

WFS Sport Committee

28 Feb 2023, 5pm MT

Quorum was established at 5:05pm

Cody gave a rundown of the agenda and read the declaration of conflict of interest. Mal mentioned that anyone who submitted their name for coach consideration should rescind themselves from the voting. Cody noted that Iris will address that point later in the call.

Cody reminded the committee of the discussion on this process last year when the committee recommended anyone who had a SafeSport violation that was sexual in nature, no matter what their status currently is, not be included in consideration for an assignment. We have reviewed the coaches who submitted for assignments, and we have removed 3 coaches from committee consideration due to this recommendation.

On a positive note – out of all three style, WFS had the largest response rate (70 coaches) compared with MFS (54) and GR (50) to get tour assignments for 2023. Thank you to staff for their diligence is working to get women more involved in submitting for tour consideration.

Pan Am Games: There is no definitive determination on number of credentials that USAW will be allocated for the Games at this time and we will therefore not be discussing the PAG assignment tonight.

Tonight, we will be discussing the age-level assignments. Coach Medina is on the call tonight to bring forward their recommendations. She will discuss the selection process and considerations for the assignments that are being presented.

Coach Medina gave her overview of inclusion of new coaches working with seasoned coaches, the involvement of women coaching women and starting them with younger ages and continental events to work toward World Championship events.

For U23's, there is not an alternate listed. If one of the assigned people can not attend, a USAW staff member will step in to fill that gap.

Cody/Mike noted that all coaches were at least bronze certified, some are silver or gold – that was a consideration when making recommendations.

Coach Medina also noted that newer coaches who were not getting assignments, were being invited to camps. There has been a lot of good communication in this regard with the goal of getting to know coaches and seeing how they interact with USAW staff and athletes.

Clarifications:

1. Breonnah Neal – is a current college coach and has been at 3 different schools and has been successful with each program she’s been involved with.
2. Ashley Flavin – f.k.a. Ashley Sword
3. Coaches do not have to participate in camps to get assignments. Camps are highly recommended; we also understand that the time commitments are not always attainable with a work/personal life/volunteer balance. Moving forward maybe we can mandate (recommend/participate) participation at a camp prior to assignment on a tour.

Coach Kriebel noted that there is discussion around how to get more coaches involved and working with the program. They are open to all ideas of way to interact for new coaches with the WFS programs. Randall noted that there would be pre-requisites to getting named to a tour. While the USA staff is currently doing this, it would be good to get it communicated to the coaching pool.

Tela: Motion to vote

Tela: Withdraw motion

Adeline: Motion to vote on all of the green highlighted recommended names in the membership portal.

Nate: 2nd Motion

The vote will be activated in the USAW membership portal after the call for 24 hours – open until 6pm MT, Wednesday, 01 March.

Women’s Program Update: Coach Medina noted that WFS just returned from the Lady Klippan Open in Sweden and Adeline came on the trip – with the babies and family support – as a coach. The athletes were very receptive to having her there with her babies.

Coach Kriebel gave an update on the Sr WFS team currently in Bulgaria. Prior to that there were groups in EGY & CRO. The team is gearing up for a 2-week camp in March. It was great to see the large pool of qualified women who put in for consideration for the tours.

Joan asked if there was an after action report done by coaches for each event. Cody noted that there is not something currently in place. Joan would like to see this implemented by all coaches who go on the tours.

Kerry McCoy – with the diversity committee, they would like to have a women’s clinic at the NCAA tournament. It’s being discussed, not confirmed yet.

Randall: Motion to adjourn.

Tela: 2nd

Call ends at 5:59pm