

USAG MPC Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
April 8, 2020

Mike Serra called the meeting to order at 2:03 EST

Members Present:

Sergei Pakanich – Jr. Coaches Representative

Mike Serra – Jr. Coaches Representative

Kip Simons – Sr. Coaches Representative

Joseph Hagerty – Athlete Representative

Brett McClure – High Performance Director – voice, no vote

Jason Woodnick – VP Men's Program – voice, no vote

Members not present:

Athlete Representative – open

NJGA Representative – Mike Juszczak

Jr Olympic Program Director – Dusty Ritter

Randy Jepson – Sr. Coaches Representative

Justin Spring – Board of Directors Representative – voice, no vote

Non-Members present

Lisa Mendel – Men's Program Manager

I. Discussion on USAG Staffing and Leadership:

Due to financial restraints from the effects of COVID-19 and cancelled events, the independent contractors for the men's program have been let go. This will hopefully be a short-term solution, and USAG will look to bring them back as soon as it is financially viable. Status will be re-evaluated at the end of May.

II. Discussion on the calendar of events for 2020 and 2021:

Review of what a potential 2020 & 2021 calendar could look like. All dates and events pending COVID-19 restrictions and confirmations from FIG and PAGU.

2020 US Championships – may be targeted for October, but dependent on ability for gyms to open and athletes to begin training.

PAGU circulated a calendar with a November 2020 JR Pan Am Championships, which would be a qualifier to 2021 JR Pan Am Games. US Championships could be a selection event for the Pan Am Championships team.

World University Games confirmed for August 2021 in China

JR Pan American Games in 2021 to be qualifier for 2023 SR Pan Am Games

- III. Discussion of two proposed documents effecting the Junior program:
- a. Proposed JR qualification to US Championships – discussion postponed until we have more information regarding COVID-19 restrictions through the summer and a definitive date for US Championships.
  - b. JR NT (ages 11-14) proposed training camp document (see attached) – With the cancellation of the 2020 JO Nationals and the opportunity to select a National Team for the 11 to 14 age group, the proposed document outlines a strategy for our 11-14 year old Junior National Team Camp program for the remainder of 2020. The strategy will extend the NT status of current age eligible level 8 & 9 athletes while allowing for more athletes to attend the remaining camps.

Motion: To extend the National Team status of the current age eligible members, as of May 31, 2020, of the level 8 and 9 Junior National Teams to the 2021 JO National Championships and approve the Junior NT camp invitation process laid out in the supporting document.

Motion Mike Serra

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed: Unanimously

IV. Discussion on Olympic Selection Procedures:

With the postponement of the 2020 Olympics, the selection procedures will have to be amended. We are still waiting for event dates and confirmation of qualification procedures from FIG. On the basis that the FIG qualification process stays the same, we will amend the document, but will not look to change the process for Olympic Team selection.

We will create a separate selection procedures document for SR Pan Am Championships

V. Discussion on Rules and Policies:

Lisa and Jason currently working on updating the document. Several items for consideration and discussion at next MPC meeting:

- Senior NT selection following US Championships
  - Number of athletes (potential for additional spots that would not receive USOPC funding, but would be funded to attend training camps)
  - Length of term on NT
- Training camp policy
  - By increasing the size of the NT, then only NT athletes would be invited to attend camps. It was brought up to allow for discretionary spots for the High-Performance Director to invite additional athletes at their discretion.

- Self-funding policy
  - Has been updated by the MPC and will be distributed to the NT community for review and feedback
  
- Creating an Operating Code for the men's program, as we are the only program without one
  - Jason shared the Operating Codes for the Rhythmic and Women's programs for review and ideas for the next MPC meeting.

VI. Jason and Brett discussed the financial hardships that the clubs and NCAA programs may experience following COVID-19. USAG is exploring opportunities to support the membership and are open to ideas and suggestions that the committee members may want to bring forward.

Motion: For Adjournment at 3:48 EST

Motion: Sergei Pakanich

Second: Mike Serra

Passed: Unanimously