

Minutes of USRowing High Performance Committee Call  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Attendance:**

Charley Butt  
Bob Ernst  
Yaz Farooq  
Matt Imes  
Megan Kalmoe  
Rob Milam  
Dan Walsh

**Agenda:**

- 2017 Selection Procedures

**Selection Procedures**

- Initial discussion about how the late timing of the release of the procedures and the input from HP Clubs among others makes having the proposed procedures difficult for the current year.
- Discussion on whether something like option 2 or option 4 (attached at the end of the document) would best serve the Team this year.
  - o Two main veins of thought
    - Have trials early to enable a smaller group of athletes to focus on small boats and focus on performance
    - Have trials late to encourage as many people as possible to participate – college athletes, U23, late returning Rio Olympians
- Discussion on how the current situation relates to the Task Force recommendations
- Initial informal poll taken
- Further discussion to look at different points of view
- Discussion to look at the whole four-year cycle and how plan can be developed in order to start with a wide base in early years and narrow to top performers over the course of the cycle
  - o Agreement that in future years Trials will need to be early in order to produce the most successful small boats
- Discussion on how different choices will impact DAS
  - o Specific focus on eliminating disruptions to DAS and creating a stable training/funding environment regardless of trials date

**Vote called and seconded**

**Choice between option 2 and option 4**

**The vote is four for option 4 and two for option 2**

**Option 4 carries with a note that in the future trials will be earlier as the cycle continues.**

# OPTIONS FOR SELECTION PROCEDURES

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## OPTION 1

Keep Selection Procedures as proposed in the selection documents currently available.

- Single Trials would be at NSR I / Trials II April 18 – 21
- Double Trials would be at NSR II / Trials II May 20-23
  - o NSR for M2-, W2-
    - Option to go to World Cup
- All other boats would be at Senior Trials III August 6-9

## OPTION 2

- NSR I / Trials I would be a Speed Order April 18-21
  - o M1x, W1x, LM1x, LW1x, M2-, W2-
- NSR II / Trial II May 20-23
  - o Trials for M1x, W1x, M2x, W2x, LM2x, LW2x
  - o NSR for M2-, W2-
    - Option to go to World Cup
- Senior Trials III August 6-9
  - o All other boats

## OPTION 3

- NSR I / Trials I would be Speed Order event April 18-21
  - o M1x, W1x, LM1x, LW1x, M2-, W2-
- NSR II / Trial II May 20-23
  - o Trial for M1x, W1x, LM2x, LW2x
  - o NSR for M2-, W2-
    - Option to go to World Cup
- U23 Trial June 26-30
  - o M2x, W2x Trial
    - Winners will not have World Cup III opportunity see note
- Senior Trial III August 6-9
  - o All remaining boats

## OPTION 4

All boats will trial at Senior Trials August 6-9

- NSR I and NSR II would be switched to Speed Order events
  - o Except for NSR II for M2-, W2-
    - Option to go to World Cup

## **DATES AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION**

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### **DATES**

April 18 -21 NSR I / Trial I – Mercer, NJ

May 5-7 World Cup I – Belgrade, SRB

May 20-23 NSR II / Trial II – Mercer, NJ

June 15-18 World Cup II – Poznan, POL

June 26-30 U19/U23 Trials – Mercer, NJ

July 7-9 World Cup III – Lucerne, SUI

August 6-9 Senior Trials III – Mercer, NJ

September 24 – October 1 World Rowing Championships – Sarasota, FL

### **NOTES**

The date for the possible June Trial logistically eliminates World Cup III as an option.