

USA Gymnastics Athlete Council Meeting
6/11/25 5:00 pm EST via Zoom

Attendees

Alex Renkert	T&T Athlete Representative, Chair
Evita Griskenas	Rhythmic Athlete Representative, Vice Chair
Drew Collins	T&T Athlete Representative
Braiden McDougall	Acro Athlete Representative
Logan Dooley	Team USA Athlete Commission
Kylie Boynton	Acro Athlete Representative
Akash Modi	MAG Athlete Representative
Lily Avila	Rhythmic Athlete Representative

Guests

Li Li Leung	USAG President and CEO
Stefanie Korepin	USAG Chief Programs Officer

Absent

Cameron Bock	MAG Athlete Representative
Emily Schild	WAG Athlete Representative
Jessie DeZiel	WAG Athlete Representative
Margzetta Frazier	Team USA Athlete Commission - alternate

I. **Update from Li Li Leung**

Li Li spoke to the AC about her recent announcement that she will be stepping down from her position at the end of 2025. She thanked the members of the AC for everything they have done over her tenure. She stated the organization would not be where it is today without the athlete reps leaning in and servicing the athletes and organization in the way they have. Alex thanked Li Li for her leadership and commitment to the athletes on behalf of the AC.

Li Li left the meeting at 5:15 pm

II. **AC Charter**

The USAG Board of Directors approved the AC Charter revisions that will add a Parkour representative to the Council. Discussed next steps.

Akash and Lily joined the meeting at 5:30 pm

III. **State and Regional Athlete Representation**

The USOPC requires the make-up of all NGB committees to include 33% athlete representation. Fulfilling this requirement has proven particularly difficult at the State and Regional Committee level across all disciplines. The USOPC has formed a process in which NGBs can request an exemption or modification to the athlete representation requirement from the USOPC Athlete Working Group. The exemption must be reasonable and supported by the NGB's Athletes Council. After thorough discussion, the AC made the following motion and vote:

Motion to make the following exemption request to the USOPC Athlete Working Group:

USA Gymnastics seeks an exemption of the Athlete Rep requirement for all State and Regional Committees.

Should an exemption be granted USA Gymnastics will commit to still:

- 1) Request all State Committees make best efforts to seat athlete reps on their committees, and*
- 2) Require all Regional Committees to seat at least one athlete rep on their committee by August 1, 2026. Each Regional Committee should make best efforts to reach 33% athlete representation. If a Regional Committee cannot fulfil the minimum requirement of at least one athlete rep, the Regional Chair may seek an exception from the USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council.*

Motion: Alex Renkert

Second: Drew Collins

PASSED

IV. Spirit of the Flame

- a. Received 19 submissions
- b. Will set up a meeting to discuss and vote on the submissions

V. Community Engagement Plan

Evita and Alex met with Jill to confirm a plan for engaging the athlete community.

VI. Gym Champs Preparations

- a. Discussed best practices
- b. NT meeting presentation planning

Evita left the meeting at 6:05 pm

VII. Rhythmic Selection Procedures

Opened the floor up for any questions on the Rhythmic World Championship Selection Procedures. Alex will circulate an email to vote on the procedures tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned 6:09 pm ET