



High Performance Committee 9.21.2025 Report of Discussions and Developments

Attendance Wyatt Allen
Liam Corrigan
Yaz Farooq
Catherine Starr
Genevra Stone
Josy Verdonkschot
Stephen Hap Whelpley (Chair)

Agenda Initial Review and Discussion of the 2026 Senior Selection Procedures
Athlete Commission Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:20PM. At the start of the meeting, Liam Corrigan, Yaz Farooq, Genevra Stone, Hap Whelpley, and Josy Verdonkschot were in attendance.

Initial Review and Discussion of the 2026 Senior Selection Procedures

This meeting served as an initial review of the selection procedures prior to posting them for comment. Chief High Performance Officer Josy Verdonkschot would like to make some initial edits off of the High Performance Committee feedback before going public.

With some members of the HPC absent, the meeting began with a limited scope by verifying the requirements around the EKG mentioned at the start of the Selection Procedures.

Josy and the rest of the HPC agreed that more specific information surrounding coxswain selection is necessary. However, Josy noted that a separate appendix for coxswain selection would be best since the same document and standards would be utilized for Senior, U23, and U19 selection.

With the Selection Procedures presenting a National Selection Regatta (NSR), the HPC discussed keeping the criterion for NSR qualification simple and straightforward.

Wyatt Allen joined the call at 6:34PM.

An expanded discussion evolved around the size and purpose of World Cup trips. The HPC discussed how the World Cup trips could be utilized for the identification and advancement of top athletes. On the other hand, the World Cups can also be utilized for the development and exposure of newer athletes. Ideally, Selection Camp 1 would find a balance between the highest performing athletes and those athletes on the cusp of the highest tier requiring further development. Josy noted that there may also be the opportunity for athletes and coaches to petition for a World Cup bid based on the NSR result for the sake of development.

The HPC confirmed that all athletes would need to submit a 6k and 2k prior to 1/1/2026 to be considered for Selection Camp 1.

The HPC discussed if an athlete was not selected out of Selection Camp 1 what racing would be required of them for Selection Camp 2 consideration. Josy suggested that they would race at both the NSR and Summer Speed Order. Separately, the HPC asked for clarity as to whether a crew could be selected for the World Championships based off of their World Cup performance coming out of Selection Camp 1. This was not a conclusive discussion.

Josy pointed out the Selection Committee and noted its difference from prior Selection Procedures. The HPC discussed this change and supported it in concept.

The 2026 Selection Procedure discussion concluded with a roundtable talk about maintaining trials and how it relates to athlete retention.

Athlete Commission Opening

Gevvie mentioned that both her seat and Liam's are about to finish their terms. The HPC discussed advertising for new candidates, but also expressed an appreciation and endorsement of both existing representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.