

REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

Feb 3, 2024

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 7:03PM Eastern

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Comments
Brianna Salinaro		X	
Carissa Fu	X		
Cheyenne Lewis		X	
CJ Nickolas		X	
David Turgeon	X		
Hannah Keck	X		
Jaysen Ishida		X	
Terrence Jennings		X	
Alex Lee	X		
Ara White	X		

Guests

None

I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes

AAC did not meet the quorum at the time of voting for approving meeting minutes.

II. Chair Report

On January 10 after the last AAC call, C. Fu emailed S. McNally and S. Nelson about potentially reviving the Health and Well-being Committee with Hannah taking more of a central role. The next step is to jump on a phone call with everyone.

Throughout January, the AAC reviewed the transgender athlete policy and provided feedback. C.Fu will consolidate the feedback and send to S. McNally in February.

On February 2, C.Fu received the poomsae pathways from S.Lambdin for review. C.Fu forwarded the pathways to the AAC for full review and discussion during today's call.

III. Committee Reports

- Board (D.Turgeon, B. Salinaro, J.Ishida, C.Lewis)
 - No meeting yet, but will meet in person at 2024 US Open
- USOPC (J. Ishida and C. Lewis) - N/A

- Sponsorship (CJ Nickolas) - N/A
- Governance (C.Lewis) - N/A
- Nominating (C.Fu, J.Ishida, and T.Jennings) - N/A
- Litigation (C.Fu) - N/A
- Safe Sport (H.Keck) - N/A
- HAWC (H.Keck) - N/A
- USTAC (D.Turgeon, C.Lewis, C.Fu) - N/A

IV. Transgender Athlete Policy

The AAC will read through again and discuss this policy once everyone has had the time to review these policies.

V. Poomsae Pathways Review

- Freestyle - 2x performance during the selection round
 - There were concerns that doing two performances during the selection round of the team trials was too taxing on the freestyle athletes. This was addressed by the following changes:
 - If there are no people in the selection round, the top 4 in qualifying round will move on to selection round without having to compete in qualification round
 - Only one person (person who's coming in to the qualification round) will have to do it three times
- Concerns regarding referencing graphics:
 - C.Fu suggests that there should be a disclaimer: "for illustrative purposes only. Please refer to text for complete guidelines on pathways process."
- Taking more than 1 individual from the qualification round into selection round
 - D. Turgeon explains that USAT staff has pushed back heavily on this and we will stick with just 1 individual as opposed to top 4
- U17 wording causes a bit of confusion
 - D. Turgeon explains that this is to allow for the younger competitors of the 12-17 division to have an opportunity at team trials when the older and often qualified athletes leave the division
- What's the rationale for intl dominance # of competitors?
 - D. Turgeon explains that 5 competitors is the WT standard
 - For qualifying round, it's lower (1). Committee looked across all divisions to help make that determination. Many divisions in the older divisions will never have 5+ competitors and they didn't want to take away intl dominance from those athletes. This was kept this way in order to make the process more inclusive

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, March 2 at 8 PM ET

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM ET

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review on Saturday, February 3, 2024

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for posting to the membership on: April 6, 2024