



High Performance Committee 6.22.2026 Report of Discussions and Developments

Attendance	Wyatt Allen Will Daly Yaz Farooq Nick Mead Meghan Musnicki Josy Verdonkschot Stephen Hap Whelpley (Chair)
Agenda	CST Panel Appointment Collegiate Small Boat Championships Discussion around the Selection of Declined NSR Boat Classes Coxswain Selection

The meeting was called to order at 5:07PM. Wyatt was present at the start of the meeting and updated with anything he missed.

Discussion around the Selection of Declined NSR Boat Classes

The High Performance Committee (HPC) began the meeting with a discussion of NSR boats at the World Cups.

The men's single qualified at World Cup 1 and will accept the bid for the M1x. The women's pair that won the NSR had a qualifying performance at World Cup 2. Additionally, it was an exceptional performance with a competitive overall time and standing. The women's pair will likely make a determination after racing the four at World Cup 3.

The women's single was declined as well as the men's pair. Members of the HPC expressed that the declined boat classes should have some type of a trials. One suggestion was to hold an internal trials at which only athletes within 1.5% of the Summer Speed Order winner could participate. Timing for something like this would be at the end of Selection Camp 2. Josy said the HPC could think about it and have a later discussion on the format.

CST Panel Appointment

The Competitive Standard Time Committee is composed of one member from the Athlete Council, the Chief High Performance Officer or designee, and a member of the HPC or designee. Catherine has been a default option, and the HPC needs to provide clarity to the regatta director(s) to ensure it will move around to other members. If the HPC rep is also an athlete rep on the HPC, then the role of that rep requires clarity.

Meghan had to drop off the call at 5:45PM.

Collegiate Small Boat Championships

The NCAA has approved of the collegiate small boat championships at the USRowing Fall Speed Order. Josy envisions one event where everyone is together, and there are no divisions. However, the collegiate champion would be awarded within the event. This would necessitate more rounds of racing than previous Fall Speed Orders in recent years.

Meghan returned to the call at 6:05PM

Coxswain Selection

The HPC and Josy continued discussions on coxswain selection. While coxswain selection has been improved, it still needs further refinement and clarification in terms of selection out of camp and selection for residential training center coxswains. Once coxswains are residential training center coxswains, the selection can be more fair because the both coxswains will have equal exposure to the coaches and the athletes.

Catherine Starr had to exit the call at 6:15PM

Josy noted that this process should be the same for paralympic procedures as well and said that it would be shared with the Paralympic High Performance Committee.

All of the HPC agreed that how a coxswain is selected at a camp needs to be reviewed and finalized so that it is more systematic. The process should include both coach and athlete feedback, but needs to be consistent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.