

Men's Development Program Committee Meeting

Monday, 16 Sept, 2024

Meeting called to order Monday, Sept 16, 2024 at 12:00 pm EST, By David Klein MDPC Chair

A: Opening Remarks

Welcome to our new NGJA Rep Paul Evatt. Reminder of meeting protocols.

B. Roll Call

MDPC Chairman: David Klein

Region 1: Matt Lowry

Region 2: Mark Bogoger

Region 3: Jerit Pogue

Region 4: Kevin White

Region 5: Kevin Chope

Region 6: Bob Lundy

Athlete Rep: David Willet (absent)

Athlete Rep: Eric Hoe (leave at 1:59)

Athlete Rep: Zachary Granados (absent)

Non-Voting Members

Men's Program Manager: Lisa Mendel (absent)

VP Men's Gymnastics: Jason Woodnick

Junior National Coaching Staff Representative: Tom Meadows (absent) (joins call at 12:56)

MPC Representative: Paul Sargsyan

MPC Representative: Sergei Pakanich

NGJA Representative: Paul Evatt

High Performance Director: Bret McClure (absent)

Men's Program Development Director: Raj Bhavsar

Quorum is established.

B: Special Orders

Comiskey Award nominee discussion.

Michael Serra approved as recipient of the 2024 Comiskey Award.

Dusty Ritter Visionary Award – no nominees

C: Manual Updates

Specific manual questions from the community.

#1. Coaching Behavior deductions will be applied as Neutral Deductions

Motion: KEVIN WHITE

Second: JERIT POGUE

Motion passes unanimously

#2. Straddle Planche will receive 1 letter upgrade for L10.

Motion: KEVIN WHITE

Second: JERIT POGUE

Motion passes unanimously

#3. 1.0 deduction for missing major element.

Discussion – this is a JNCS issue. Referred back to JNCS.

#4. Stick bonus is added to D score.

Motion: JERIT POGUE

Second: KEVIN WHITE

Motion passes unanimously

#5. Neutral Deductions will not affect D or E bonus.

Motion: KEVIN WHITE

Second: MATT LOWRY

Motion passes unanimously

#6. Level 5 HB discussion on “ $\frac{3}{4}$ giant swing w/ hips brushing bar”

Referred back to Compulsory Working Group for better wording.

#7. Clarification of upper arm swing requirement in L5 PB routine.

Referred back to Compulsory Working Group for better wording.

#8. To upgrade value of Handspring front tuck vault.

Referred back to Optional Working Group for better wording.

#9. Discussion of max deduction on skill following release skill

Clarification. Add “Completed” Skill following... p52.

D: Change to L6 JE age group

Discussion. Will this move reduce numbers in L8 JE?
Consensus of the group is to change L6 JE from 10-11- to 10–12-year-old.

Motion to change Level 6 JE from 10-11- to 10–12-year-old.

Motion: KEVIN WHITE

Second: MATT LOWRY

Motion passes unanimously

E: Discussion of Specialist qualification to Championship season.

Should all levels be included? Currently applies to L7 through 10.
JN and JE specialist qualification will be assessed separately.

Motion to clarify the Specialist Qualification Procedure to apply to ONLY L7 and L10, and to separate JE and JN when calculating specialist qualification.

Motion: JERIT POGUE

Second: KEVIN WHITE

Motion passes unanimously

***Specialist Proposal attached as appendix A**

Working group will clarify wording in the Specialist proposal passed 9/12/24.

F: Election of MDPC representative to the USAG Foundation Men’s Scholarship Committee.

Kevin Chope approved as MDPC Representative to Men’s Scholarship Committee.

G: Discussion of National Judging Fee Template

H: Other Items.

Raj announces target date for manual update is Oct 7, 2024

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: KEVIN WHITE

Second: MARK BOGGER

Motion passes unanimously

David A Klein

Date: January 29th, 2025

Approved; David Klein MDPC Chair

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Kevin Chope, MDPC secretary.

Appendix A

Specialist Proposal for the Men's Development Program into Eastern/Western National Championships and National Championships.

Who Is a Specialist?

A specialist is any Level 7 or Level 10 JN athlete at Regional Championships who does not compete in the All-Around and qualifies for Men's Development Program National Championships or East/West National Championships on a specific event. Specialists are determined after the competition based on individual event results—no pre-declaration is required.

How Specialists Qualify:

Specialists qualify for DP Nationals or East/West Nationals in Levels 7 and 10 JN by meeting one of the following criteria:

- **Top 10% Placement:**
Place within the top 10% of JN athletes in their age group for a specific event (JE athletes are excluded from the results).
- **Top 3 Placement in Smaller Divisions:**
Place in the top 3 of their age group in divisions with fewer than 30 JN athletes (JE athletes are excluded from the results).
- **All-Around Athletes:**
All-around athletes who do not qualify in the All-Around category but place in the top 3 for a specific event will qualify in that event.

Division Eligibility:

All specialists and event qualifiers in Levels 7 and 10 will compete exclusively on the events they qualified for, at for their respective National Championships.