

MPC Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2024

The process to review petitions for final qualifiers to the 2024 U.S. Championships was done by the MPC, both in person and via email.

Meeting called to order at 5:13pm ET by Chair, Mike Serra.

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)
Mark Williams – Sr Coaches Rep
Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Sam Phillips – Athlete Rep (via Zoom)
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Development Program Director (voice, no vote)
David Klein – MDPC Chair (voice, no vote)

Members not present:

Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep (recused for this discussion)

Mark will be recused for any Senior petition vote as he has an athlete competing in the Senior session at U.S. Championships. Sam will also be recused for any Senior petition vote as he is competing in the Senior session at U.S. Championships. Pavel and Sergei will both be recused for any Junior petition vote as they have athletes competing in the Junior session at U.S. Championships.

The deadline to receive petitions to U.S. Championships was May 13, but the Committee had received three petitions by May 11 and felt that they could review those in-person at Development National Championships in order to give coaches and athletes more time to book travel to Texas if they are approved. Any petitions received after May 11 would be reviewed and discussed via email.

The three petitions received were from Crew Bold, Michael Artlip and Michael Jaroh. Crew has consistently been competitive on High Bar and Parallel Bars in previous Championship events. He was a High Bar medalist at the 2023 U.S. Championships and ranked higher on the final points program results than current National Team members. Crew is also at a disadvantage as he has one less opportunity to qualify than other NCAA athletes. Only all-around athletes are able to qualify from NCAA Championships. Crew is not an all-around athlete, so he has no opportunity to qualify via NCAA Championships. The Committee felt that Crew is competitive with the current field of competitors at U.S. Championships and his petition should be approved.

Motion: To approve Crew Bold’s petition to the 2024 U.S. Championships.

Motion: Kip Simons
Second: Pavel Sargsyan
Passed 3-0 (3 recused votes)

The next petition reviewed was for Michael Artlip. Michael has been a competitor at Winter Cup and US Championships throughout the quad. He has been a top 20 all-around finisher but has not been ranked in the points program final results in the last two Championship events. Michael had two opportunities to qualify to U.S. Championships at Winter Cup and NCAA Championships but was not able to do so.

No motion was made for Michael Artlip's petition.

The final petition to be reviewed was for Michael Jaroh. Michael has also been a competitor at Winter Cup and U.S. Championships in recent years. He finished in the top 20 in the all around at the 2023 U.S. Championships. However, he did not receive any points in the points program final results. Michael did not participate at the 2024 Winter Cup due to injury and did not compete in the all-around at NCAA Championships.

No motion was made for Michael Jaroh's petition.

Motion to adjourn at 5:49pm ET

The MPC received three more Senior petitions and one Junior petition to U.S. Championships prior to the May 13th deadline. Evan Hymanson, Charlie Larson and William Pearce submitted Senior petitions and Danila Leykin submitted the Junior (injury) petition. The Committee members were asked to review the petitions and propose either a discussion or a motion to the Committee via email, if they felt compelled to do so. Sergei Pakanich would be recused for any discussion or motion for Danila.

The only motion that came forward was for Danila as he is a current Junior National Team member and has earned medals for Team USA at both the DTB Pokal and Pacific Rim Championships in 2024.

Motion: To approve Danila Leykin's petition to the 2024 U.S. Championships.

Motion: Mark Williams

Second: Kip Simons

Passed 4-0 (2 recused votes)



MPC Chair

6.10.24

Date