

MPC Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024
Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 1:32pm ET by Chair, Mike Serra.

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)
Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep
Mark Williams – Sr Coaches Rep
Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Sam Phillips – Athlete Rep
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Development Program Director (voice, no vote)
David Klein – MDPC Chair (voice, no vote)

Members not present:

Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Rep
Mike Juszczuk – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)

Non-members present:

Lisa Mendel – Men’s Program Manager

I. Establish the four 2025 Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions

Bids were received from the following competitions:

- Stanford Open
- Washington Open
- Rocky Mountain Open
- Beach Blast Invitational
- Houston National Invitational
- Windy City Open
- West Point Open
- Navy Open

The Committee evaluated competitions by location to ensure each region of the country was accounted for. The college programs prefer using competitions that include a collegiate session as their calendars and budgets are set over a year in advance. Utilizing competitions that are outside of a collegiate meet means added travel expenses and adjusted scheduling.

The Committee agrees that they want to give different competitions an opportunity to host the qualifier competitions, but we will need to establish those decisions earlier so that college programs can incorporate them into their budgets and schedules. We can look to secure Winter Cup qualifier competitions two years in advance at our US Championship meeting annually.

The Committee reviewed each of the bids and decided on the following four competitions to be Winter Cup qualifiers in 2025:

- Stanford Open
- Rocky Mountain Open
- Windy City Open
- West Point Open

Sergei joined the call prior to the next agenda item.

II. The MPC is tasked with vetting the candidates for the two Men's Program Representative positions on the USAG Programs Council.

We have four candidates who have been nominated for the two open positions:

- Tim McNeil
- Rustam Sharipov
- Jorge Valdes
- Alexander Artemev

Motion: To approve all four candidates for further vetting and election

Motion: Mark Williams

Second: Randy Jepson

Passed 6-0

It was suggested that we should expand upon the eligibility criteria for these positions to include more individuals from the Development Program. The current criteria are more elite driven, and we should be more inclusive of our grassroots community. These criteria can be updated now so that they are ready for the next election process. We can plan to add this topic to our meeting at US Championships.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10pm ET.



MPC Chair

April 9, 2024

Date