

Senior Selection Committee Minutes
February 21, 2026
Winter Cup

Meeting called to order at 9:47pm 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)

Adam Lomax recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The objectives of this meeting are to name the 2026 Senior National Team and Senior Development Team as well as determine international assignments for the first half of the year.

Two items that the Senior Selection Committee (SSC) wanted to establish before proceeding with the meeting:

1. Prior to Winter Cup, all Winter Cup participants and all Senior National Team athletes who retained their spot on the National Team through to 2026 US Championships, were asked to provide their availability for each international assignment. This data was compiled and put into a spreadsheet for the SSC to use when determining Discretionary selections for National Team as well as international assignments.
2. The primary objective of every international assignment is to win medals. However, with many of the international assignments being compacted on the calendar, the SSC wanted to be mindful of the calendar and work to avoid setting athletes up to compete multiple times without enough time to adequately recover and prepare for the next competition.

National Team Selection

- I. Automatic Selections
 - a. Any current Senior National Team athlete who represented Team USA at the 2025 Senior or Junior World Championships will be named to the Senior National Team.
 - Brandon Dang
 - Asher Hong
 - Patty Hoopes

- Brody Malone
 - Kameron Nelson
 - Dante Reive
 - Donnell Whittenburg
- b. The one (1) non-traveling reserve athlete named to the 2025 Senior World Championships will be named to the Senior National Team.
- Taylor Burkhart
- c. The one (1) 2026 Winter Cup All-Around champion or the next highest ranking All-Around athlete not already named to the Senior National Team.
- Frederick Richard
- d. The next three (3) athletes in rank order from the Men's Points Program results, not already named to the Senior National Team.
- Joshua Karnes
 - Yul Moldauer
 - Riley Loos
- II. Discretionary Criteria
- e. A minimum of three (3) remaining spots will be filled by Discretionary Criteria and/or Petition

The SSC listed out all Winter Cup event winners, the next five ranked athletes by all-around results, and the next five ranked athletes by Points results. Danila Leykin was the Winter Cup High Bar champion, was ranked in the next three in Points, and fills all three events for American Cup.

Motion: To name Danila Leykin to the Senior National Team

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

The SSC laid out all the international assignments and began looking at filling spots with athletes who had already been named to the National Team. This would help see where there are holes, and use those spots to guide naming the remaining National Team members

After a lengthy discussion, the SSC had mapped out the following international assignments:

American Cup

Asher Hong

Yul Moldauer

Danila Leykin

DTB Pokal

Asher Hong
Yul Moldauer
Joshua Karnes
Kameron Nelson
Danila Leykin

FIG World Cup – Antalya

Donnell Whittenburg
Patty Hoopes
Brandon Dang

FIG World Cup – Cairo

Patty Hoopes
Crew Bold
Parker Thackston

FIG World Cup – Osijek

Donnell Whittenburg
Brandon Dang
Kameron Nelson

The SSC had two spots open for the Cairo World Cup and were looking to individual event specialists. Two individual event specialists that stood out were Crew Bold on High Bar and Parker Thackston on Pommel Horse. Crew has a 6.0 D score on High Bar, which was the highest D score on that event at Winter Cup while finishing second on the event. His 6.0 also put him in the top three D scores on High Bar finals at the 2026 Cottbus World Cup.

Motion: To name Crew Bold to the Senior National Team

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Brett McClure

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

With one spot remaining, Parker's 5.9 D score on Pommel Horse combined with his event win at Winter Cup positioned him for a World Cup opportunity. A 5.9 was tied for third highest in the Pommel Horse final at the Cottbus World Cup.

Motion: To name Parker Thackston to the Senior National Team

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Akash Modi

Passed: 3-1 (1 recused vote)

15 athletes have been named to the Senior National Team, and all international assignments have been filled after adding Crew and Parker to the Cairo World Cup.

III. Senior Development Team

- f. Any current Senior Development Team athlete who represented Team USA at the 2025 Junior World Championships will be named to the Senior Development Team, with the ability to qualify to the Senior National Team through the criteria defined in section I. and II.
 - Nathan Roman
- g. The top three (3) age-eligible athletes ranked by the All-Around results who meet both of the following standards:
 - i. Achieve a minimum total D score of 27.0 and
 - ii. Achieve a minimum total E score of 48.0
 - Preston Ngai
 - Sasha Bogonosiuik
- h. If there are fewer than five (5) total athletes named to the Senior Development Team from III.f. and III.g, then the remaining Senior Development Team spots may be awarded to the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team by Discretionary Criteria or Petition.

Two spots remain open and can be filled by point III.h. The SSC received one injury petition for the Senior Development Team from Kai Uemura. His petition was reviewed but not supported for approval.

Jun Iwai had the highest total D score (28.9) of all age-eligible Senior Development Team athletes and stands out as being a World Cup medalist in 2025.

Motion: To name Jun Iwai to the Senior Development Team

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed: 4-0 (1 recused vote)

With one spot remaining, the SSC looked at David Shamah who finished third all-around and tied for the highest D score of the competition on Parallel Bars while finishing second on the event.

Motion: To name David Shamah to the Senior National Team

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Kevin Tan

Passed: 4-0 (1 recused vote).

Motion: To approve the Senior international assignments as listed

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Kevin Tan

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Meeting adjourned at 12:08am ET.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

3/5/2026

Date

Senior Selection Committee Minutes
February 25, 2026
Winter Cup Athlete Assignment Replacements

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm PST by Chair, Sam McArthur.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Coaches Rep & Chair

Akash Modi – Athlete Rep

Kevin Tan – Athlete Rep

Brett McClure – High Performance Director

Members not present:

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

Adam Lomax recused due to a conflict of interest.

The objective of this meeting is to name the replacement athletes for Parker Thackston, who declined his assignment to the Cairo World Cup and Asher Hong who declined his assignment to the DTB Pokal Team Challenge.

The SSC discussed the World Cup in Cairo first by evaluating who was still available without potential conflicts, number of assignments already received, and start values that are competitive for a medal. The committee agreed that Joshua Karnes has medal potential on High Bar with a start value of 5.9 and Parallel Bars with a start value of 5.5. He had only been named to one (1) international assignment at this moment.

Motion: To name Joshua Karnes to the Cairo World Cup

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 3-1 (1 recused vote)

The SSC discussed DTB Pokal at length by first evaluating the strengths on each apparatus provided by Asher Hong and any potential apparatus that would not have at least three (3) athletes compete for a team score. The potential replacement athletes were listed based on availability, number of assignments they had already received, and ability to fill a minimum of three (3) athletes on each apparatus for the Team Score. Based on this evaluation, it was determined that the athlete must compete on Vault to fulfill a minimum of three (3) athletes for Team Score. The discussion had several athletes in contention to be a replacement and decided that Jun Iwai separated himself with the ability to compete all apparatus while having strengths on FX, VT and HB, higher start values with medal potential, and experience at DTB Pokal winning a Bronze on Floor and Silver on High Bar in 2025.

Motion: To name Jun Iwai to DTB Pokal

Motion: Kevin Tan

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

As a result from assignments being declined, the SSC wanted to name a non-traveling replacement athlete for DTB Pokal Team Challenge. Preston Ngai separated himself by having a 5.6 start value and second place finish on Pommel Horse at Winter Cup, while also placing in the top 10 on two other apparatus and a 13.6 on Vault. This combination could bring significant value to the team if given the opportunity.

Motion: To name Preston Ngai as the non-traveling replacement athlete for DTB Pokal.

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Kevin Tan

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm PST.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

3/5/2026

Date