

Men's Development Program Committee Meeting
Conference Call via Zoom
Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

The session was called to order, Tuesday, January 24th, 2022 @ 12:02 PM EST, by David Klein, MDPC Chair.

A. Opening Remarks

B. Roll Call

MDPC Chairman: David Klein

Region 1: Tim Klemptner

Region 2: Eli Richardson

Region 3: Jerit Pogue (absent)

Region 4: Dale Bullivant

Region 5: Kevin Chope

Region 6: Daniel Young

Region 7: Bob Lundy

Region 8: Kevin White

Region 9: Mark Bogoger

Athlete Rep: Joseph Buselmeier (absent)

Athlete Rep: Eric Hoe

Athlete Rep: Alexander Castro-Perez

Athlete Rep: Alexander Kotnik

Athlete Rep: Andrew McGill (absent)

Men's Program Manager: Lisa Mendel (voice, no vote)

VP Men's Gymnastics: Jason Woodnick (voice, no vote)

Junior National Coaching Staff Representative: Tom Meadows (voice, no vote)

MPC Representative: Paul Sargsyan (voice, no vote)

MPC Representative: Sergei Pakanich (voice, no vote)

NGJA Representative: Peter Wiegand (voice, no vote)

High performance Director: Brett McClure (voice, no vote)

Men's Junior High-Performance Coordinator: Raj Bhavsar (voice, no vote)

Voting members: 11

Non-members present: MPC Chair, Mike Serra

C. MDPC meeting moving from Fall to June

The group agrees that a May/June meeting is a better choice.

D. ETC Updates

- Version 2 of the ETC directives will be made available this week. The draw will be done the first week in Feb. and then a new work plan will be distributed.
- The ETC will be Spieth equipment.
- The alternate athletes do not get refunded the \$175 entry fee if they do not compete.

E. Future Stars:

- Discussions surrounding the options of trying to roll it into the MDP regular season.
- We want the coaches' education to be a bit part of this. This could culminate at East/West nationals.
- Potential video submission for tramp, strength and flex.

STRAW VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Based on the straw vote, the overwhelming majority of the committee is in support of continued work on re-envisioning the Future Stars Program.

JE Qualifying Scores into Development Nationals:

Raj: Do we have an idea of the JE scores for qualifying into JE nationals?

David: The Junior National Coaching staff will give us their recommendation and we can approve that or not.

F. Regional Restructuring

- Regions (2,4, & 9) could use some change and these discussions will be very valuable. Perhaps there are some regions that don't need change.
- Region 2, 9, & 4 would like to combine, in some form, into a bigger region.

A straw vote was taken to see if the committee wants a regional restructuring to continue to be discussed.

Straw Vote Results

Yes: 11

No: 2

- Mark: There is a big difference between the regions in terms of size and the amount of money we can use. We only have 550 athletes in our entire region. We don't have enough judges. The resources that the small regions have are very limited. We are not able to give our athletes the same benefits that the rest of the country is getting. By reducing the number of regions, we combine resources and can provide better programs for the entire country.
- Bob: As a region that has more things taken away than being provided, I wouldn't necessarily agree with that. This doesn't help us in our area to make things better. Taking away opportunities from one area to give to another doesn't make sense here.
- Tim: What regions feel like they would benefit from restructuring? Perhaps some feel like they are doing fine. Perhaps it's just 2, 9, and 4 that need to be restructuring.

- Jason: This is an amazing discussion. I am trying to put the elite team cup on the back burner and consider the junior program as a whole. By realigning, are we making it easier for kids to stay in their sport.

A straw vote was taken to see if the committee wants to consider more or less regions.

- The committee did not want to consider the option of more regions.
- 9 Votes were in favor of 6, 7 or 8 regions.

- Mark: It seems as though restructuring regions 2, 4 & 9 are supported. We need to see if changes in the east are necessary. We will continue the conversations in the west. Have these conversations in the east.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Dale Bullivant

1:58 PM

David A Klein

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MDPC Chairman

February 16th, 2023

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by Daniel E. Young, Sc.D., MDPC Secretary