

Senior Selection Committee Meeting  
January 7, 2026  
Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 11:04am ET by Chair, Sam McArthur.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Coaches Rep & Chair

Adam Lomax – Coaches Rep

Akash Modi – Athlete Rep

Kevin Tan – Athlete Rep

Brett McClure – High Performance Director

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

USAG Men’s Development Program Director, Raj Bhavsar joined the call as a guest to listen to the discussion.

The objective of this meeting is to finalize the 2026 Senior international selection procedures document and begin the drafting of the 2026 World Championships Selection Procedures.

I. International Assignments

The SSC reviewed the Men’s International Assignments document and approved each competition’s procedures. Our priority is always to win international medals, but there are variables that should be acknowledged that could move a competition’s objectives to more experience focused rather than overall medals. These variables will be considered when assigning athletes to competitions.

**Motion: To approve the 2026 Senior International Assignments document.**

**Motion: Sam McArthur**

**Second: Akash Modi**

**Passed 5-0**

The International Assignments document will be published once the Junior assignments are approved by the Junior Selection Committee.

II. 2026 World Championships

The SSC established that the top priority for the 2026 World Championships is to earn a team spot at the 2028 Olympic Games by placing in the top three teams. Therefore, the selection process should be formulated with that goal in mind, even if it means decreased

individual medal opportunities. The secondary priority will still be to win as many medals as possible.

Previous precedence has been to award an automatic Worlds Team spot for the top ranked all-around athlete at the US Championships, who also finishes in the top three on at least three events. There was discussion on retaining automatic spots versus all discretionary selection. Ultimately, the group wanted to have at least one automatic spot.

The SSC wanted to establish a way for the entire team to be named via automatic selection and decided that utilizing multiple team scoring scenarios could lead to a full team being named automatically.

After discussion, the SSC established the initial draft of selection procedures listed below. **Final procedures will be provided in the 2026 World Championships Selection Procedures document to be finalized in the coming weeks. That document will take precedence over procedures stated in these minutes.**

#### A. Automatic Selection

The top ranked all-around athlete from the 2026 US Championships who also places in the top three on a minimum of three events (combined 2-day total) will be named to the 2026 World Championship Team. Any proceeding steps in selection must include this individual.

#### B. Team Scoring Scenarios

The SSC will evaluate the following team scoring scenarios from both days of competition at the 2026 US Championships in a 5-4-3 team format. If an athlete achieves Point A, then all scenarios to be evaluated must include that athlete.

Set 1: Team scoring scenarios with exponential D-score bonus included

Set 2: Team scoring scenarios with exponential D-score bonus excluded (FIG scores)

Set 3: Team scoring scenarios via D-scores only (with Bonus)

If the top scoring team from each of those three sets are the same team, then that team will be automatically named as the 2026 World Championship Team. If the top teams are different, then the SSC will move to Step C – Discretionary Criteria, in naming the remainder of the team.

If the SSC moves to Step C, then the pool of eligible athletes for selection will be narrowed to the following:

- Any athlete listed in the top five team scenarios in each of the three sets listed above.
- Any additional athletes who finished in the top three on any individual event at the 2026 US Championships (combined 2-day total)

#### C. Discretionary Criteria

The SSC will utilize the following Discretionary Criteria in naming the remainder of the 2026 World Championship Team and replacement athletes, in no priority order:

- Final rankings and Points Program results from 2026 US Championships
- Previous domestic elite Championships and USAG assigned FIG international competition results in 2025 & 2026
- Individual D scores
- International results from major FIG international competitions in 2025 & 2026 to be used as a metric for determining team and individual medal potential

The group offered initial thoughts on a petition process for the Worlds selection but wanted to take some time to think on that process. The group will meet next, to finalize the 2026 Worlds Selection Procedures, on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm ET.

Signed by:

*Sam McArthur*

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SSC Chair

Date