

Senior Selection Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025 via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Men's VP, Jason Woodnick at 12:05pm ET as Committee Chair, Sam McArthur was delayed in joining the call.

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. Senior National Team Selection at 2025 US Championships

The Committee reviewed their thoughts from the previous SSC meeting on [March 12th](#) and a draft of National Team selection that the High Performance Director put together based off that meeting. The Committee felt confident in the process for naming the Senior National Team athletes, as follows:

- a. The up to six (6) athletes named to the 2025 World Championships Team via the World Championship Team Selection Procedures, which are currently in their final approval phase.
- b. The up to three (3) athletes named as non-traveling replacement athletes to the 2025 World Championships Team via the World Championship Team Selection Procedures.
- c. The next five athletes by rank order from the Points Program final results (combined two-day total), not already named to the team.
- d. Remaining spots will be filled by Discretionary Criteria and/or petition.

Discretionary Criteria will evaluate the following:

- US Championship results (AA, IE, and Points Program)
- Overall competitiveness internationally, using D scores and E scores as compared to international standards (FIG sanctioned international events) in 2025.

II. Senior Development Team

2025 is an unusual year as there is an expected Junior World Championships later in the year. That team will likely consist of multiple FIG 18 year old athletes, up to a maximum of four athletes. Those athletes will compete domestically as Seniors and would need to be secured on the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team (SDT) as they are aged out of the Junior National Team. The SSC understands this and felt that the SDT would be the appropriate spots for any FIG 18 year old who makes the Junior Worlds Team.

The SSC agreed that based on this circumstance, we could accept another two SDT spots for a total of six spots on the Senior Development Team. If the Junior World Championships end up being canceled in 2025, then the Senior Development Team would not exceed five athletes.

The SSC also felt that for those non-Junior World Team spots, there should be a D score AND E score standard to achieve those remaining spots. The use of an E score standard has been a point of emphasis from within the community. The High Performance Director evaluated data from Winter Cup for those athletes who are within the SDT age range (18-20). Three athletes achieved a 27.0 D score with six more athletes within 1.0 of a 27.0. The expectation is that by US Championships with the extra preparation time, most of them should be achieving a 27.0. The SSC agreed that an appropriate E score would be 48.0, which is an 8.0 E score average across all six events.

As this is an unusual year, the SSC felt that the SDT spots at US Championships should not be awarded for 12-months as they have been previously. The Senior Development Team should be re-evaluated at the 2026 Winter Cup. However, the SSC determined that any medalist from Junior World Championships would keep their SDT designation for 12-months. This is following the same process as the Senior National Team when an athlete medals at a World Championships.

For future SDT plans, the SSC is considering designating specific D&E score standards for each age within the Senior Development Team. This would create specific expectations for 18's, 19's and 20 year olds within the quad.

For 2025, the Senior Development Team will be named as follows:

- a. The up to four (4) FIG 18 year old athletes named to the 2025 Junior World Championships Team (including traveling replacement athlete) via the Junior World Team Selection Procedures, which have not been established yet (as there has been no confirmation on this competition from the FIG)
- b. A minimum of two (2) athletes by final ranking (combined 2-day total) who achieve an all-around FIG Difficulty score of 27.0 or higher **AND** an Execution score 48.0 or higher (avg 8.0 per apparatus) on at least one day of

competition at the 2025 U.S. Championships. D (27.0+) and E (48.0+) scores must be achieved on the same day of competition.

- c. Any remaining unfilled Senior Development Team spots will go back to the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team and be filled by Discretionary Criteria or petition.

While it seems unlikely, the Committee did discuss implications to the Senior Development Team if the 2025 Junior World Championships are ultimately canceled. Several factors in consideration would be maximum number of SDT spots, automatic spots vs. discretionary spots, and specific standards for each age within the SDT (18/19/20).

The final Senior National Team Selection Procedures will be drafted and circulated to the SSC members for approval via email.

III. Pan Am Championships & World University Games Selections

The Senior National Team is holding a training camp April 30-May 4. May 3rd will be the selection competition for the 2025 Pan Am Championships and World University Games. At the current time, only six athletes have expressed interest in the World University Games.

The SSC agrees that using team scoring scenarios as the team selection tool is appropriate for these events. The Pan Am Team (5 athletes + 1 traveling replacement athlete) will be named as first priority. The World University Games Team (5 athletes) will be named from those who have expressed interest in that event. Athletes may compete in both events if named to both teams.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm ET.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

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Date