

USA Judo Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: July 8, 2025, 2:00 pm MT

Attendees:

Committee Members Present:

Marti Malloy

Matthew Parker

Hannah Martin

AAC Members Absent:

Kristin El Idrissi

Maria "Liana" Mutia

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Matthew Parker at 2:05 pm MT.

Agenda Overview

The council reviewed the meeting agenda, which included:

- Input from the High Performance Committee on the new Grand Prix eligibility criteria
- The incident involving Colton Brown
- The ongoing search for a coach's education representative

AAC Review of the High Performance Committee Eligibility Standards

The council agreed that the proposed 300-point requirement is fair and supports athlete development. This was compared to Canada's 700-point threshold, which has yielded strong international performance. Emphasis was placed on gaining experience at various continental international tournaments to improve competitiveness and prestige at higher-level events.

2025 Jr. Olympics Incident

The council proposed sending a formal letter to the Board of Directors recommending:

- An independent investigation
- Permanent removal of the individual responsible for the inappropriate act
- A public statement denouncing hate speech

Coach's Education Representative

The council noted difficulty in filling the coach's education role, as multiple outreach attempts have been unsuccessful. Additional candidates, including university coaches and members of relevant networks, will be considered. The AAC will continue to reach out to the community to find a suitable athlete representative for the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm MT