

MPC Meeting
August 8, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 9:00am CT.

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

Cameron Bock – 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)

Jon Corbitt – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)

Non-members present:

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

I. Reports

a. USAG Office (Woodnick)

- i. Li Li stepping down at the end of the year. New CEO search underway.
- ii. GK has been re-signed as official apparel partner of the Development Program. Development equipment partner will be announced soon.
- iii. Selection procedures will be required for all international assignments in 2026.
- iv. All USAG Program Rules & Policies are getting an overhaul. They should contain the same information.
- v. Mixed Team event to be hosted by the US in 2026. Format and logistics still being worked out.
- vi. The NAL’s will be submitting their second reports following US Championships
- vii. 2026 Winter Cup tentative schedule will be arrival on Thursday, training on Friday and Men’s competitions (Senior session & ETC) on Saturday

b. High Performance (McClure)

- i. Review of international results throughout 2025

- ii. Review of May National Team camp. Working to improve communication and trust among coaches.
- iii. The National Qualifier was high level and effective in filling remaining spots for US Championships
- c. Senior Program (Jepson & Meadows)
 - i. Senior coaches want to determine how we can be more competitive on the world stage. We still need better communication and camaraderie between Junior and Senior NT coaches.
- d. Junior Program (Bhavsar, Henry, Sargsyan, Klein)
 - i. Review of the international results through the year and looking ahead to Junior Pan Am Games & Junior World Championships
 - ii. Positive feedback from the Future Stars Camp, especially on the coaches presentations.
 - iii. Level 8/9 camp was exceptional. Great gymnastics and energy from all athletes and coaches.
 - iv. Updates to the Development Program Competition Manual are done. The new manual should be published by September 1. Technical Sequence Working Groups are finalizing their work, and the new TS manual should be published by October 1.
 - v. The Technical Sequences for Level 10 athletes continue to be a major topic among Junior coaches
- e. Athlete Reps (Yamauchi & Bock)
 - i. Athletes appear to be impartial to performing Technical Sequences at Development Nationals. They just want to know the plan so that they can prepare accordingly.
- f. NGJA (Corbitt)
 - i. Several significant NGJA members passed away this year (Jon Culbertson, Bob Whitney, and Ted Muzyczko.)
 - ii. Work being done within the NGJA workstreams.
 - iii. The LMS pilot and the implementation of Technical Presentations at Winter Cup and US Championships have been positive for enhancing judges' education and preparation.
 - iv. The US needs to build their relationship with other PAGU countries. We need to participate in PAGU training camps.

II. 2026 Winter Cup Qualification

The MPC felt that the 2025 qualification process was effective in compiling the competition field. However, the MPC would like to add in D score standards for Individual Event petitions. Those standards may come from World Championships or US Championships.

Motion: Adopt the same Winter Cup Qualification Procedures from 2025 for 2026 with the addition of a D score standard for Individual Event spots (to be determined).

**Motion: Tom Meadows
Second: Tyler Yamauchi
Passed 6-0**

III. 2026 US Classic

The HPD wants to use Classic as a National Team camp and preparation competition for US Championships. If we were to go back to Classic, we would need all Senior NT athletes to confirm their attendance. There needs to be some input from the Senior NT athletes and coaches

The National Qualifier served its purpose in finding the final qualifiers for US Championships. It would not be possible to utilize US Classic in place of the qualifier. For 2026, we will reduce the Qualifier by one day and we will run combined Junior & Senior sessions. We will not run a Junior only session.

Motion: To retain the National Qualifier in 2026 as the final qualification event to the US Championships.

**Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Matt Henry
Passed 6-0**

IV. Vault Development

The MPC looked at ways to incentivize athletes to work two Vaults with the goal being to give better opportunities for a Vault medal. Currently only four athletes competed two Vaults at US Championships. If we look at the Points Program, which effects National Team selection, could there be a way to incentivize athletes to perform two Vaults? More thought will need to be put into this.

V. Senior Development Team

There is growing support for a tiered system, with the D score standards to achieve Development Team spots increasing at each age (18, 19, and 20). This encourages a consistent growth in difficulty across all three years. The Senior Selection Committee is evaluating what this may look like. Some of this was also incorporated in the documents submitted by Tony Beck and John Robinson for review.

VI. Level 10 Technical Sequences

The major discussion point for months has been if we should require Level 10 JE's to compete Technical Sequences at Development Nationals. This would only be for the 16 & 17 year old divisions. The 18 & 19 year olds will continue to compete two days of

Optionals. Everyone feels that the Technical Sequences are vital to our program, the question is finding where and how to best use them. There are differing viewpoints throughout the country, but as leaders in the community, it is the MPC's responsibility to balance the feedback they receive with what they feel is best for the country.

As a path forward to the end of the quad, the MPC felt that several strategies could be implemented:

1. No changes to the current competition format for Level 10 JE's at Development Nationals. All Level 10 JE's will compete two days of Optionals.
2. The Level 10 JE's should compete the same rules that they will compete at US Championships. For the 16/17's – Jr FIG rules with exponential bonus and for the 18/19's – Sr FIG rules with exponential bonus.
3. Implement stronger standards at the State and Regional level for Technical Sequences. Determine a desired TS score at both levels. This may mean less qualifiers to Dev Nationals.

Motion: At 2026 Development Nationals, the Level 10 JE 16/17's will compete Junior FIG rules with exponential bonus and the Level 10 JE 18/19's will compete Senior FIG rules with exponential bonus.

Motion: Tom Meadows
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed 6-0

VII. Hall of Fame update

A candidate has been nominated and vetted for induction to the 2026 HOF class.

VIII. Topics from the floor

For future consideration, do we implement a D score standard at the Junior level for participation at US Championships? Also, everyone should review the documents submitted by Tony Beck and John Robinson. We will invite them to our next call in September to better explain their ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm CT



MPC Chair

August 13, 2025

Date