

Athlete Advisory Committee Call  
*July 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm, Mountain Time*

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call**

Present: Mallory Velte, Adeline Gray, Veronica Carlson, Nate Engel, Nick Gwiazdowski, Mike Macchiavello, Macey Kilty

Others: Megan Ball, Rich Bender, Jaimie McNab, Joan Fulp, Cody Bickley, Meredith Sues, Katie Kriebel

Absent: Johnny Stefanowicz, Xavier Johnson, Joey McKenna, Mike Macchiavello

**I. Welcome & Establish Quorum**

Mallory Velte welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm MT.

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

Mallory Velte read the conflict-of-interest statement and asked for any conflicts. Mallory stated there may be a conflict with all active athletes regarding procedures. No other conflicts were present.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve previous meeting minutes: Nate Engel

Second: Veronica Carlson

Unanimously approved.

**IV. AAC Election Update**

The nomination period has been extended through July 14<sup>th</sup>. AAC reps are encouraged to contact those in their style to encourage nominations and spread the word. The nomination process was reviewed, and Robby Smith and Dymond Guilford were nominated from the floor. Megan explained that all nominees are required to accept their nomination, and as long as they accepted, they would be included on the ballot.

**V. Team USA AC Update**

Veronica Carlson provided the Team USA AC update. They will meet tomorrow. There is a course offering to improve readiness for Board service. If anyone is interested, they should contact Veronica for the application prior to the deadline July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Adeline and Mallory provided feedback on the courses. Katie provided additional information on who qualifies for the courses and how she is communicating the programs to qualified athletes.

## **VI. Recommendations for Procedures**

Mallory worked on an outline of a survey for the AAC to review and see if any additional questions should be included. There was further discussion regarding how to encourage participation best and it was agreed a \$50 gift card could be won by those who complete the survey in its entirety.

Mallory will work with Richard to build and send the survey to launch in early August to overlap with in person camps.

## **VII. New Business**

Cody shared that he, Jaimie, and Katie have met with a few different compliance officers and NCAA liaisons at the USOPC to work out an option to be able to pay tour bonuses to current NCAA athletes who aren't eligible for bonuses in the current rules. There are a lot of pieces to iron out, but further updates are to come on how USA Wrestling can work out an NIL deal for the affected group.

## **VIII. USA Wrestling Update**

Rich Bender shared a USA Wrestling update. A busy time, as staff and teams gear up for Fargo and the various World Championships. The Greco-Roman team has a small window of downtime before traveling to Budapest for the final ranking series and a longer training camp. Camps for Men's Freestyle and Women's Freestyle are in camps and planning future camps. The largest wrestling tournament in the world kicks off in Fargo, ND later in the week with just over 9,000 entries. Following Fargo, we'll bring the State Leaders and Board Members to Colorado Springs for the State Leaders Summit. Rich encouraged any athlete around during the Summit to join at Hotel Polaris and meet the state leaders. Additionally, the budget has passed through the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board in August.

Since the last AAC meeting, there was a USOPC Board meeting with a lot of conversation surrounding commercial opportunities for future Games in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. The USOPC BOD continues to discuss transgender athlete participation in competitions and additional conversation is expected. It is positive to see the USOPC look forward to opportunities to market athletes and support athlete opportunities.

Mallory reminded all to register for the State Leaders Summit and Board meeting if they haven't already.

Bruce asked Veronica to follow up with Team USA AC regarding the closing ceremony flag bearer voting due to when the selection takes place compared to competition dates. Veronica will bring it up at their next meeting.

Mallory reminded all to complete the Athlete Transition Survey.

**IX. Adjournment/Executive Session**

Motion to Executive Session: Veronica Carlson

Second: Nate Engel

Meeting Adjourned: 2:52 pm MT