

Senior Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 11:02am 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)

The objective of this meeting is to review and finalize the 2026 World Championships Selection Procedures.

The Committee reviewed the draft of the selection procedures based off our meeting earlier in the month. The Committee felt that the procedures looked correct. The Athlete Rep did share the procedures with several athletes and there were a couple questions regarding the procedures in the event of tied team score scenarios as well as potentially putting too much emphasis on Difficulty Score (D-score).

The SSC discussed both items. The group felt that continuing to emphasize the D-score was appropriate in year-two of the Olympic quad and keeps consistent with what was emphasized for the 2025 World Championships Team. For 2025, the athletes met those targeted Difficulty standards and ultimately ended up producing three medals, including two World Champions.

One final question did arise regarding the procedures if there is an obvious D-score error during competition that is missed by the judging panel, which affects final scores and potentially the selection of the team. Is the selection committee able to take that into consideration when naming the team. The VP will reach out to the USOPC for possible wording regarding this scenario.

The SSC made one change within the procedures, to eliminate the ability for a Worlds Team to be automatically locked if that team is only able to put up three athletes in qualifications on any one event – meaning for the team to be locked, it must have at least four athletes able to compete on all six events in qualifications.

The next item to discuss was petitions. The SSC agreed there should be a petition process in place, similar to what was used for the 2024 Olympic Games procedures with two main criteria for eligibility to submit a petition:

1. The athlete must have competed at any point in the selection event (2026 US Championships) and,
2. They must be able to show readiness – full routine difficulty and execution at the September World Championships Camp (Sept. 16-20 at USOPTC) with verification from US Championship judges.

The VP will amend the procedures appropriately and send to the Committee for review and approval before being sent to USAG and USOPC leadership for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm ET.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

Date