



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 3, 2026

Roll Call

IECC	Kittia Carpenter
IEC Representative	Marnie Futch
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 accept the proposed dates for the 2026 TOPS Physical Abilities Testing.

1. June 6, 2026
2. June 20, 2026
3. July 11, 2026
4. July 25, 2026

Motion: Marnie Futch

Second: Jessie DeZiel

Passed

B. Recommendation that the top (8) junior athletes in the All-Around will be named to the National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup. The athlete must achieve a minimum All-Around score of 48.50 to be considered. Additional funded slots may be selected for the National Team based on the needs of the National Team.

Motion: Cale Robinson

Second: Jess Graba

Passed

C. Recommendation that the top (8) senior athletes in the All-Around will be named to the National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup. The athlete must achieve a minimum All-Around score of 51.50 to be considered. Additional funded slots may be selected for the National Team based on the needs of the National Team.

Motion: Cale Robinson

Second: Jess Graba

Passed

D. Senior National Team Status Retention for Injured Athletes (Winter Cup Re-Rank). This applies to Senior Athletes seeking to retain National Team Status from the Winter Cup.

Rationale

- *Junior athletes require consistent competition experience to support appropriate development; petitioning in lieu of competition does not meet this developmental need.*
- *This policy applies to Senior athletes only and may be considered exclusively at the Winter Cup. Petition consideration at U.S. Championships is not permitted, as the event functions as the final*



performance-based qualifier for World and Olympic Team selection, requiring demonstrated competitive readiness to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness in the selection process.

1. It is recommended that a Senior athlete who earned Senior National Team status at the U.S. Championships in the previous calendar year and is unable to compete in any portion at Winter Cup due to injury may petition the Athlete Selection Committee to retain funded Senior National Team status, provided she meets the following criteria:
 - a. Medical Verification
 - The athlete must submit appropriate medical documentation verifying the injury and inability to compete at the Winter Cup, in accordance with USA Gymnastics medical verification procedures.
 - b. Competitive Benchmark in the previous calendar year: The athlete must have earned an individual gold, silver, or bronze medal at one of the following Senior competitions:
 - Pacific Rim Championships
 - Pan American Championships
 - FIG World Cup
 - Pan American Games
 - World Championships
 - Olympic Games
 - U.S. Championships
 - c. The athlete must have fully participated in the Senior World Selection Camp or Olympic Trials in the previous calendar year.
2. All petitions must be submitted to the Vice President of the Women's Program for consideration by the Athlete Selection Committee.

Motion: Jess Graba

Second: Jessie DeZiel

Recused: Cale Robinson and Marnie Futch

Passed

- E. The Committee reviewed and discussed the Hopes Division proposal. No action was taken at this time. The IEC recommends that the Athlete Selection Committee consider implementing a structured selection process for the 2026 Combs La Ville competition that includes 13-year-old athletes.
- F. The Committee requested that the Athlete Selection Committee clarify whether junior competitions will be evaluated under international junior rules or U.S. junior rules for selection to international competitions.
- G. A [Guide to Elite Gymnastics](#) is now available on the USA Gymnastics website. This guide provides an overview of the Elite Program's structure in the United States and outlines the requirements and pathways for athlete participation.

Adjourned.