

Senior Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025

via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm 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)

The purpose of this meeting is to finalize the 2025 World University Games Team. The selection process for this event was to name the top scoring team (5-4-3 format) from the team selection competition held on May 3rd. Following the selection competition, there was a tie for the top scoring team. Two possible teams each scored 238.15. Four athletes were on both teams, Kai Uemura, Patty Hoopes, Colt Walker, and Alexandru Nitache. The difference was with the fifth athlete on each team. Tate Costa was the fifth member of one team and Kiran Mandava was the fifth member on the second team.

As no tie-breaking procedures were created for this selection, the Senior Selection Committee (SSC) evaluated the results to determine the fifth member of the team. The Committee discussed several factors, including depth on each individual event and individual medal potential based on FIG sanctioned international results from the current year.

The SSC has consistently emphasized D-score as a metric used in team selection and felt that calculating each team's total Difficulty Score would be an objective metric for selection. Calculating the D-scores of the three athletes with counting scores on each event from the selection competition, the team with Tate had an 84.0 total D-score while the team with Kiran had an 83.6 total D-score. Both team's D-scores were identical on Floor, Pommel Horse, Rings, and Vault. Kiran's team had a .1 advantage on Parallel Bars, but Tate's team had a .5 advantage on High Bar. Ultimately, the SSC determined this to be the most objective and useful metric in naming the final member of the team.

Motion: To name Kai Uemura, Patty Hoopes, Colt Walker, Alex Nitache, and Tate Costa to the 2025 World University Games Team

Motion: Adam Lomax

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 5-0

With the team finalized, the SSC needed to name the Head and Assistant Coaches for the team. The SSC had been informed of which coaches were interested in attending this competition. Mitchell Soukup (Stanford) will be named as Head Coach and Don Osborne (Illinois) will be named as Assistant Coach.

Motion: To name Mitchell Soukup as the World University Games Head Coach and Don Osborne as the Assistant Coach.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm ET.

Signed by:

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SSC Chair

5/15/2025

Date