

Senior Selection Committee Meeting
2025 US Championships
August 9, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:25pm CT 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)

Non-members present:

Aya Ichida – Independent Observer (process voice, no vote)

The objective of this meeting is to name athletes to the 2025 Senior National Team, Senior Development Team, and 2025 World Championships Team. Adam Lomax recused himself for the remainder of the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The first step of the National Team selection is to name up to six athletes to the 2025 World Championships Team and up to three athletes as non-traveling replacement athletes. All athletes will be named on the Senior National Team.

I. 2025 World Championships Team

For automatic selection to the World Championships Team, an athlete must win their event (combined two-day total) and achieve a D score on either day of competition that is equal to or higher than the highest D score on that event from any day of competition at the 2025 European Championships and 2025 Asian Championships.

Asher Hong was the only athlete to meet this criteria by winning Vault and achieving a 5.4 average D score. Asher is named to the 2025 World Championships Team.

The remaining spots on the Worlds Team will be filled by Discretionary Criteria. To be eligible for consideration, an athlete must place in the top three in the all-around or on an individual event from final rankings (combined two-day total). The pool of eligible athletes are as follows:

Asher Hong

Frederick Richard

Fuzzy Benas

Kameron Nelson

Jun Iwai

Patty Hoopes

Brandon Dang
Brody Malone
Donnell Whittenburg
Taylor Burkhart
Crew Bold

Asher is removed from the pool as he has already been named to the team.

The SSC looked at three key factors (in no particular order) in determining Discretionary selection as compared to major FIG international competitions from 2025: the ability to medal in an individual final, the ability to qualify to an individual final, and difficulty scores. Each athlete's FIG scores were used (bonus removed) when evaluating Discretionary Criteria.

Patty Hoopes' final score on Pommel Horse on Day 1 (15.05) ranks as the highest final score performed on Pommel Horse out of all FIG sanctioned competitions in 2025. His 6.0 D score ranks as tied for the third highest in the world. Patty earned a bronze medal on Pommel Horse at his most recent international event, the World University Games.

Motion: To name Patty Hoopes to the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Sam McArthur
Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Akash made a motion to name Kameron Nelson to the World Championship Team due to his D score on Floor Exercise, which is the highest in the world. The group wanted to evaluate the medal potential of each athlete compared to European Championships and Asian Championships since those events were the standards used to determine automatic spots on the team. Results from Pan Am Championships were also reviewed, as that would encompass all three of the strongest continental championships and provide a holistic view of the strongest gymnasts in the world. However, the Pan Am results proved to be the weakest of the three and were not relevant in the discussion.

Akash retracted his motion for Kameron.

All eligible athletes, except for Donnell Whittenburg, could have earned at least one medal at either Europeans or Asian Championships utilizing their results from at least one day of US Championships. Brody Malone displayed a final score on High Bar on Day 2 (15.2) that is ranked second highest in any FIG sanctioned competition in 2025 and his D score of 6.5 is tied for the highest in the world.

Motion: To name Brody Malone to the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Kameron performed the most difficult Floor routine in the world on both days of competition. He won Day 1 on Floor and ended up second overall across both days of competition, while achieving the D score criteria for an automatic spot on the team.

Motion: To name Kameron Nelson to the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 4-0 (1 recused vote)

Brandon Dang achieved a 14.9 on Day 2 on Pommel Horse, which is a top-10 score in the world out of all FIG sanctioned competitions in 2025. His 6.0 D score matches Patty as tied for the third highest in the world, and Brandon is a World Cup and Pan American champion on Pommel Horse in 2025.

Motion: To name Brandon Dang to the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Kevin Tan

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

With one spot remaining on the team, the group compared the remaining athletes but ultimately agreed that performing the most difficult routine in the world and meeting the D score standard for automatic selection should be emphasized. Donnell performed the highest difficulty in the world on Rings on Day 1, meeting the D score criteria for an automatic spot on the team. Donnell won Day 1 on Rings and ended up third overall across both days of competition.

Motion: To name Donnell Whittenburg to the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Brett McClure

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

The Committee now looked at the remaining athletes to name up to three non-traveling replacement athletes. The Committee felt that Taylor Burkhart could fill in as a replacement on Floor, Parallel Bars, or High Bar. He had the next highest D score on High Bar of the competition (tied with Fuzzy Benas), behind Brody (5.8) and Taylor won the event.

His Day 1 score on FX (14.2) would have medaled at European and Asian Championships and his 14.1 on Parallel Bars on Day 2 would have won European Championships.

Motion: To name Taylor Burkhart as the non-traveling replacement athlete for the 2025 World Championship Team.

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Brett McClure

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

II. Senior National Team

The six members of the 2025 World Championship Team and the one non-traveling replacement athlete are all named to the Senior National Team. The next five athletes by final Points Program rankings are named to the team:

Jun Iwai

Dante Reive

Frederick Richard

Fuzzy Benas

Joshua Karnes

The remaining spots are determined by Discretionary Criteria or injury petition. The SSC received injury petitions for Shane Wiskus, Riley Loos, Alex Diab, Preston Ngai, and Justin Park. It should be noted that injury petitions are allowed for Senior Development Team spots, which has not been the case in previous years. All petitions were reviewed and discussed.

Crew Bold was ranked next in Points and was also the only athlete from the pool of eligible World Championship Team athletes who had not been named to the Senior National Team. Crew also finished second overall on High Bar.

Motion: To name Crew Bold to the Senior National Team.

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Kevin Tan

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

Colt Walker was the next ranked athlete in Points and in the all-around final results. He also had the highest D score on Parallel Bars (5.7) on Day 1, which met the D score criteria to be eligible for World Championships on that event.

