

# Men's Development Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023, via Zoom

*Meeting called to order Wednesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:06pm EDT, By David Klein MDPC Chair*

## **A: Opening Remarks**

### **Voting Members**

#### **B. Roll Call**

MDPC Chairman: David Klein

Region 1: Tim Klempnauer (12:20)

Region 2: Eli Richardson

Region 3: Jerit Pogue

Region 4: Dale Bullivant

Region 5: Kevin Chope

Region 6: Craig Thibaudeau

Region 7: Bob Lundy

Region 8: Kevin White

Region 9: Mark Bogoger

Athlete Rep: Joseph Buselmeier (Absent)

Athlete Rep: Eric Hoe (Absent)

Athlete Rep: Alexander Castro-Perez (Absent)

Athlete Rep: Alexander Kotnik (Absent)

### **Non-Voting Members**

Men's Program Manager: Lisa Mendel

VP Men's Gymnastics: Jason Woodnick

Junior National Coaching Staff Representative: Tom Meadows (Absent)

MPC Representative: Paul Sargsyan

MPC Representative: Sergei Pakanich

NGJA Representative: Peter Wieging

High performance Director: Brett McClure

Men's Junior High-Performance Coordinator: Raj Bhavsar

Guest: Mike Serra, MPC Chairman

## **C. Reports**

A) National Gymnastics Foundation – Men's Program Fund – Klein

Written report was shared with all.  
2023 revenue was \$175,066.  
\$58,355 was awarded to the regions  
\$110,00 was allocated to scholarship and training awards

Q: Were any funds given to GymAct or NCAA teams/groups?

A: No applications were received at the time of the NGF Committee meeting. Since that time there have been two requests for funding that are currently being reviewed.

#### **D. 2025 – 2028 MDP Manual - Liaison Updates**

##### **National Track - Pogue**

###### **1. Compulsory Working Group**

Working Group has had three meetings. Most all decisions/discussions have been made. The primary change is the switch to a 10.0 max score. Extended discussion on open vs specific virtuosity. **It is the consensus of the MDPC that no 'open' virtuosity be used in the new program.**

Discussion on 'multiple' paths to a 10.0 score. It is the consensus of the MDPC that the scoring process be simple and understandable. Full bonus plus stick should equal 10.0. In order to accomplish this, **it is the consensus of the MDPC that virtuosity bonus be removed from the compulsory program.**

###### **2. FS/Level 6 Routines - Bhavsar**

The level 6 routines will be based on the Future Stars routines.

###### **3. Optional Working Group**

The optional working group has had one meeting. Most decisions are predicated on anticipated changes to the FIG code. The aim is to have L10 18-19 adopt Sr FIG rules with modifications and L10 16-17 to adopt Jr FIG rules with modifications.

Level 10 (18-19) Year Olds – FIG at DPN – **Bhavsar**

**The MPC has approved that JE Level 10 (18-19) year olds will compete under FIG Sr rules at 2024 Development Program Nationals.**

**The MPC has approved that should there be a bonus system applied to the Junior or Senior level at US Championships, that same bonus would be applied to the applicable Level 10 Junior Elite age group at Development Nationals in 2024.**

###### **4. Club Track – Bogoger**

The group is reviewing event requirements and judging clarifications.

## **E. Special Orders**

1. Frank Cumiskey Award –  
Nominee accepted by acclamation. Tom Meadows
2. Dusty Ritter Visionary Award  
No nominations

## **F. Other Topics**

1. Regional Discretionary Qualification Process

The working group of Jerit Pogue, Craig Thibaudeau, and Kevin Chope presented a proposal with discussion.

**Motion: JN Athletes who score within .15 of their Region's E/W Championships or DP National allotment will automatically qualify to E/W Championships or DP Nationals respectively. JE Athletes who score within .5 of the combined qualifying score or the Region's allotment will automatically qualify to DP Nationals.**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Jerit Pogue**

### **Motion Passes**

2. MPC Decisions on R & P Updates

Member club and uniform clarifications to the National R & P were approved by the MPC. (See [MPC minutes](#) for specific text)

In regard to the R&P language as it relates to assigning judges to competitions and per the MPC request, the MDPC has agreed to form an independent panel to review any cases where a consensus cannot be formed after collaboration between meet host and local judging associations. That panel will consist of the MPC Chairperson, MDPC Chairperson and NGJA Representative to the MDPC.

The R&P will be updated as follows:

*The local meet host(s) must collaborate and reach an agreement with respective local judging associations in assigning local USAG sanctioned competitions. State Chairmen must collaborate and reach an agreement in the assigning of the State Championships. Regional Chairperson must collaborate and reach an agreement with the local judging association president / representative and the NGJA Regional Development Director for their respective region to assign judges for the Regional Championships. If after collaboration, a consensus cannot be reached an independent panel will review the case for final determination. That*

*panel will consist of the MPC Chairperson, MDPC Chairperson and NGJA Representative to the MDPC.*

**Note – When this topic was under discussion the committee no longer had a quorum, so the following motion was submitted to the committee via email on September 26<sup>th</sup> for the purposes of voting by email. The final votes were tallied on September 27<sup>th</sup> and are represented below.**

**Motion to accept the independent panel and the change in the language to the R&P.**

**Motion: Mark Bogoger**

**Second: Kevin White**

**Motion Passes (11 for & 2 absent)**

3. Committee Structure at the State & Regional Level

It is anticipated that Regional and State Committees will need to conform to structural rules as required by the USOPC and *Ted Stevens Act*.

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**Motion for Kevin White, Craig Thibaudeau, and Kevin Chope to form a working group to make recommendations for structural ‘best practices’ for Regional and State Committees.**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue**

**Second: Tom Klempnauer**

**Motion Passes (10 for, 1 abstain & 2 absent)**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue Motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.**

**Second: Kevin White**

**Motion Passes**

*David A Klein*

**Date: October 20th, 2023**

**Approved; David Klein MDPC Chair**

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Kevin Chope, MDPC Secretary