

**Men's Development Program Committee Meeting  
Conference Call via Zoom  
Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

*SESSION 1:*

*The session was called to order, Friday, August 26th, 2022 @ 12:02 PM EST, by David Klein, Chair, MDPC.*

**Opening Remarks. Introductions and Welcome to the Athlete Reps**

Lauren Turner: COO.

The rebates are being paid out now. The state and regions will be deposited not mailed. Its broken into thirds. This year and next year unless the amount is less than \$500.

**Roll Call**

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Region 3: Jerit Pogue

Region 4: Dale Bullivant

Region 5: Kevin Chope (Interim until 2023)

Region 6: Daniel Young

Region 7: VACANT

Region 8: Kevin White

Region 9: Mark Bogoger

Athlete Rep: Joseph Buselmeier (absent)

Athlete Rep: Eric Hoe (Not present)

Athlete Rep: Alexander Castro-Perez

Athlete Rep: Alexander Kotnik (chat)

Athlete Rep: Andrew McGill

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

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

JNCS Staff Representative: Tom Meadows (voice no vote)

MPC Representative: Mike Serra (voice no vote)

MPC Representative: Sergei Pakanich (voice no vote)

NGJA Representative: Peter Wieging (voice no vote)

High-Performance Director: Brett McClure (Not present for first part of call) (voice no vote)

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

Voting members: 11

**Approval of Past Minutes**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Zoom Call**

**Motion: To approve the MDPC minutes from March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Zoom call:**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue**  
**Second: Tom Meadows**  
**Unanimous**

### **Reports Section**

#### **A) USAG National Office Reports**

Jason: We have a new brand and logo. Working on new website. US Championships and Pan Am games were excellent. The level of gymnastics at our top level is really impressive. Selection committees are in place and selected their teams last week. USA gymnastics and the AAI contract is under review. Spieth and AAI are putting together proposals.

#### **B) NGJA Report**

Peter: The NGJA has been restructured. We have aligned ourselves with the 9 junior regions. The board has been changed to match the restructure. There is also a newsletter that we are talking about. I would like that working group to come together for putting the newsletter together. Anything we can do to build the judging base is important.

#### **C) MPC Report**

Mike: The high-performance plan is coming together very well. The MPC chairman position is a separate position much like the MDPC chairman. This means I will be moving out of the Junior representative position. The junior elite program is looking at reevaluating the tech sequences and the elite athletes moving forward.

#### **D). National Gymnastics Foundation Men's Fund**

The full report will be published on the USAG web site. The Men's Scholarship Fund Committee decided to award the following organizations in addition to the academic and training scholarships:

- \$10,000 to the two new NCAA college programs. We will reevaluate each year.
- \$20,000 to the GymACT for travel. There are 14 programs.
- \$45,000 total and \$5000 per region for ETC funding.

#### **E) Junior High-Performance Coordinator Report**

Raj: We need to continue educating the athletes and community the importance of the D-score.

We have introduced the athletes to a national team ladder. Benchmarks they should meet when they are at certain ages.

Specialists from the USOPTC are teaching the athletes about nutrition, mental health, etc. The focus is on overall health and wellness and the avoidance of injuries.

The junior world championships are in 2023. We may also go to a meet in Stuttgart. The ETC meet should be in a fashion that should mirror these competitions.

Perhaps we use the junior bonus table for the ETC.

The future stars and technical sequences and program need to be reviewed.

### **Special Orders**

1. Frank Cumiskey Award – Ben Fox (Nominated by Jerit Pogue)

**Motion: To award Ben Fox the Frank Cumiskey award for 2023:**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Jerit Pogue**

**Unanimous**

2. Dusty Ritter Visionary Award

- Process for nominations and award definition from Rules and Policies reviewed.
- The Cumiskey award guidelines were reviewed...

**USA Gymnastics will put out a call for nominations for the Dusty Ritter award the first week of September. There will be a week or two window and then another Zoom call in October.**

### **Major Topics for Discussion and or Action**

#### **Future Stars/Technical Sequences**

**A majority of the MDPC recommends to the JNCS to not have Technical Sequences at Development Nationals for 16–17-year-old Level 10's.**

2:58: Lunch Break

*SESSION 2:*

*The session was called to order, Friday, August 26th, 2022 @ 4:00 PM EST, by David Klein, Chair, MDPC.*

[Future Stars and Technical Sequence Discussion continues...]

Raj: What about reinventing the way that things are done with technology. We, in the community, are relying on technology more and more.

## **ETC Eligibility/Jr. Bonus Table**

**Should we use the Bonus table at the ETC? The MPC will make this decision.**

Raj: Where the ETC falls in the calendar, there are times when the ETC teams have national team members mixed with elite athletes. We want congruency so that the philosophy of the two meets don't mix.

**Straw vote to recommend to the MPC that we use the bonus table at the ETC.**

**7 yes / 1 no**

**Motion: Allow alternates on the field of play at the ETC. Alternates are not allowed on the podium during warm-up or competition.**

**Motion: Dale Bullivant**

**Second: Kevin Chope**

**Unanimous**

## **Development Nationals**

**Motion: The deadline for entry into state championships is February 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for level changes is also February 1<sup>st</sup>. Athletes can switch between JE and JN after this date. T**

**Motion: Tim Klempnauer**

**Second: Kevin Chope**

**Unanimous**

## **Future Dates for Development Nationals**

- 2023: May 11 - 14
- 2024: May 7 – 12.
- 2025: May 13 – 18
- 2026 May 6 – 10.

