Senior Selection Committee Meeting
October 29, 2026
Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:33pm ET by Vice President, Jason Woodnick.

Members present:
Karl Ziehn – Coaches Rep
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)

Guests Present:
Raj Bhavsar – Men's Development Program Director

The objectives of this meeting are to establish the Senior National Team selection procedures at the 2027 Winter Cup as well as the selection procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games. Raj Bhavsar is joining to ensure consideration in the process is given to those 18 year old athletes who are also eligible for Junior World Championships in 2027. Those athletes are eligible for Senior & Junior international competitions in 2027 but cannot compete at both levels as per World Gymnastics rules.

I. Senior National Team & Senior Development Team

The SSC reviewed 2026 Winter Cup selection procedures and wanted to keep a similar process. The Committee agreed that the 2026 World Championships Team and named replacement athletes should retain their spots on the National Team. **However, they will be expected to compete at Winter Cup or the Cottbus World Cup (if assigned) to be eligible for an international assignment in the Spring. Consideration for Spring international assignments will include Winter Cup results as well as an athlete's two (2) most recent domestic elite Championships (US Championships/Winter Cup) and USAG assigned World Gymnastics sanctioned international competitions.**

Automatic Senior National Team Spots:

- The five (5) members of the 2026 Senior World Championships Team
- The one (1) traveling replacement athlete to the 2026 World Championships Team
- The one (1) non-traveling replacement athlete to the 2026 World Championships Team
- The top two (2) ranked athletes by Winter Cup all-around final results (with Exponential Bonus), that have not already been named to the National Team

- The next three (3) ranked athletes in the Winter Cup Points Program results (with Exponential Bonus), that have not already been named to the National Team

Before moving to the remainder of the Senior National Team selection, there was discussion around the conflicting scheduling with Pan Am Games and US Championships. The Pan Am Games end the week of US Championships, therefore, those athletes who compete at the Pan Am Games will not be able to compete at US Championships due to the immediate turnaround. 2027 US Championships will be the selection event for the 2027 World Championships and 2027 Junior World Championships, which means anyone who competes at the 2027 Pan Am Games would not be eligible for those two events.

The group felt that the 2027 Pan Am Games would be a great opportunity for the Senior Development Team, as they would get experience competing in a major Games event. The added incentive would be that the Pan Am Games Team would retain their spot on the National Team through US Championships until 2028 Winter Cup.

The SSC elected to re-name the Senior Development Team (SDT) at 2027 Winter Cup with three (3) automatic spots and consideration in adding additional spots via Discretionary Criteria. The group wants to see which members of the Senior National Team and Senior Development Team are interested and available for Pan Am Games through the 2027 international availability survey, which will be sent out to all athletes prior to Winter Cup.

Automatic Senior Development Team Spots (World Gymnastics aged 18-20):

- The top three (3) ranked age-eligible athletes by Winter Cup all-around final results (with Exponential Bonus) who achieve a minimum D-score of 28.0 and a minimum E-score of 48.0 and have not already been named to the National Team.

The remaining five (5) spots may be named to the Senior National Team or the Senior Development Team by Discretionary Criteria and/or injury petition. Availability for international assignments will be a top consideration in the Discretionary Criteria, among other metrics.

II. 2027 Pan American Games

The Men's Senior National Team Camp (April 28-May 2, 2027) will be the selection event for the Pan Am Games. All Senior National Team, Senior Development Team, and 18-year old Junior National Team athletes are eligible to compete in the 1-day competition to be named to the Team.

The top ranked athlete by final all-around results (with Exponential Bonus) will be named to the Pan Am Games Team. The remaining team members and non-traveling replacement athlete(s) will be named by Discretionary Criteria.

The stipulations to making the 2027 Pan Am Games Team will be:

- Athletes will retain their National Team spot at the same level through US Championships, until 2028 Winter Cup
- Athletes will be ineligible for the 2027 Senior & Junior World Championships

The Vice President will draft the following documents for SSC review, which will be discussed with current Senior National Team & Senior Development Team athletes and coaches at the upcoming National Team Zoom meeting in November.

- Senior National Team & Senior Development Team Selection Procedures (2027 Winter Cup)
- 2027 Pan Am Games Selection Procedures
- 2027 International Assignments Document (for all international assignments, excluding both World Championships & Pan Am Games)

Once approved, all documents will be posted here: https://usagym.org/men/elite/

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm ET.



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Jason Woodnick
SSC Member

Date