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

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Akash Modi

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

With one spot remaining, the SSC chose to approve the injury petition for Riley Loos. He was injured while on assignment for Team USA in the Spring. He is the reigning Winter Cup all-around, Floor, and Rings champion and helped the USA earn a Team silver medal and Mixed Team gold medal at the DTB competition before being injured.

Motion: To approve the injury petition for Riley Loos and name him to the Senior National Team.

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

III. Senior Development Team

Up to four spots on the Senior Development Team (SDT) are reserved for any 18 year old athletes named to the Junior World Championship Team. Dante Reive has already been named to the Senior National Team. Two more 18 year olds were named to the Junior Worlds Team, and therefore, will be added to the Senior Development Team: Danila Leykin & Nathan Roman

A minimum of two athletes may be named to the SDT by final all-around rank order who meet the minimum FIG D score of 27.0 and E score minimum of 48.0 on at least one day of competition at the US Championships. Scores must be achieved on the same day of competition.

Alex Nitache is the next ranked SDT eligible athlete in the all-around. He achieved a 27.0 D score and a 51.65 E score on Day 1 of competition. Sasha Bogonoskiuk is the next ranked SDT eligible athlete in the all-around after Alex. He achieved a 27.0 D score and a 51.5 E score on Day 1 of competition. Alex and Sasha are named to the Senior Development Team by meeting the required D & E score criteria.

One spot is available to go back to either the Senior Team or Senior Development Team. The SSC looked at the remaining athletes and petitions. Preston Ngai competed all-around on Day 1 of US Championships. He was only able to compete two events on Day 2 due to injury. On Day 1 he achieved a 29.5 D score, which was the highest of all Senior Development Team athletes and fifth highest of the entire field. He also met the Senior Development Team standard E score with a 49.4. He finished 7th all-around on Day 1 and 3rd on Pommel Horse. The SSC felt that he was deserving of a spot on the Senior Development Team.

Motion: To approve Preston Ngai's injury petition and name him to the Senior Development Team.

Motion: Kevin Tan

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

A total of 15 athletes have been named to the Senior National Team and five athletes to the Senior Development Team.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27pm CT.

Following the Selection meeting, it was learned that the Points Program results used in the Senior National Team selection were incorrect and did not include the Senior bonus. Therefore, to ensure the National Team is named using the correct data, the Selection Committee agreed to hold an emergency meeting to re-select the Senior National Team on August 13, 2025.

Senior Selection Committee
Senior National Team Re-selection from US Championships
August 13, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chair, Sam McArthur at 8:35pm ET.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Coaches Rep & Chair

Akash Modi – Athlete Rep

Kevin Tan – Athlete Rep

Brett McClure – High Performance Director

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

Non-members present:

Aya Ichida – Independent Observer (process voice, no vote)

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

Due to a ProScore error in reporting the final Points Program rankings from US Championships, the Senior Selection Committee is holding an emergency meeting to re-select the Senior National Team using the correct Points Program results. The results of the 2025 World Championship Team selection are unaffected by the error in Points, and those athletes will remain on the Worlds Team, and subsequently the Senior National Team:

Asher Hong

Patty Hoopes

Brody Malone

Kameron Nelson

Brandon Dang

Donnell Whittenburg

Taylor Burkhart (non-traveling replacement to the Worlds Team)

The next five athletes by final Points Program rankings are named to the Senior National Team:

Jun Iwai

Fuzzy Benas

Frederick Richard

Dante Reive

There was a tie for the fifth spot between Patty Hoopes, Brandon Dang, Crew Bold, and Josh Karnes. Patty and Brandon have already been named to the team. Ties in Points for the fifth spot will be determined by Discretionary Criteria.

The Committee felt that both Crew and Josh were deserving of being named to the National Team due to their Points results. Josh also finished in the top five in the all-around. He and Crew both performed 5.7 High Bar routines, which was the third highest D score on that event in the entire competition. Crew finished second on High Bar and was the only athlete from the pool of eligible World Championship Team athletes who had not yet been named to the team.

Motion: To name Crew Bold and Josh Karnes to the Senior National Team.

Motion: Kevin Tan

Second: Brett McClure

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

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Colt Walker was the next ranked athlete in the all-around and tied for the next spot in Points. He also had the highest D score on Parallel Bars (5.7) on Day 1, which met the D score criteria to be eligible for World Championships on that event.

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

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

With one spot remaining, the Committee discussed injury petitions and the next ranked athlete in the all-around and Points, which was Alex Nitache (tied with Colt Walker). Alex received all 18 of his Points on Vault. However, he did not show a second Vault to be considered as a Vault medalist or finalist in international competition.

The SSC chose to approve the injury petition for Riley Loos. Riley was injured while on assignment for Team USA in the Spring. He is the reigning Winter Cup all-around, Floor, and Rings champion and helped the USA earn a Team silver medal and Mixed Team gold medal at the DTB competition before being injured.

Motion: To approve the injury petition for Riley Loos and name him to the Senior National Team.

Motion: Brett McClure

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Motion: To approve Preston Ngai's injury petition and name him to the Senior Development Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Sam McArthur
Passed 4-0 (1 recused)

A total of 15 athletes have been named to the Senior National Team and five athletes to the Senior Development Team. The teams did not change from the original selection on August 9, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm ET.

Conclusion:

Senior Selection Committee members were invited to make any further comments, and such comments were addressed and incorporated into this report.

Closing remarks:

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief this report accurately reflects the August 9, 2025 and August 13, 2025 meetings of the Senior Selection Committee for the selection of the 2025-2026 Senior National Team & Senior Development Team and the 2025 World Championship Team.

Signed by:



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SSC Chair

Date



8/21/2025

Aya Ichida
Independent Observer

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