

Junior Selection Committee Minutes
Meeting via Zoom
February 28, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chair, Amanda Stroud at 8:31pm Central Time

Members Present:

Glenn Morris - Coaches Rep
Bob Lundy - Coaches Rep
Amanda Stroud - Athlete Rep and Chair
Levi Anderson - Athlete Rep
Raj Bhavsar - Jr High Performance Coordinator
Brett McClure - High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick - Men's Program VP (voice, no vote)

Invited Guests:

Steven Lukasik - Incoming Interim Athlete Rep

I. Junior World Championships Team Selection

The Junior World Championships (JWC) Team Selection Procedures outline the steps for using the team scoring scenario software to choose the three competing members of the team. Step 1: The team scoring scenarios were calculated by choosing the best event score from each of the three data sets including D-Score bonus to create the Standard of Measure. Step 2: The committee tabulated the discretionary points earned by the athletes. Step 3: The athlete with the highest number of discretionary points did appear in the standard of measure, so the three athletes in that top scoring were named to the team.

The committee confirmed David Shamah, Kai Uemura, and Kiran Mandava as the three competing members of the Junior World Championship Team.

Per the procedure the first (traveling) alternate is the next athlete in all around rank order using the three data sets. The athlete with the next highest all around score who was not named to the team is Alex Nitache who was injured and submitted a petition. Consideration of his petition revealed that the petition did not meet the required D-Score under Section 6.0 of the petition process in the procedure.

The committee denied Alex Nitache's petition to the Junior World Championships Team because the total all around submitted was not at or above 26.5.

The next athlete in rank order is Caden Clinton. The committee discussed that Caden would need to be added to the Junior National Team prior to being confirmed as the first alternate for Junior World Championships.

Motion: To name Caden Clinton to the Level 10 Junior National Team and confirm him as the first (traveling) alternate for Junior World Championships.

Motion: Amanda Stroud

Second: Glenn Morris

Passed: 4-1

The second (non-traveling) alternate, per the procedure, is the athlete with the highest discretionary points total who was not already named to the team. Alex Deubler is that athlete with 8.5 discretionary points earned.

The committee confirmed Alex Deubler as the second (non-traveling) alternate for Junior World Championships.

II. DTB Pokal Team Selection

The DTB selection procedures use the same data sets as the JWC procedures. Using those data sets with D-Score bonus the next three athletes in all around rank order who have not been named to the JWC team are named to the DTB Team.

The committee confirmed Solen Chiodi, Zach Green, and Max Odden to the DTB Pokal Team.

The remaining two athletes are named using discretionary criteria including:

- Rankings within domestic championship events
- International experience – the athlete has represented the USA internationally or the athlete needs to gain international experience representing the USA internationally to prepare for future opportunities
- Overall competitiveness (D, E, and final scores) with top international athletes across major junior international events* in 2022 and 2023
- Provide international opportunities for younger JNT athletes

* Major junior international events include, but are not limited to the following competitions:

- World Championships
- Junior International Invitationals (DTB Pokal, Berlin Team Cup, etc)
- Continental Championships
- Major Games (Youth Olympic Games, Asian Games, Pan Am Games, European Youth Olympic Festival, etc.)

For the discretionary spots the committee started with the highest all around scores from the data sets who hadn't been named to JWC or DTB yet. The first athlete considered is Alex Nitache. The committee evaluated his petition for validity and strength. Alex will be required to prove readiness to the Junior Selection Committee prior to March 6, 2023.

Motion: To accept Alex Nitache's petition pending readiness and name him to the DTB Pokal team

Motion: Amanda Stroud

Second: Bob Lundy

Passed: 5-0

The committee discussed that it wanted to consider a younger athlete for the final spot to give up-and-coming athletes international experience. Danila Leykin is the next athlete in rank order, and he fulfills the discretionary criteria specifically concerning age.

Motion: To name Danila Leykin to the DTB Pokal team.

Motion: Bob Lundy

Second: Glenn Morris

Passed: 5-0

To name the non-traveling alternate the committee continued to consider the next athlete in all around rank order from the data sets who was not already named to JWC or DTB.

Motion: To name Cooper Kim as the non-traveling alternate for DTB Pokal.

Motion: Bob Lundy

Second: Levi Anderson

Passed: 5-0

III. Naming Head Coaches for Junior World Championships and DTB Pokal

The committee considered the coaches of the athletes on the JWC team, specifically their international coaching experience.

Motion: To name Sergei Pakanich as Head Coach for Junior World Championships

Motion: Raj Bhavsar

Second: Glenn Morris

Passed: 5-0

The committee considered the coaches of the athletes on the DTB team and discussed giving international head coaching experience to a younger coach.

Motion: To name Matt Henry as Head Coach for the DTB Pokal team

Motion: Amanda Stroud

Second: Glenn Morris

Passed: 5-0

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Amanda Stroud at 10:05pm central time

Assistant Coaches for JWC and DTB were named via Junior Selection Committee communication after the meeting. The JSC confirmed Igor Vernyi as Assistant Coach for Junior World Championships and Sergei Pakanich as Assistant Coach for DTB

A Stroud

3/7/2023

Junior Selection Committee Chair

Date