

High Performance Committee
5.9.2026 Report of Discussions and Developments

Attendance	Wyatt Allen
	Will Daly
	Yaz Farooq
	Nick Mead
	Meghan Musnicki
	Josy Verdonkschot
	Stephen Hap Whelpley (Chair)
Agenda	Addition of LW1x and LW2x to Summer Trials
	Petitions for World Cup 1
	Discussion of NSR Results and World Cup Plan

The meeting was called to order at 5:08PM.

Addition of LW1x and LW2x to Summer Trials

Josy presented a proposal to add the LW1x and LW2x to the Summer Speed Order and Trials. There were no entries in the LW2x at the trials in May. There were entries in the LW1x, and an athlete narrowly missed the CST standard for that day. This would take place in July. The High Performance Committee (HPC) agreed with this decision.

Petitions for World Cup 1

We have received one petition for an athlete to attend World Cup 1. This athlete would like to attend LM1x. It would be at his own expense. The athlete submitted the appropriate information and qualified the LM2x at the recent trials in May. The HPC approved this petition.

On the topic of World Cup petitions, the HPC discussed that if there are two national team boats entered for an event, then there is no room at World Cup 2 and World Cup 3. National Team entries take the priority over petitions. Petitions would be evaluated by competitive priority rather than by time of submission. This may require the establishment of a deadline for petitions. Josy gave the example that current world cup petitions would likely go in order of approval according to the recent NSR/Trials results.

Discussion of NSR Results and World Cup Plan

At this point, the HPC and Josy wanted to go through plans for the World Cups and where things currently stand.

Men's sculling. Four athletes were selected to go to the World Cups. One of the four athletes won the NSR. As a result, only three athletes will go to Europe since there is not an additional clear choice to fill out a competitive quad. As such, the three athletes will row the single and the double at the two World Cups.

Men's sweep. The top two pairs declined to race the pair at the World Cups. Across the World Cups, an eight would row at one and two fours at the other. Additional athletes will join the trip to fill out these boats. The HPC reiterated that all athletes not selected at Selection Camp 1 need to compete at the Summer Speed Order regardless of their involvement at the world cups.

With two boats declining the NSR bid to row the pair, the HPC brought up the lack of trials in this year's selection procedures. While the procedures are already established for the year, the HPC stressed the importance of trials for certain events. Josy explained that selection camp will allow for a thorough understanding of the best combinations of the top athletes in the United States. Josy expressed that the Summer Speed Order should gather all relevant participants. Josy noted that we should have a discussion after NSR to creatively establish an internal trials if necessary that does not necessitate the same costs and logistics of a formal regatta.

Women's sculling. Four athletes were selected out of Selection Camp 1 to race overseas in a quad. Some additional athletes will come as spares. Again, it was noted that athletes not formally selected out of Selection Camp 1 would need to participate in Summer Speed Order to be considered for Selection Camp 2.

Women's sweep. The W2- that won NSR accepted the bid to race the pair. They will race one World Cup in the pair and then the other World Cup in a four.

Coxswains. Josy noted that the coaches had chosen coxswains for the World Cup trip. The HPC insisted that coaches should really have a second coxswain incorporated into selection if only to ensure that you have a backup coxswain that you have worked with and identified.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.