

MPC Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2026

Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm ET by Chair, Mike Serra.

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)

Matt Henry – Jr Coaches Rep

Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep

Tom Meadows – Sr Coaches 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)

Peter Wieging – Development Program Technical Director (voice, no vote)

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

Members not present:

Cameron Bock – Athlete Rep

Jon Corbitt – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)

I. Confirm athlete numbers for 2027 & 2028 US Championships

The MPC confirmed that for 2027 & 2028 US Championships, approximately 42 athletes will qualify to Day 1 of the Senior division. Up to six additional athletes in the Junior Elite Level 10 (18/19) division will qualify from Development National Championships to compete in the Junior Day 1 session as Senior athletes. 36 athletes total will qualify to Day 2 of the Senior division.

II. 2027 Winter Cup Qualification Procedures

The MPC reviewed the 2026 Qualification Procedures and felt that the overall process should not change. The main focus was in reviewing the D-score requirements for Individual Event petitions and for all-around qualifiers from the Winter Cup Qualification events.

Data was provided for top Individual Event (IE) D-scores across each event throughout the 2026 international calendar. The group agreed that the standard for IE qualifiers should be competitive for international medals. Minimum D-score requirements were adjusted accordingly.

For the all-around total D-score requirement, the MPC reviewed the recommended 22.0 for 2026. The group agreed that this was too low and reviewed total D-scores from 2026 US Championships. As this is the first time an all-around D-score will be implemented for qualification, the group felt that a 26.0 D-score was appropriate for the first year.

The Vice President will update the qualification document and send for review and approval via email. Following the meeting, the MPC approved the qualification procedures via email. The document is posted here: https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/selection/m_27wc_qual.pdf

III. 2-Vault incentive for Junior athletes at US Championships

The MPC is revisiting this discussion from the August meeting. After much discussion, the group decided that the process for incentivizing two Vaults at the Junior level would follow the Senior process. In order to be eligible for awards on Vault, athletes must compete two Vaults. The first Vault would count towards the athlete's all-around score.

IV. 2027 Rules for Junior Elite Level 10's

The MPC confirmed that the competition rules for Level 10 JE's will remain the same as 2026 for Elite Team Cup, Development Nationals, National Qualifier, and US Championships, as follows:

- 16/17 division – Junior WG rules with Junior Exponential D-score bonus
- 18/19 division – Senior WG rules with Senior Exponential D-score bonus

The Junior & Senior Exponential Bonus charts will remain the same for 2027, and can be found here: <https://usagym.org/men/elite/#selection>.

V. Domestic Uniform Rules

Currently, the Men's Program follows the World Gymnastics rules for advertising, which limits the opportunity for sponsorships on club uniforms. The MPC would like to allow for clubs to have more opportunity to place sponsors on their uniforms, which would exceed the WG rules. The MPC did not establish a set rule at this time, but will work on creating a new rule to allow for increased sponsorship placement on uniforms. The rule will not apply to National Team uniforms, which must follow WG rules.

VI. National Coaches Council/Regional High Performance Director Proposal

The MPC reviewed the NCC/RHPD proposal from Mike Serra (attachment A). The group discussed more clearly defining the role of Regional High Performance Directors (RHPDs), with participants agreeing that both national guidance and regional autonomy are needed.

Matt Henry left the meeting. Three voting members remained.

The MPC returned to the 2-Vault discussion (point III above) to make a Motion.

Motion: To require Juniors to compete two Vaults at US Championships to be eligible for awards on Vault.

Motion: Tom Meadows

Second: Pavel Sargsyan

Passed: 3-0 (2 absent votes)

VII. Selection Committee Elections

The MPC wanted to record the Junior & Senior Selection Committee elections, which occurred via email in July. Bob Lundy was elected as a Coach representative on the Junior Selection Committee and Karl Ziehn was elected as a Coach Representative on the Senior Selection Committee.

VIII. MDPC Charter

The MDPC charter is being revised to expand the eligibility requirements for Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives. This change will increase the pool of eligible athletes to serve on this committee. Also, the Men's Development Program Technical Director position will be added as a non-voting member of the committee.

Motion: To approve the amended MDPC charter

Motion: Pavel Sargsyan

Second: Tom Meadows

Passed 3-0 (2 absent votes)

The new MDPC charter can be found here: <https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/charter/mdpc.pdf>.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33pm ET.



MPC Chair

September 24, 2026

Date

Attachment A

To: MPC
From: Mike Serra
Re: NCC/RHPD Role and Responsibilities Proposal
Date: 8.7.26

To Men's Program Committee,

Coming from an MPC perspective, I see a need and have a vision for how the Regional High Performance Directors (RHPD) can play an important role in the development and administration of the junior elite program in the USA that would help create a more effective elite development system. Our future podium prospects on the international scene will be greatly improved from a more consistent national development system.

While we are still figuring out exactly how the NCC will fit into the overall MAG program at USAG, I believe we can still move forward with this proposal. For now, I believe we can proceed with the NCC structured as a working group and the RHPD a sub-working group of the NCC, all of which is operating under the authorization of the MPC.

Proposal:

The MPC authorize the NCC as a working group with the responsibility of elite development within the USA.

- The NALs have their current roles and responsibilities, which would stay intact.
- Additionally, they would provide input into domestic competition rules specific to their event (i.e. bonus systems, exceptions to WG rules pertaining directly to the JE Program).
- The RHPD's roles and responsibilities are not currently well defined. Below is my vision for how they can play an important role in the USA's elite development system.

RHPD's Roles and Responsibilities:

- Within their Region:
 - Serve as an informational liaison between the NCC and the High Performance coaching community within their region.
- Regional Junior Elite Team:
 - Work in tandem with the Regional Chair and the HP coaches in the formation and administration of their Regional Junior Elite Team (RJET).
 - The RJETs operate as a regional version of the JNT and have the mission of developing athletes for the JNT. A JNT "funnel", so to speak.
- Pre-Elite Development:
 - Work in tandem with the Regional Chair and the HP coaches in the formation and administration of a Pre-Elite Development Program.
 - Design and administer a program aimed at 7-11 year-old high-potential athletes to guide their development towards High Performance gymnastics and the JE system.
 - Work in tandem with the Regional Chair and the HP coaches to operate High Performance camps within their region.

Nationally:

- Share information within the NCC regarding what they are doing regarding their events (NAL) and within their region (RHPD) with the goal being to, over time, create a standardization of Regional High Performance programs, including the Regional Junior Elite Teams. A meeting schedule would be created as a platform for this information exchange.
- Technical Sequence Working Group:
 - The RHPD would serve as the Technical Sequence working group.
 - Each RHPD would be responsible for one event and work with a working group which includes outside HP coaches for the writing of each TS.
 - The RHPDs would work with each other to provide direction and advise to the MPC on matters related to the technical sequences.
- Provide direction and advise on Elite Team Cup rules under the premise that the ETC is a competitive platform designed to augment our Junior Elite program.