

Senior Selection Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm ET by Chair, Sam McArthur.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Chair & Coaches Representative

Adam Lomax – Coaches Representative

Akash Modi – Athlete Representative

Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative

Brett McClure – High Performance Director

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

I. Winter Cup Senior National Team Selection

The objective of this National Team selection is to fulfill upcoming international assignments and win individual event medals through the FIG World Cup circuit.

Following the [Men's Senior National Team Selection Procedures](#), 11 athletes were named to the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team through points a. and d., as follows:

- Asher Hong
- Paul Juda
- Brody Malone
- Stephen Nedoroscik
- Frederick Richard
- Shane Wiskus
- Khoi Young
- Tate Costa (Sr Dev Team)
- Josh Karnes (Sr Dev Team)
- Kiran Mandava (Sr Dev Team)
- Kai Uemura (Sr Dev Team)

One athlete was named to the Senior National Team through point b. of the Selection Procedures, as the Winter Cup All-Around Champion with a total AA D-score on either day of competition that ranked within the top three highest AA D scores on that day.

- Riley Loos

The next three athletes in rank order from the Men's Points Program Final Results were named to the National Team (point c.).

- Taylor Burkhart
- Taylor Christopoulos
- Alexandru Nitache

Five spots remained to come from point e., Discretionary Criteria or injury petition. Adam Lomax was recused for the remainder of the National Team discussion due to a Conflict of Interest.

The SSC received four injury petitions from Fuzzy Benas, Jeremy Bischoff, Colt Walker and Donnell Whittenburg. All petitions included the required documentation for review. The SSC also reviewed the results from the 2025 Cottbus World Cup as a metric for evaluating current medal opportunities on individual events.

Brandon Dang was the Winter Cup Pommel Horse champion with a D score (5.9) that was higher than any Pommel Horse finalist from Cottbus. His 14.35 on Day 2 would have placed second on the event. Brandon can fulfill multiple World Cup assignments.

Motion: To name Brandon Dang to the Senior National Team

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Akash Modi
Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Jun Iwai was the next ranked athlete in the all-around and in the Points Program results. Jun is able to participate in both the DTB Senior Challenge and a World Cup event. Jun placed second on Floor at Winter Cup with a 5.6 D score, which would have ranked third highest in the Floor Finals at Cottbus. His 14.0 on Day 2 would have ranked second on the event.

Motion: To name Jun Iwai to the Senior National Team

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Akash Modi
Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

With three spots remaining, the SSC reviewed each petition, but there was not enough support to approve any of them. While Donnell's petition was not approved, he was approved to be designated on the [Injury Reserve](#) list. The SSC needed to fill one more spot for the DTB competition, which left two more spots for Individual Event athletes to fill World Cup needs.

Patrick Hoopes ranked second on Pommel Horse at Winter Cup, which is our deepest event as a country. He is available for multiple World Cups and his 5.9 D score on Day 2 equals Brandon Dang, above all Pommel Horse finalists from Cottbus. Patrick attended the 2024 Baku World Cup, where he placed 6th on Pommel Horse against a very strong field of athletes, including one medalist from the 2020 Olympic Games and two athletes who would go on to medal at the 2024 Olympic Games.

Motion: To name Patrick Hoopes to the Senior National Team

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Akash Modi
Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Colt Walker was the Winter Cup Parallel Bars Champion and also the next ranked athlete in Points, despite competing through an injury that kept him from performing on Floor and Vault as well as dismounts on other events. Through Colt's petition documentation, the SSC determined that Colt should be back to full health for the DTB Senior Challenge. Colt's 5.4 D score tied for the second highest of the Parallel Bar finalists in Cottbus and his 14.2 on Day 2 would have ranked third on the event. In addition, the committee noted Colt's international experience on the 2022 World Championships team as well as being named the traveling reserve athlete for the 2023 World Championships team.

Motion: To name Colt Walker to the Senior National Team.

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

The final National Team spot led to a discussion around Nartey Brady and Crew Bold, who won Vault and High Bar, respectively, at Winter Cup, and Alex Diab, who finished second on Rings, but had the same combined 2-day Final Score as the Rings Champion.

The SSC felt that Nartey, Crew or Alex could fulfill World Cup spots and make finals. It was noted that Nartey is a current member of the Junior National Team and was named to the DTB Junior Challenge Team. He tied for highest D score on Vault (5.2/4.8) at Winter Cup. Crew's 5.3 D score on High Bar was tied for the second highest at Winter Cup while Alex's 5.2 D score on Rings was tied for the highest on that event. All three athletes achieved scores that would have qualified to Finals at the Cottbus World Cup.

The SSC supported Alex for the final National Team spot due to his prior international experience as a World Cup finalist and World Championships Team Member, along with his consistency across both days of competition at Winter Cup.

Motion: To name Alex Diab to the Senior National Team

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Adam returned to the meeting for the discussion of international assignments.

II. International Assignments

Motion: To name Alex Diab, Brandon Dang, and Patrick Hoopes to the Baku World Cup.

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

Motion: To name Asher Hong, Brandon Dang, and Patrick Hoopes to the Antalya World Cup.

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

Motion: To name Alex Diab, Riley Loos, and Jun Iwai to the Osijek World Cup.

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

Motion: To name Alex Diab, Brandon Dang, and Patrick Hoopes to the Cairo World Cup.

**Motion: Akash Modi
Second: Adam Lomax
Passed 5-0**

Motion: To name Riley Loos, Jun Iwai, Colt Walker, Taylor Christopulos and Kai Uemura to the DTB Senior Challenge Team, and name Kiran Mandava and Alexandru Nitache to the Mixed Cup Team.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm ET.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

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Date