

**Athlete Advisory Committee Call**  
*Wednesday, February 5, at 02:00 pm, Mountain Time*

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call**

Present: Mallory Velte, Xavier Johnson, Macey Kilty, Veronica Carlson, Nate Engel, Adeline Gray, Nick Gwiazdowski, Johnny Stefanowicz

Others: Rich Bender, Megan Ball, Meredith Suess, Bruce Baumgartner, Mike Clayton, Greg Dana

Absent: Mike Macchiavello, Joey McKenna

**I. Welcome & Establish Quorum**

Mallory Velte welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm MT.

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

Mallory asked Megan Ball to read the conflict-of-interest statement and asked for any conflicts. Veronica Carlson has a conflict for her potential position on the Coaches' Council and Adeline Gray has a conflict for her sister's potential position on the Coaches' Council. No other conflicts are present.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Nate Engel made a motion to approve the December minutes. Adeline seconded. Unanimously approved.

**IV. Team USA AC Update**

Mallory Velte provided the Team USA AC update. Mallory shared that her and Veronica attended the most recent Team USA AC meeting together. Going forward, Veronica is officially the Team USA AC rep now. Some ideas from that meeting included a monthly/quarterly update sent out to athletes from the AAC that includes a feedback option, an annual 360-type survey for athlete feedback, and event feedback.

**V. Transgender Youth Policy**

An updated policy is currently being reviewed by legal counsel, and a proposal is expected this week to be presented to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. There was discussion regarding how the current administration may impact the policy change.

**VI. Feedback from Athletes on Procedures**

Mallory requested input from the committee on how best to receive feedback and include that feedback into the drafting process of selection procedures. Multiple committee ideas such as below were discussed:

- Ensure the AAC has an updated contact list of all national team members
- Develop a survey and distribute the survey link for each style to submit ideas/feedback on the procedures either prior to the drafting process, or immediately following the procedures release to request feedback for the next round
- Facilitate additional sport committee communication with AAC reps
- Identified a contact for each group to distribute the information – athlete communication team captain

## **VII. Apparel Sponsor Change**

USAW is officially partnered with Rudis. The National team athletes are receiving gear packs directly from Rudis now and delegations traveling overseas will do the same. The official launch of USAW gear for purchase will be in April.

## **VIII. Coaches' Council Athlete Reps**

New athlete reps are needed for the Coaches' Council. The current nominations are Chase Pami, Geneva Gray, Veronica Carlson, Lenny Merkin, and Jenna Day. Due to the athlete conflicts, the vote was taken in 3 parts.

Nate made a motion to approve Geneva Gray for the coaches' council, a vote was taken, and Adeline Gray abstained. Geneva was approved for the coaches' council.

Nate made a motion to approve Veronica Carlson for the coaches' council, a vote was taken, and Veronica abstained. Veronica was approved for the coaches' council.

Nate made a motion to approve the remaining candidates, Chase, Lenny, and Jenna for the coaches' council. The candidates were approved unanimously.

## **IX. Greco Summit Debrief**

Mallory requested Xavier give a debrief on the GR summit. The biggest takeaway was a focus on communication and best methods of communication. There was a ton of feedback and solutions presented to improve the program. Athletes took a lot of accountability and everyone seemed to be on the same track moving forward.

## **X. New Business**

Mallory asked for any new business.

Rich shared that USAW will not host the 2026 U20 World Championships but will bid for the U23 or U17 World Championships instead. We do plan on hosting the 2027 Senior World Championships.

Nate brought up the NCAA challenges ahead and potential development of a task force to help retain programs around the country. Further discussion took place.

The next scheduled meeting will be executive session, with the next regular meeting in March.

**XI. Adjournment/Executive Session**

Motion to Adjourn: Veronica Carlson

Meeting went to Executive session at: 3:06 pm MT