

MPC Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm 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
Cameron Bock – Athlete Rep
Tyler Yamauchi – Athlete Rep
David Klein – MDPC Chair (voice, no vote)
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)
Lisa Mendel – Men's Program Manager (voice, no vote)

Members not present:

Jon Corbitt – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)

Guests:

Peter Wieging – Men's Development Program Technical Director

To start the meeting, the Men's VP gave a brief overview of the 2026 American Cup. The VP also explained that due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the Men's Program and USAG leadership made the decision to withdraw from both the Antalya and Cairo World Cups.

I. 2027 Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions

The main objective of this meeting is to name the Qualifier competitions for the 2027 Winter Cup. The MPC received a total of eight applications to host. The MPC agreed to stay consistent in naming four qualifier competitions with consideration given to spreading the qualifiers out geographically and on the calendar.

The only mid-west applicant was the Ohio State Open. Therefore, the Committee agreed to confirm that competition as a qualifier.

The application for the Stanford Open stated dates that fall outside of the permitted window for hosting a qualifier. After a phone call with the Meet Host, we were made

aware that Stanford could run their competition a week earlier to meet the date requirements. Pending confirmation of date change, the MPC agreed to confirm the Stanford Open as a qualifier.

While the MPC felt that Navy, West Point, and EVO are all strong competitions in the East, they agreed to give the priority to Navy being in a brand new facility for 2027.

At this point, the MPC had approved qualifiers on the West, Mid-West, and East across two weekends. There was a desire to add a third weekend as an option for teams, which pointed to the Beach Blast Invitational. They were awarded a Winter Cup Qualifier in 2026 but could not confirm that their equipment would be anchored in their facility. Therefore, they were removed as a host. For 2027, they have confirmed anchored equipment. While their competition is early on the calendar, it does provide a third weekend option in a strong geographic location.

Motion to approve the following competitions as 2027 Winter Cup Qualifiers:

- **Beach Blast Invitational (January 8-10)**
- **Ohio State Open (January 16-18)**
- **Navy Open (January 23)**
- **Stanford Open (pending date change to January 23)**

Motion: Pavel Sargsyan

Second: Tom Meadows

Passed 6-0

The MPC Chair brought up the challenge in finding a qualification pathway to Winter Cup for 3, 4, 5 event specialists. With no Points Program used in qualification (like we do at the National Qualifier to US Championships), there are too many variables to determine appropriate scoring/ranking mechanisms for those athletes. This is something we should consider in the next quad.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm ET.


MPC Chair

3.11.26

Date