High Performance Committee
3.19.2023 Report of Discussions and Developments

Attendance
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Agenda
6-Lane Progression for Speed Order
DAS Review
Adjustments to the Selection Procedures

These notes are representative of ongoing email exchanges during February 2023, regarding topics that needed immediate discussion.

6-Lane Progression for Speed Order
Chief High Performance Officer (CHPO) Josy Verdonkschot presented to the High Performance Committee a proposal for a 6-lane progression for racing that would serve as an adaptation of international racing. In large part, the move toward an international 6-lane progression is in response to feedback from athletes and coaches within the USRowing community.

The format more closely resembles the compressed racing schedule of a World Cup where athletes would often race twice on the first day and once on the second and third days. The progression intentionally avoids repechages and racing where not all competitors would participate. In the event of canceled or amended racing, it is important to have as many relative steps with all athletes competing as possible.

The HPC appreciated the adoption of 6-lane racing, while also advancing athletes through racing in an efficient progression.

The HPC agreed with Josy's plan to utilize the 6-lane progression at the Winter Speed Order as a means of debuting it. The Winter Speed Order is not a direct selection event to the Senior National Team,but nevertheless would benefit from the efficiency and effectiveness of the new progression.

DAS Review
The first athlete stipend period of 2023 ends on May 31, 2023. Josy brought to the HPC's attention that the total for Direct Athlete Support (DAS) would be significantly higher in 2023 than 2022, since there was a smaller group of returning Tokyo athletes receiving stipends for half of the 2022 season. Like 2022, the USOPC will continue to provide up to $700,000 in athlete stipends. This means that the remainder spent on

DAS must be made up for by other USRowing funds. Last year, a grant from the National Rowing Foundation helped to make up the difference.

While Josy hopes to support as many athletes towards Paris as possible, the expanded pool of athletes in comparison to last year requires a more direct monitoring of all who are eligible. The HPC understood Josy's clarification that on-water performances, erg results, and invitations to selection camps will all need to be reviewed when considering which athletes should receive DAS for the relevant quarter.

The first quarter of 2023 still supports all athletes who were receiving DAS due to participation in funded boat classes at the 2022 World Championships with the exception of one athlete who willingly declined funding and participation at the Spring Speed Order and coinciding camps.

Adjustments to the Selection Procedures

Josy asked that the HPC review minor alterations to the 2023 selection procedures that would allow more athletes to participate at the U19, U23, and Senior levels.

In response to feedback from the community, Josy suggested a broadening of the submission window for erg tests. Namely, Josy extended the acceptance period for 6,000m erg scores in order to accommodate more high school, collegiate, and post-collegiate schedules. The change would allow athletes to submit 6,000m erg scores any time between November 2022 and March 2023. The HPC saw no reason why the pool of athletes should be limited and endorsed the change.

Additionally, Josy communicated that the Beach Sprints selection procedures were updated as a result of World Rowing's new location for the Sprint Finals.

Following the communication of these emails, it was discussed that the HPC should convene for discussion in March and April to track the progress of the selection process and review DAS allocations.

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