



High Performance Committee 4.26.2026 Report of Discussions and Developments

Attendance	Wyatt Allen
	Will Daly
	Yaz Farooq
	Nick Mead
	Meghan Musnicki
	Josy Verdonkschot
	Stephen Hap Whelpley (Chair)
Agenda	Review of Training Center Performance Rubric
	Discussion of Communication Around Selected Athletes
	Collegiate Small Boat Championship

The meeting was called to order at 4:04PM.

Review and Discussion of Training Center Performance Review

The National Team coaches shared a copy of the Athlete Performance & Eligibility Rubric with the members of the High Performance Committee (HPC). The members of the committee saw no issue with this rubric and thought that it was a good decision to improve the structure around the Training Centers. While it has some unique specificity, it is straightforward so long as all coaches have the same implementation of it.

This document is part of a larger set of documents used that aim to further define the United States Training Centers (USTCs) and establish a more professional review of all National Team athletes. While this is a productive step in professionalizing and supporting the training centers, the HPC noted that is critical that all training centers operate in a similar fashion.

Parallel to the document discussion, the HPC discussed how the USRowing National Team should acknowledge athlete affiliations prior to joining a USTC.

Collegiate Small Boat Championship

USRowing is working to create a collegiate small boat championship that will promote National Team participation without interfering with the traditional collegiate schedule. The event would likely happen in conjunction with the USRowing Fall Speed Order.

While there would be no separate lightweight events, those athletes would be encouraged and welcomed in the open weight events. Josy noted that we do not want to unnecessarily incentivize making weight, yet we want to encourage a competitive system for all athletes. Similarly, college entries would participate in the Open event and the highest ranking collegiate crew within the event is the Collegiate Champion.

The event would still only host singles and pairs. Josy verified that an out-of-season, USRowing sponsored championship would not violate any NCAA regulations.

Then, the HPC discussed the pros and cons to conducting a 2000m race at this time of year. However, considering the availability of the venue and the events hosted at the regatta, a 2000m race makes the most sense for this year.

Feedback and Discussion of Communication Around Selected Athletes

The HPC wanted to present and discuss some issues out of Selection Camp 1. Some athletes not invited to Selection Camp 1 wanted a clearer sense of the invitation criteria. Meanwhile, there were issues around the expectations for athletes that were selected out of Selection Camp 1.

The HPC noted that Selection Camp 2 should have a criteria for invitations as well as a briefing for what the camp involves. There was also a suggestion of solidifying the standards for being selected out of the camp.

Josy outlined that all people selected at Selection Camp 1 would receive invitations to Selection Camp 2. Meanwhile, any athlete not selected at Selection Camp 1 must participate at the NSR and SSO as well as submit erg scores. The only automatic invitations Selection Camp 2 out of Summer Speed Order would be the first and second places from each event. The remaining spots are discretionary based on NSR, SSO, and erg scores.

Everyone agreed that the logic and strategy is often sound behind selection decisions, but communication must be improved. The HPC suggested a communication outlining why people were selected for Selection Camp 2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24PM.