

Men's Senior Selection Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2025  
Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm 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 finalize the qualifiers to the 2025 Winter Cup through Individual Event or injury petition.

I. Injury petition for Preston Ngai

The SSC received one injury petition from Preston Ngai. Preston is a former Junior National Team member who was extremely successful in his first international assignment in 2024, earning five medals at the Berlin Junior Team Cup. Preston has not competed all-around in 2025 due to his injuries, but he will be medically cleared for all-around competition by Winter Cup.

**Motion to approve Preston Ngai's injury petition to compete all-around at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

**Motion: Brett McClure**

**Second: Sam McArthur**

**Passed 5-0**

II. Individual Event Petitions

Per the 2025 Winter Cup Qualification Procedures: *Up to 12 Individual Event petitions with a maximum of two (2) per event (must place in the top two (2) on an event at one of the Winter Cup Qualifier Events above). Athletes whose petitions are accepted will be permitted to only compete the event(s) in which they qualified on.*

The SSC received 18 total IE petitions. However, several were deemed ineligible as the athlete did not place in the top two on an event at their qualifier competition. The SSC reviewed each event's petitions with two common strategies:

- Where possible, accept the maximum of two petitions per event.
- As this is the first year of a new quad, when comparing athletes on an event, the SSC wanted to prioritize D Score first and Final Score second.

With those strategies in mind, the SSC made the following motions for each event.

**Motion to approve Kyle Jordan & Brigham Frentheway to compete Floor Exercise at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

**Motion: Brett McClure  
Second: Adam Lomax  
Passed 5-0**

**Motion to approve Ignacio Yockers & Parker Thackston to compete Pommel Horse at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

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

**Motion to approve Tas Hajdu & Matthew Underhill to compete Rings at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

**Motion: Kevin Tan  
Second: Akash Modi  
Passed 5-0**

**Motion to approve Brandon Nguyen to compete Vault at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

**Motion: Sam McArthur  
Second: Adam Lomax  
Passed 5-0**

**Motion to approve Brandon Nguyen & Zachary Patrick to compete Parallel Bars at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

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

**Motion to approve Caden Spencer & Kelton Christianson to compete High Bar at the 2025 Winter Cup.**

**Motion: Brett McClure  
Second: Kevin Tan  
Passed 5-0**

The SSC accepted 11 total IE petitions.

### III. Remaining Spots

Per the 2025 Winter Cup Qualification Procedures: *If spots remain, up to a maximum of eight (8) routines per rotation (48 routines total), spots will be filled in priority order by:*

- i. The next ranked non-qualified athlete(s) from the final Points Program results from the 2024 U.S. Championships*
- ii. The next ranked athlete(s) from the final all-around results (combined 2-day total) from the 2024 U.S. Championships.*

Caden Clinton was the only remaining athlete from the Points Program final results from 2024 US Championships, who had not already qualified to Winter Cup (or retired from competitive gymnastics). Therefore, he is qualified to the 2025 Winter Cup as an all-around athlete.

David Ramirez and Noah Newfeld were the only two remaining athletes from the final all-around results from 2024 US Championships, who had not already qualified to Winter Cup (or retired from competitive gymnastics). The SSC was unsure if Noah was still training and planning to compete. David & Noah qualify to the 2025 Winter Cup as all-around athletes.

#### IV. 2025 World Championships

The first draft of the 2025 World Championships Selection Procedures was sent to the SSC for their feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm ET

Signed by: 	2/4/2025
SSC Chair	Date