USRowing Athlete Council, Meeting

27 July 2022 / 7:05PM - 8:03EST / Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

Athlete Council Representatives: Dariush Aghai, Liam Corrigan, Sara Hendershot, Grace Latz, Robin Prendes, Maddie Wanamaker

Council Representatives Not Present: Daniel Ahr, Jaclyn Smith, Genevra Stone, Taylor Ritzel

AGENDA:

Selection Camp 2 Review

- Active athletes who are representatives shared perspectives that it's a transparent process, clear expectations were set with upcoming pieces, and reasonable balance of racing load with rest over the course of camp. Athletes can see the process and understand the results, cuts, and changes, with the exception of some clarification needed around doubling up in women's sweep. Athletes enjoy the cross-team competition with running pieces and publishing results across men, women, sweep, and sculling squads as "one team". Good clarity around athletes understanding that cuts can be made ahead of the naming date.

- Curious how athletes will choose a training location between Selection Camp and Worlds. What's the process for choosing their coaches/assistants for Worlds? Should we help create a short list of available coaches to help athletes know who is available? Send reminder to athletes they have a choice/right to determine these decisions, which need to be made in the three days after selection camp concludes (July 31, 2022).

- Need to communicate new selection system intentions that athletes selected from camp on naming date, not boats named.

- Reviewed W2x selection situation at Selection Camp 2

- Distributed template to track camp feedback from athletes, official or unofficial

HPC Update

- Review Period 2 DAS and athlete changeover

- Shared discussion about W2x/W1x selection, reasoning, and background

Review Forms and Codes

- Review the Athlete Grievance Form that will go up on the website. Referenced USA Fencing's form as an example. Collect feedback within the week for changes to forward to Nobu for approval.

- Create email addresses for each Athlete Council Leadership position so that forms get delivered directly to those representatives, athletes' choice depending on who they want to receive their form
- Add multiple choice selections for simplicity
- Add a note from Athlete Council and "about us" on the page this form is published on, include the decision tree on the page as well

- Athlete Code of Conduct Review
- Athlete Representative Code of Conduct Review

Athlete Council Presence and Visibility

- Let athletes know that only currently-training athlete representatives will be present the end of Selection Camp 2 (compared to non-active/retired reps being present)
- Explore how to have funds available to have athlete representatives present at future selection camps and help cover the budget for one yearly in-person Athlete Council meeting.

Approval of June Minutes by all

Meeting concluded at 8:01pm EST

ACTION ITEMS

1. Send approval to Nobu for Grievance Form
2. Share with athletes their right to choose coaches and training location by July 31 via the Slack Channel by July 28
3. Complete Camp Feedback Forms with any info gathered from athletes, official or unofficial
4. Encourage CHPO to communicate:
    1. Explanation for DAS for injured athletes
    2. Reiterate that selection camp is to identify 2022 World Championship athletes, not necessarily specific boatings as of yet.