

USA Judo Athletes' Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 9/13/2026 2:00 PM EST

Minutes Recorder: Christine Levine

Quorum: yes, 5 present, 2 absent

Attended	Absent
Christine Levine Ron Hawthorne Angie Delgado Lincoln Han Joshua Yang	Maria Mutia Melissa Meyers

Agenda Overview

- Approve minute meetings
- Introduce Melissa Meyers as new AAC member
- Old business updates:
 - If we want to replace someone, we need to have it written in our bylaws (not USA Judo bylaws)
 - Yadira does not need to be replaced on ethics and grievance committee because they have decreased the size of the committee
 - Who and how to distribute the benefits for high performance athletes
- Athletes not meeting the 10 year requirement, do we replace them or ask for an exception?
- Bylaws discussion - go through item by item

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Christine Levine at 2:05 PM EST.

Approve meeting Minutes

Minutes approved (5 yes, 0 no)

Agenda Items

- If we want to replace someone, we need to have it written in our bylaws (not USA Judo bylaws)
 - - can we reference in our bylaws the USA Judo bylaws - answer is yes
- Who and how to distribute the benefits for high performance athletes
 - Can they be included in the packet when you make the world/pan am team etc. In the past they have sent out an email separate from the team acceptance email. Marti Malloy used to compile scholarships, grants, benefits, etc that were applicable. Angie will ask Marti for list of benefits other than those mentioned in the TEAM USA Athlete Benefits power point
 - For shiai olympics only not kata. Because on the olympic pathway
 - We will make a template of benefits and ask to correlate to attach to email that announces the team
- Athletes not meeting the 10 year requirement, do we replace them or ask for an exception?
 - Chris Round-NGC, Adam Blackburn and Gina Sullivan both on Rank & Certification are currently over the 10 year
 - Vote to file for exemption (yes 5, no 0)
- AAC ByLaws
 - Questions for the lawyer
 - We were discussing how to either stagger the election of committee members so the entire committee is not "new" at the same time. One suggestion was adding an optional third term if they serve as chair or keep some members on as advisors until the new committee is acclimated

- Should we add a section about removal of a member who does not participate and how is that done with elections, etc. is there another way to hold members accountable
- Questions for the original draft bylaws's author:
 - Why was the actively engaged athlete definition included
- To resume next meeting at the AAC roles section

Review AAC roles, new project suggestions

- none

Meeting adjourned by christine at 3:04 PM EST

Addendum

- Myles Porter voted on 8/4/2026 (5 yes, 0 no) - AAC has selected a 10 year Para athlete who could replace Angie to assist with selection procedures. Angie has sent a letter to delegate her responsibility to the Para athlete(s). The AAC could select the same Para athlete to assist for both LA2028 and Lima 2027 or they could select 2 different 10 year Para athletes.? Voting to have the same athlete for both (5 yes 0 no)