



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2026

Roll Call

IECC	Kittia Carpenter
IEC Representative	Marnie Futch (term effective 1/6/26)
IEC Representative	Jess Graba
IEC Representative	Cale Robinson
IEC Representative	Rachael Gardner (non-voting)
IEC Athlete Representative	Jessie DeZiel
HPSL	Alicia Quinn (non-voting)
HPTL	Chellsie Memmel (non-voting)
HPDL	Betty Okino Benson (non-voting)
VP Women's Program	Annie Heffernon (non-voting)

- A. Recommendation to add Marnie Futch to the International Elite Committee.
Motion: Jess Graba
Second: Jessie DeZiel
Passed
- B. The Committee reviewed the Elite Compulsory for accuracy. All updates are posted on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).
- C. The Committee requested a possible increase in Choreography funding for National Team Athletes. The request will be submitted to the National Office for consideration.
- D. A proposal was presented to update the Hopes Program, effective 2027. The committee will review the proposal and revisit the topic at the February IEC Meeting.
- E. The IEC and HPLT would like to clarify and update the expected standard of participation for all National Team Members.

It is the strong expectation of the HPLT and IEC that all National Team Members remain active, engaged participants in the National Team program, regardless of their training or competitive environment.

Consistent attendance at National Team Camps demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a commitment to the process that keeps the United States at the forefront of international gymnastics. It benefits the individual athlete, strengthens team cohesion, and reinforces our shared culture of excellence and accountability.

- F. The committee requested a Safe Sport Educator to serve as a resource for coaches to stay current with industry best practices, conflict resolution, and effective communication.
- G. The committee discussed the athlete eligibility requirements for the upcoming re-rank of the National Team for the 2026 Winter Cup. This will be revisited at the February IEC Meeting.

Adjourned.