

**Men's Development Program Committee Meeting
Conference Call via Zoom
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022**

The session was called to order, Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 @ 12:00 PM EST, by David Klein, Chair, MDPC.

12:05

A. Opening Remarks

B. Roll Call

MDPC Chairman: David Klein (voice, no vote)

Region 1: Adam Lomax

Region 2: Jeff Crockett

Region 3: Jerit Pogue

Region 4: Dale Bullivant

Region 5: Kevin Chope

Region 6: Daniel Young

Region 7: Rich Pulsfort

Region 8: Kevin White

Region 9: Mark Bogoger

Men's Program Manager: Lisa Mendel (voice, no vote)

VP Men's Program: Jason Woodnick (voice, no vote)

Junior Coach's Representative MPC: Mike Serra

NGJA Representative: Peter Wieging

High performance Director: Brett McClure (voice, no vote)

Junior High-Performance Coordinator: Raj Bhavsar (voice, no vote)

Members Not Present:

Junior National Coaching Staff Representative: Tom Meadows (Absent)

Junior Coach's Representative MPC: Sergei Pakanich (Absent)

Non-members Present:

Tim Klempnauer

11 voting members present on the call

1. **Eastern vs. Western Nationals Championships:**

Tim Klempnauer provided an Excel file with the current and historical breakdowns of registered athletes across the country from Levels 7-10. This file will be used to help the MDPC make decisions regarding the Eastern and Western National Championships as well as the Development National Championships.

Seems as though the JD designation still exists in the USAG database. The MDPC is asking for levels to be adjusted for athletes who are designated as JD in the database.

The MDPC began to determine if the Eastern and Western National Championships needed to be run exactly the same or if it was more advantageous for each Championship to be allowed to do what makes the most

sense after looking at specific athlete numbers from each region. The number of sessions would remain the same across both Championships, but each Championship would have flexibility in allotting levels to those sessions.

The MDPC Chairman took a vote to determine if the MDPC wanted autonomy for each Championship. The qualification process would be the same and number of sessions would be the same, however; sessions per level may be different.

Yes: 7

No: 3

Abstain: 1

Motion: Starting in 2022, there will be 7 sessions at the Eastern and Western National Championships. There will be 2 sessions on Friday, 3 sessions on Saturday and 2 sessions on Sunday.

Motion: Mark Bogoger

Second: Dale Bullivant

Kevin C.: We should be able to have 8 sessions if the numbers dictate.

6 - 4 Approved

Motion: Starting in 2022, the Regional Chairmen from the corresponding Eastern or Western Championships will have autonomy to determine which levels will compete in each of the 7 sessions.

Motion: Mark Bogoger

Second: Mike Serra

Mike: Can the sessions have more than one level?

8 – 2 Approved

Motion: Starting in 2022 at the Eastern and Western National Championships, competition groupings will be determined by age divisions rather than birthdate from the USAG registered athlete numbers.

Rich: We should keep the age divisions as they are written on the document presented by Tim.

Motion: Rich Pulsfort

Second: Kevin White

4 – 6 Not Approved

A Working Group was selected to determine options for creating equal distribution of ages based on the USAG registered athlete numbers for qualification into Eastern and Western National Championships.

Mark Bogoger, Jerit Pogue, Kevin Chope and Tim Klempnauer

2. Men's Program Development Nationals:

David: One of the reasons for creating the Eastern and Western Championships is to have the ability to include more level 10's at Development Nationals. The MDPC needs to determine if there will be three or four sessions of Level 10 JN's at Development Nationals.

Motion: Starting in 2022, there will be four sessions of Level 10 JN's at the Men's Program Development Nationals.

**Motion: Jerit Pogue
Second: Mark Bogoger
Unanimous**

Motion: Starting in 2022, the Men's Program Development Nationals will have Level 10 JE athletes compete in Session #3 on Thursday evening and Session #1 on Saturday. The Level 8 & 9 JE athletes will compete in Session #3 on Friday and Session #1 on Sunday. (An updated format will be created and distributed to the community)

**Motion: Kevin White
Second: Adam Lomax
Unanimous**

Motion: At the 2022 Men's Program Development Nationals:

Mas Watanabe Award – The Watanabe Award will be given to the athletes with the highest all-around placement in the JE Level 10, 16 – 17 and 18 – 19-year-old age groups

Roberto Pumpido Award – The Pumpido Award will be given to the coaches of the athletes with the highest all-around placement in the JE Level 10, 16 – 17 and 18 – 19-year-old age groups.

**Motion: Kevin White
Second: Mike Serra
Unanimous**

David: We need to start thinking about athlete representation on the MDPC and we need to find athletes that could serve in that capacity.

Jason: We need to put calls out locally. Athlete representative eligibility criteria can be found in the MDPC charter located here: <https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/charters.html>.

3. ETC/Winter Cup Update:

With the change to FIG age determination, the ages for ETC need to be updated. This was discussed in previous MDPC meetings, but never officially voted on. Many regions are expecting to have 19-year-old athletes on their ETC teams.

Motion: Starting in 2022, athletes must be between the ages of 14 – 19 years of age to compete in the Elite Team Cup Eligibility.

**Motion: Kevin White
Second: Kevin Chope
Unanimous**

TURN will be providing apparel for all ETC athletes and coaches. Size requirements must be to Lisa by the deadline. COVID protocols and directives for the competition have been sent out

4. Uniform rules within the Development Program:

Motion: The following should be added to the junior manual/Rules & Policies.

For safety reasons, jewelry of any kind is NOT allowed during competition and is considered a uniform violation.

Athlete's hair must be secured away from the face so as to not obscure their vision of the apparatus. Failure to do so will result in a uniform violation.

Uniform violations will result in a medium behavioral deduction of 0.3 on each event in which the infraction occurs. The judge will warn the gymnast that the deduction will be taken at each event.

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Adam Lomax

8 – 1 Approved

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Mark Bogoger

Unanimous

David A Klein 1-25-22

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MDPC Chairman

Respectfully submitted by Daniel E. Young, Sc.D., Secretary of the MDPC