

MPC Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2026

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

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)

Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep

Tom Meadows – Sr Coaches Rep

Matt Henry – Jr Coaches Rep

Cameron Bock – Athlete Rep

Tyler Yamauchi – Athlete Rep

David Klein – MDPC Chair (voice, no vote)

Jon Corbitt – NGJA Rep (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)

Amber Viles – Men's Senior Program Manager (voice, no vote)

Members not present:

Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep

Guests:

Peter Wieging – Men's Development Program Technical Director

Prior to the meeting, the MPC Chair was notified that Randy Jepson was stepping down from his position effective immediately. Pavel Sargsyan came late to the meeting as he was presenting at National Congress.

- I. The meeting began with opening remarks from USAG President & CEO, Kyle Albrecht.

- II. Add Men's Development Program Technical Director to MPC Committee as a voice, no vote position.

Motion: To add the Men's Development Program Technical Director to the MPC Committee as a voice, no vote position.

Motion: Tom Meadows

Second: Cameron Bock

Passed 4-0 (1 absent vote)

The MPC will approve the updated charter to include this new position.

III. Reports

a. Office Report (VP Men's Program)

i. Staffing changes:

- Kyle started in January, Peter in March, Amber in July

ii. Training & Wellness Center

- Still in fundraising phase. Goal to open doors May 2028

iii. All committee charters getting a review and more standardized by end of 2027

- Create technical committee charter

iv. Seeking Athlete Reps on various committees

v. Winter Cup Availability Survey – some confusion. Needs to be better explained for 2027

vi. NAL's – excellent feedback from regional and national camps

vii. 2027 competition schedule conflict - Pan Am Games, World University Games, US Championships all around the same time. World University Games are not a priority for High Performance Planning

viii. USOPTC becoming a high performance center with tiered program priorities. Future Stars is a bottom tier priority, and we may need to look at other options.

b. High Performance Director

- i. Seeking to provide more competitive opportunities for the Senior Development Team
- ii. Great feedback from American Cup. Worked well with World Gymnastics to create a compelling competition within a 2-hour timeframe
- iii. HPD explained the challenge with the Pan Am Championships Selection and competition. Many athletes dropped from selection due to injury, rest, recovery from NCAA season. Eight athletes competed at the selection event (three were Pommel Horse specialists) and only one competed all-around. Team was still able to achieve the goal of qualifying to World Championships.
- iv. The Worlds Team will hold their pre-camp in s'Hertogenbosch as we did in 2023. Non-traveling replacement athletes will be assigned to the Paris World Challenge Cup.
- v. The Kinduct platform has been dissolved. Teamworks is a potential option for capturing data and creating individual performance plans.
- vi. We are looking at an international camp in early June 2027.

c. Development Program Director

- i. We will continue with the combined Level 10 & Senior National Team camp in December
- ii. We are looking to add strength and flexibility testing at junior camps as well as bringing in an artistry director. Consideration is being given to adding strength and flexibility as a 7th rotation for the Future Stars competition at Easterns & Westerns.
- iii. We are planning an international camp with Great Britain for this November in place of the Youth Olympic Games. Targeting Level 10's for that camp.
- iv. We need to evaluate the Level 10 Club Team awards at Development Nationals as JE's include Bonus and JN's do not. Also, the MDPC is evaluating how to shorten the JE sessions, which are running too long.
- v. The Junior Manuals are complete and will be released to the community in August.

d. Junior Program

- i. We need to continue to incentivize strong basics and find a strong balance with basics and difficulty.
- ii. Junior program is happy with the amount of international opportunities but would like to see more internal competitions to earn those spots.

- iii. Solen Chiodi has been elected to one athlete representative position on the MDPC. Two more spots remain open.
 - iv. Using A/B format for 2026 Development Nationals worked great and the overall presentation of the event was much improved from 2025.
- e. Senior Program
 - i. Most pertinent information was covered by the High Performance Director
- f. Athlete Representatives
 - i. The athletes favored the 1-day competition at Winter Cup.
 - ii. They are pushing Difficulty in the first two years of the quad. Execution is beginning to catch up.
 - iii. There is a feeling that Team USA is becoming less important for the athletes. Assignments are still being turned down and camps are being missed. It was suggested to add “number of accepted vs number of turned down assignments” as part of our selection discretionary criteria.
- g. NGJA
 - i. Some governance changes coming
 - ii. The NGJA has increased the transparency of international opportunity and selection
 - iii. National Technical Official (NTO) positions for LA 2028 have been created. USAG & NGJA are working on selection procedures for those assignments.
 - iv. NGJA will induct George Krenk into Hall of Fame this weekend
 - v. Peter and the NGJA education team are working on the future education and pay structure for judges. There has been some good planning so far.
 - vi. NGJA is encouraging coaches to take the judging course and use the resources available to be better prepared for competitions.
 - vii. Feedback starting on the 2029-2032 Code of Points.

MPC Chair, Mike Serra met earlier in the week with members of USAG’s Executive Leadership and several members of the USAG Board of Directors. His feedback on the meeting was positive, and it was a great opportunity to see the holistic direction of the organization.

IV. D-score Requirements for 2027

The MPC approved recommended D score requirements for both juniors and seniors for US Championships qualifications at their [meeting on January 13th](#). The intention is for those to be put in place as a requirements for Winter Cup and US Championships in 2027. The MPC needed to further identify how those requirements would be implemented for each level.

For the juniors, there is already an emphasis on D-score with the Bonus system. The juniors are showing that they are pushing difficulty. The Committee felt that there may not be a need to implement the D-score standard as a requirement and keep it as a recommendation or guideline for qualification in 2027.

Motion: Keep the Difficulty Score standard as a recommendation only for the Junior qualification process to US Championships.

Motion: Pavel Sargsyan

Second: Matt Henry

Passed 5-0

For Senior qualification to 2027 US Championships, the D-score requirement will apply to the following:

- Winter Cup
- Men's Development Nationals
- NCAA Championships
- GymACT National Championships
- Men's National Qualifier

For Senior qualification to 2027 Winter Cup, the D-score requirement will apply to the all-around qualifiers from each of the Winter Cup qualification competitions.

There will be no dropping in spots for either qualification process. The Winter Cup Qualification Procedures should be published in the Fall.

V. Two-Vaults for Juniors at US Championships

This has been an ongoing discussion within the MPC. There is a need to incentivize juniors to train and compete two Vaults. Currently, there is no motivation, and we may be lowering our ability to win international medals by not encouraging the use of two Vaults. The discussion centered around what type of incentive would provide the best results, a bonus or placement/rankings.

Unfortunately, this discussion had to be tabled due to time. Our next call will be on September 8th, and we will continue with the scheduled agenda from this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm PT.


MPC Chair

8.19.26

Date