

Athlete Advisory Committee Call  
*Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm, Mountain Time*

**AGENDA**

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Johnny Stefanowicz, Macey Kilty, Joey McKenna, Mallory Velte, Veronica Carlson, Adeline Gray, Nate Engel, Mike Macchiavello

Others: Bruce Baumgartner, Joan Fulp, Kerry McCoy, Rich Bender, Megan Ball, Andrew Ernst, Meredith Suess, Mike Clayton, Jim Porter, Cody Bickley, BJ Anderson, Jaimie McNab, Greg Dana

Absent: Vito Arujau

**II. Establish Quorum**

Johnny Stefanowicz called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm MT.

**III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure & Oath of Confidentiality**

Johnny Stefanowicz read the conflict-of-interest statement and asked for any conflicts. There were no conflicts.

**IV. Approve Last Minutes – January 2, 2024**

Motion to approve: Adeline Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mallory Velte  
Motion unanimously approved.

**V. Team USA AC Update**

Johnny would like there to be a combined resource from USA Wrestling and the USOPC for athletes that could be housed on themat.com that also directs athletes to the USOPC portal. The resources would include items for athletes preparing for the Games as well as general resources such as tax preparation and alumni resources.

In the same frame, the AAC would like to ensure athletes who are retiring or consider retiring are communicated with and know what resources are available to them. There is a community they still belong to and getting that communicated is essential to their participation. The AAC would like to develop a communication form similar to what Team USA sends out for athlete updates as it encourages the use of resources available to them.

This may look like a joint letter from the AAC and USAW that could include job/volunteer opportunities, other ways to stay involved, as well as resources or networks available to them. It is important to stay consistent in the outreach.

## **VI. New Business**

MAC Update: Jim Porter and Dr. BJ Anderson were present to help answer questions from the previous meeting. Questions revolved around DO/MD being the only professionals allowed to clear a concussion, as well as the red card process. Jim Porter reviewed the history of the green, yellow, and red card process. A solution may be encouraging athletes to get a yellow card as soon as they recognize the need for one as that can always be elevated. Athletes need a red card in place by the end of weigh-ins to hold their place in the tournament.

The AAC will write up their recommendations, go through any cracks and then push on to the needed committees for ultimate approval.

Paris Games:

Cody reviewed the progress Normandy is working on to make the changes we requested before the Olympic acclimation camp begins.

Pan American Olympic Games Qualifier:

AAC members asked if back up athletes will be sent in case of weight issues or illness. There will be training partners, and coaching staff are being strategic in selecting them. If athletes travel, but do not make weight then the athlete has to pay for the trip per the national team contract.

## **VII. Adjournment/Executive Session**

Motion to adjourn: Nate Engel

2<sup>nd</sup>: Veronica Carlson

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm MT