

WFS Sport Committee Minutes

Mar 25, 2026, 5pm MT

Quorum was reached at 5:04pm and the meeting began with the Conflict of Interest statement. Emma & Ashley both noted they potential coach athletes that these procedures could impact.

WFS National Team Update:

Coach Steiner gave an update on the women's program. We are just concluding a National Team camp with about 70 people and were able to bring in SWE, CAN, TPE to train with our National Team ladies.

We also concluded some great events with the inaugural Women's NCAA event, College Club event and NAIA Nationals. It was great to see participation and talent grow at these events.

We are in the final stages of our women's coach interviews. Final interviews are scheduled for Monday-Wednesday next week.

Coach of the Year Nominations:

Cody noted that the 2025 Coach of the Year voting opened yesterday, it will stay open for one week. As a reminder, the women's nominees included: Nate Engel, Bruce Robinson, Ashley Flavin, Clarissa Chun, Brazel Marquez & Alexio Garcia.

2026 General World Team Trials Procedures

Cody told the committee that these are the procedures that are shared between all three styles. The main difference between these procedures and UWW rules are a shorter rest period between matches. There is a deadline for returning medalists to accept their spot in Final X; all women have accepted.

USAW worked with the athlete ombudsman to add language in section IV around athletes who no-show the event or miss weight the second day.

Point of clarification that if a senior medalist would decline their position for Senior Pan Am Championships, also a deadline of 13 April, the spot will then be offered to the winner of the US Open and we would work down the rank order from that event.

Motion to accept the procedures as proposed: Robby Smith

Motion 2nd: Ashley Flavin

This will be in the portal for voting tonight and open for 24 hours.

Qualification System for 2028 LA Olympic Games:

The LA 2028 Qualification system is a major change from previous Games qualifications. UWW has put a focus on 2027 events with an athlete earning points through 7 events starting in 2027 and ending in 2028; 5 events in 2027 & 2 events in 2028. The 3 athletes per weight with the highest point totals will qualify the spot for their country. The points have not been determined by UWW.

The Games will consist of 16-person brackets. The 16 spots will be allocated as follows:

- 4 spots: 2027 World Championships (all medalists)
- 3 spots: Ranking Points (as mentioned above)
- 8 spots: Continental Events (4 Continental events, Finalists at each)
- 1 spot: Last Chance World Qualifier (only for countries with 0 ppl qualified among all styles).

USAW's intent is to name our Olympic Team, all 3 styles, Olympic weights only at the US Open in April 2028 and the 4 World weights in July 2028. There is no need to vote on this tonight, but please think about it as we will be coming back to committees shortly with Olympic Qualification procedures that will need to be discussed & approved for the USOPC.

We believe that this gives us the best opportunity to position our highest level to gain the ranking points to qualify the weight for the Olympic Games, if we do not have weights qualified at the 2027 World Championships.

Discussion ensued on the implications of the changes, the forthcoming ranking events (we only get 2 ppl per weight in 2027), the points, etc.

New Business:

There was none.

Motion to adjourn: Joan Fulp

Motion 2nd: Robby Smith

Call ended at 6:16pm