

Senior Selection Committee Minutes  
2024 Winter Cup  
February 27, 2024

Meeting called to order by SSC Chair, Sam McArthur at 8:57pm ET.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Chair & Sr Coaches Rep

Nalani Cook – Sr Coaches Rep

Alex Buscaglia – Athlete Rep

Akash Modi – Athlete Rep

Brett McClure – High Performance Director

Jason Woodnick – VP Men's Program (voice, no vote)

Following the 2024 Winter Cup, 19 athletes have locked their spot onto the Senior National Team, including two on the Senior Development Team. The SSC may add one more athlete via Discretionary Criteria as no injury petitions were submitted. The SSC must also determine international assignments for the FIG World Cups in Baku and Doha, the DTB Pokal and Mixed Cup, and the Pacific Rim Championships.

The SSC began by assigning Patrick Hoopes to Baku.

**Motion: To nominate Patrick Hoopes for the FIG World Cup in Baku.**

**Motion: Brett McClure**

**Second: Akash Modi**

**Passed 5-0**

For guidance in determining the DTB team, the SSC gathered team scenarios with single-event specialists and Brody Malone removed (we had received confirmation that Brody would not be accepting international assignments to continue on his injury recovery timeline leading up to US Championships).

The top scoring team included Yul Moldauer, Shane Wiskus, Curran Phillips, Jeremy Bischoff and Joshua Karnes. We received confirmation during the meeting that Karnes and Bischoff would not be accepting international assignments. With those two athletes removed, the SSC went down the list of team scenarios to the first team that did not include Bischoff, Karnes or a non-National Team athlete. That team included the next two ranked all-around athletes from Winter Cup, which were Riley Loos and Cameron Bock.

**Motion: To nominate Yul Moldauer, Shane Wiskus, Curran Phillips, Riley Loos and Cameron Bock to the DTB Pokal Team.**

**Motion: Akash Modi**  
**Second: Brett McClure**  
**Passed 5-0**

The SSC looked at filling spots for Baku and Doha with current National Team members. Donnell Whittenburg was an obvious choice for Baku as he can compete all events, with the highest medal potential on Floor and Rings. The SSC looked at other possible medal opportunities from current National Team athletes. Many of them had confirmed prior to Winter Cup that they would not be accepting international assignments to focus on their NCAA season and/or better prepare for US Championships. Therefore, the SSC looked at filling the final National Team spot with an event specialist who has demonstrated previous medal potential and would be available to compete at the World Cups.

The SSC looked at the next ranked event specialists from the Points Program results including, Javier Alfonso, Alex Diab and Stephen Nedoroscik. Stephen finished second on Pommel Horse at Winter Cup, but had the highest PH score of the competition. He is a World Cup champion and World Champion on Pommel Horse. Between Stephen and Patrick Hoopes, one of them shows up in nearly every team scenario because of their contribution to the team score.

**Motion: To name Stephen Nedoroscik to the Senior National Team.**

**Motion: Alex Buscaglia**  
**Second: Brett McClure**  
**Passed 5-0**

**Motion: To nominate Donnell Whittenburg and Stephen Nedoroscik for the FIG World Cup in Baku.**

**Motion: Brett McClure**  
**Second: Nalani Cook**  
**Passed 5-0**

With the DTB team named, the SSC looked at available athletes for the Mixed Cup. That competition would be a great team opportunity for Fuzzy Benas and Kai Uemura to compete at their first Senior international competition. A third athlete may be added to the team from the DTB team once in Stuttgart.

**Motion: To nominate Fuzzy Benas and Kai Uemura to the Mixed Cup competition.**

**Motion: Brett McClure**  
**Second: Sam McArthur**  
**Passed: 5-0**

For the Pacific Rim team and Doha World Cup, the SSC knew that there was a conflict with NCAA Championships. This meant that all NCAA athletes would be unavailable for these competitions. The SSC will name a full team of Senior (non-NCAA) athletes for Pacific Rim. If athletes turn down the assignment, then we can offer those spots to our Junior National Team members since that team can be comprised of Junior and Senior athletes.

**Motion: To nominate Yul Moldauer, Shane Wiskus, Riley Loos, Cameron Bock and Donnell Whittenburg to the Pacific Rim Championships.**

**Motion: Brett McClure**  
**Second: Alex Buscaglia**  
**Passed 5-0**

**Motion: To nominate Stephen Nedoroscik to the FIG World Cup in Doha.**

**Motion: Sam McArthur**  
**Second: Brett McClure**  
**Passed: 5-0**

These assignments will be sent out to all athletes and coaches tonight and we will require confirmation of acceptance within 24 hours.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51pm ET

Motion: Nalani Cook  
Second: Akash Modi

Following the SSC meeting, several athletes declined their nominations. Donnell Whittenburg declined Baku and Pacific Rim. Shane Wiskus and Curran Phillips also declined Pacific Rim, but Curran asked to be nominated for Doha. With three openings for Pacific Rim, the SSC nominated Kai Uemura and received two nominations from the Junior Selection Committee, Caden Clinton and Danila Leykin. A new motion was made via email.

**Motion: Based on recent changes/withdrawals to international assignments, the SSC nominates Curran Phillips to the FIG World Cup in Doha and Kai Uemura to the Pacific Rim Championships. The SSC also accepts Caden Clinton and Danila Leykin to be nominated to the Pacific Rim team as recommended by the Junior Selection Committee.**

**Motion: Sam McArthur**  
**Second: Brett McClure**  
**Passed 5-0**

The SSC also named Fuzzy as the first reserve athlete and Kai as the second reserve athlete for the DTB competition.

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*Sam McArthur*  
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SSC Chair

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Date