

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

June 10, 2026 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Phoebe Bacon, Gunnar Bentz, Nic Fink, Lilly King, Greg Meehan, Katie Meili Playko, Allison Schmitt, Alex Walsh, Kim Williams

Absent: Carson Foster, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Stacy Michael-Miller

Guests: Rachel Levitsky, Corey Manley, Yuri Suguiyama

Call to Order: Lilly King called the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) to order at 11:09 AM MST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda:

- **2026-27 APF Updates (Greg Meehan)**
 - Goal is to finalize and post these selection procedures as soon as possible. They need approval from AAC Chair, CEO and NT Managing Director, but want alignment with this group.
 - The structure of 2026-27 funding selection looks the exact same as our January 2026 funding shift. The same number of athletes: 60 pool, 4 OW.
 - Priorities for pool are as follows:
 - #1 – first in all individual events.
 - #2 – second through fourth in 100 & 200 freestyle events
 - #3 – second in all events other than 100 & 200 freestyle events
 - #4 – third in all events other than 100 & 200 freestyle events
 - *in priority 3 or 4, percentage of medal standard will be used to determine funding.
 - Priorities for Open Water are as follows:
 - #1 – highest finisher at Pan Pacific Championships
 - #2 – second highest finisher at Pan Pacific Championships
 - Philosophical intent year-over-year is to increase based on cost of living.
 - AAC committee members were in favor of reduction or removal of funding for professional athletes who do not sign APA.
 - Additionally, USA Swimming is working to increase the Individual Performance Grant and Travel Assistance for TYR Pro Swim Series.
 - Committee members noted the value of increasing funding for athletes and commended USA Swimming for the continued partnership alongside the USOPC to do so.
- **2027 World Cup Funding Ideas (Greg Meehan)**
 - Selection procedures for Olympic Games are in process, 2027 Swimming World Cups play a role as they are qualifying competitions for 50s of stroke.
 - Discussion around how to financially support athletes at qualifying competitions, given the elements at play.

- **2026 Short Course World Cup to Short Course Worlds Wild Card Spots (*Greg Meehan*)**
 - Details are not fully finalized from World Aquatics, but this will have a small impact on selection procedures.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: Lilly adjourned the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:50 am MST.