

MPC Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

Meeting called to order at 1:01pm ET by Chair, Mike Serra.

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)

Tom Meadows – Sr Coaches Rep

Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep

Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep

Matt Henry – Jr Coaches Rep

Tyler Yamauchi – 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:

Cameron Bock – Athlete Rep

Jon Corbitt – NGJA Representative (voice, no vote)

Non-members present:

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

Matt Henry was on and off the call for the first two topics and was unable to vote on those Motions.

I. 2026 Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions Update

The venue for the 2026 Beach Blast was unable to confirm the ability to anchor the equipment to the floor for the competition by the July 1 deadline. Therefore, the Beach Blast will be removed as a Winter Cup Qualifier. The Rocky Mountain Open (January 17th) will replace Beach Blast as the fourth Winter Cup Qualifier.

Motion: To confirm the 2026 Rocky Mountain Open as a 2026 Winter Cup Qualifier.

Motion: Randy Jepson

Second: Pavel Sargsyan

Passed 4-0 (2 absent votes)

II. FIG Newsletters

The FIG Executive Committee approved a proposal from the Men's Technical Committee to modify the Code of Points with regards to the requirements on Floor Exercise. A FIG Newsletter is expected by the end of July with the approved verbiage. These rule changes would potentially require athletes to modify their Floor routines from what they have been competing throughout the year. With US Championships occurring the first week of August, the MPC felt that it would be in the best interests of the athletes competing to not implement any FIG rule changes that occur leading up to or during the US Championships.

Motion: Any rule changes/modifications listed in FIG Newsletters published through the end of competition at the 2025 US Championships (August 10) will not be implemented in competition at the 2025 US Championships.

Motion: Randy Jepson

Second: Pavel Sargsyan

Passed 4-0 (2 absent votes)

III. Level 10 Junior Elite Performance Pathway

The MDPC has submitted a document (**Attachment A**) to the MPC outlining perceived challenges with the Level 10 JE performance pathway, mainly the implementation and emphasis of the Technical Sequences. The MPC reviewed and discussed the document. The MPC Coach Reps have spoken with many of their constituents to garner feedback and while the vast majority see the importance of the Technical Sequences in the Level 10 program, there is no consensus on how it should be implemented. The MPC will need to make this an actionable item on the meeting agenda at US Championships in August.

Motion to adjourn at 2:18pm ET.



MPC Chair

July 22, 2025

Date

Level 10 Junior Elite Performance Pathway

Overview

The Men's Development Program Committee (MDPC) recognizes the vital role Technical Sequences play in the progression of our top junior athletes. While the Men's Program Committee (MPC) with input from the National Coaches Council (NCC) hold the authority to set the requirements for the Junior Elite Program, the MDPC is responsible for much of the program's implementation and execution.

In this capacity, the MDPC believes that offering direct feedback regarding observable challenges within the program is essential to its continued success. Accordingly, we wish to bring to the NCC and MPC's attention several significant issues currently affecting the Level 10 Junior Elite division.

Identified Issues

- 1. Deprioritization of Technical Sequence Mastery**

The removal of Level 10 Technical Sequences from the DP National Championships has shifted athlete focus from mastering foundational skills to merely attaining the proficiency required for qualification. This has reduced the overall emphasis on these critical routines.
 - 2. Lowered Qualification Standards**

The introduction of regional allotments, intended to ensure a certain number of participants at DP Nationals, alongside a qualifying score has significantly lowered the threshold for advancement. Consequently, the perceived importance of preparing and performing Technical Sequences has diminished.
 - 3. National-Level Participation Without Technical Sequence Performance**

Athletes are now able to petition into DP Nationals as Junior Elite Level 10 competitors, qualify to USA Championships, and even make the National Team without ever having performed the Technical Sequences in that season. This has occurred repeatedly in recent years. In fact, 20 Level 10 athletes were granted petitions into DP Nationals last season under these conditions.
 - 4. Decline in Technical Sequence Quality**

At the regional level, the quality and consistency of Technical Sequence performance by Level 10 athletes have significantly declined. Current performance standards no longer align with the program's original developmental objectives.
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Conclusion

As the men's program continues to strive for internationally competitive levels of difficulty, it is essential to critically assess the key elements, implementation, and emphasis of the Level 10 Technical Sequences. The MDPC wishes to express concern regarding these issues in the implementation of the TS program at Level 10. It also seeks feedback from the MPC and NCC with regard to the specific objectives of the Junior Elite Level 10 program and the essential components of the program, so that we may continue to refine and optimize the Junior Development Program without compromising the integrity of the Technical Sequences or the Junior Elite Program.