## **Do Not schedule Regionals after these dates**

- 2023: March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2nd
- 2024: April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2025: April 4 – 6

Judges Panels

Peter: With technology I think we can make a greater push for the panels to get together once or twice per month to better align themselves. That being said, it is never going to be perfect.

**Motion: Make a single year age allotment for Development Nationals for JN and JE.**

**Motion: Mark Bogoger**

**Second: Kevin Chope**

**Unanimous**

### **East/West Championships**

- Gym Act Proposal

Mark: We sent a proposal in regards to a budget for this. The timing of the meet depends on what is best for Eastern/Western Nationals.

**Motion: To approve allowing the GymAct program to compete at the Eastern/Western National Championships.**

**Motion: Kevin Chope**

**Second: Jerit Pogue**

**7 -0**

**4 abstained – Jerit Pogue, Mark Bogoger, Andrew McGill, Andrew Castro-Perez.**

**MOTION: GYMACT WILL COMPETE ON SATURDAY NIGHT OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Motion: Tim Klempauer**

**Second: Daniel Young**

**NOTE: Andrew and Alex abstained due to their participation in the GymACT.**

**Unanimous**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN at 6:52 PM est**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Tim Klempnauer**

**Unanimous**

*SESSION 3:*

*The session was called to order, Saturday, August 27th, 2022 @ 12:03 PM EST, by David Klein, Chair, MDPC.*

## Roll Call

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## East/West Championships (cont.)

- Awards

How do we want the awards and the team presentations announced? We have two sets of team awards. The regional teams and the clubs.

As it is now, the Top 3 **Regions** and the Top 5 scores. The teams will be announced ONLY with no presentation.

In regards to the **Club** teams:

**Motion: At the Eastern/Western National Championships, the top three clubs will be recognized with a banner for Level 7, 8 & 9 for nine banners total.**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Tim Klempnauer**

**Unanimous**

Meet host will be responsible for purchasing the banners. USA Gymnastics will provide feedback and make recommendations on a template design.

**Motion: The awards ceremony at the Eastern/Western National Championships will be conducted in the same manner as the Development National Championships**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue**

**Second: Kevin Chope**

**Unanimous**

Discussion about moving Future Stars to the Eastern/Western National Championships.

David: There is potential for a third session on Sunday.

Tim: Almost everyone can get out on Sunday and adding a third session would make the meet last until 9:00 PM on Sunday. The meet host may have some difficulty and travelers would have to stay over until Monday.

**Straw vote for the concept of future stars at eastern/western. Wouldn't be until 2024.**

**The MDPC supports the concept.**

Trampoline, flexibility, and strength is a huge part of the program. The coaches' workshop should be maintained.

The idea is to get rid of future stars at the OTC

Raj: Correct. The video verification system is now only more important because we are losing the events. This is now possible digitally.

**The group indicated, via chat, that they were in favor of keeping the format of the National Championships open so that the meet host could make the best decision for their event.**

### **11 Year Old's Qualification**

Raj: There are several coaches who wanted the age minimum requirement to be reviewed specifically for the level 7 & 8s.

**After many discussions spanning many calls/meetings, the MDPC is not in support of allowing level 8 athletes to compete as 11-year-olds.**

### **Rules Interpretation Newsletter**

Peter: Having a newsletter that had all of the rule's changes and interpretation for the junior program would be very helpful. We can provide a more rapid, effective communication channel.

Note: We want to be clear between interpretations of rules and making new rules; that is not the judge's job. This body decides the rules. The judges should enforce the rules.

We need to establish a working group that can help with this.

Mike: This newsletter should serve to clarify the differences between the junior rules and FIG.

**Motion: The members of the Rule Interpretation Working Group are:**

- **NGJA Development Program Liaison**
- **MDP Director**
- **Junior High-Performance Coordinator**
- **MDPC Chairman**
- **MDPC Junior Coaches Rep**
- **MDPC National Track Liaison**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Daniel Young**

**Unanimous**

**Motion: Make a Level 7 exception to the pommel horse rules that a performed element does not need to be followed by a FIG "A" skill to receive credit.**

**Motion: Mark Bogoger**

**Second: Kevin Chope**

**Unanimous**

**Motion: Add a "Back uprise to any height" on high bar to the acceptable Junior A Skill List.**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue**

**Second: Kevin White**

**Unanimous**

Jerit: If a spotter appeared on the floor it would be a 0.5 deduction.

**Motion: In the Club and Compulsory Tracks, a spotter can appear on the floor with no deduction if they do not contact the athlete.**

**Motion: Jerit Pogue**

**Second: Mark Bogoger**

**YES: 4**

**NO: 5**

**Motion Not Approved**



**Motion: In the Club Track, a spotter can appear on the floor with no deduction if they do not contact the athlete.**

**Motion: Mark Bogoger**

**Second: Jerit Pogue**

**YES: 8**

**NO: 1**

**Motion Approved**

Raj: The bonus table needs review.

David: Can we put this on the JNCS to go over the bonus table?

Kevin W: When will the new interpretations, including changes to the bonus table, and other clarification be ready?

David: The RULE INTERPRETATION WORKING GROUP should have the newsletter out October 1<sup>st</sup>, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February and as needed.

Jason: Perhaps we update and make the manual available Nov 1st and no changes after that

**Update about the MDP coordinator.**

Jason: It's a vital position for our program. I would like that position in Indianapolis but it could be remote.

**Regional Rebates Working Group**

All expenses must be preapproved by the regional staff or the state boards.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:03 PM**

- **Motion: Kevin White**
- **Second: Mark Bogoger**
- **Unanimous**

*David A Klein*

**David A Klein                      September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**MDPC Chairman**

*Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by Daniel E. Young, Sc.D., MDPC Secretary*