for approval.

Motion: Logan  
Second: Kiley  
PASSED

*Emily left the meeting at 11:30 am PT*

- Review and update Commitment to Service Policy

Motion to accept revisions to the Athletes’ Council Commitment to Service Policy.

Motion: Evita  
Second: Drew  
PASSED

*Debbie Hesse joined the meeting at 12:00 pm PT*

### **V. USA Gymnastics Foundation**

- Debbie Hessie, Executive Director, gave an overview of the history and future of the new foundation
- Mission, Vision, Core Values, Tagline, and Giving Pillars
- Overview of foundation Initiatives and timeline

*Debbie Hessie left the meeting at 12:37 pm PT*

**VI. Athlete Rep Appointments**

- Discussion on Athlete Reps on State and Regional committees

**VII. Athlete Representation in the Community**

- Discussion on AC Communication Channels

*Dante Hebert joined the meeting at 1:12 pm PT*

**VIII. Judging Standards and Evaluation**

- Dante shared the new judge evaluation analysis the T&T Technical Committee performed following the 2024 competitive season.
- Discussion around transparency between athletes/coaches and judges.

*Dante Hebert left the meeting at 1:39 pm PT*

- Discussion on Selection Committee transparency

**IX. Competitions**

- Athlete feedback related to specific competitions
- Selection Procedures: gathering feedback and approval process
- Equipment: AC discussed current concerns from athlete community regarding equipment and competition conditions

**X. Athlete Rep Engagement**

- Best Practices
- National Team meeting presentations
- Conflict resolution
- Athlete Feedback mechanisms and frequency
- Discussion on athlete-parent and athlete-coach dynamics

**XI. Athlete Health and Wellness**

- Kim Kranz gave an update on the status of the Training and Wellness Center project

*Drew Collins left the meeting at 3:18 pm PT*

- Kim gave an overview of the National Team AHW survey results
- Shared AHW priorities for 2025
- Overview of health resources currently available to athletes

*Brandon Wynn and Kathryn Carson left the meeting at 3:41 pm PT*

**XII. Disciplinary Measures for NT Athletes**

- Discussion on how NT Athletes are disciplined when NT rules are broken
- Recommendation to create clear process and tiers

**XIII. Athlete Funding**

- Discussion on 2025 funding tiers

**XIV. NT Athlete Feedback**

- Shared and discussed feedback the AC collected from National Team athletes

Motion to adjourn: Lily

Second: Alex

*Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm PT*