

2023 World Championships Selection Report: Individual

Meeting convened by Zoom at 10:50pm CST

BOK Arena: Tulsa, OK

3.3. The Athlete Selection Committee will be made up of the following members:

- International Elite Coach Representative: *Natalya Kozitskiy*
- World Championships judge: *Elena Savenkova*
- Athlete Representative: *Natalie McGiffert*
- Rhythmic Program Vice President (voice, no vote): *Caroline Hunt*
- Independent Observer (process voice, no vote): *Natalie Walker, J.D.*

Steps followed in the procedures for the naming of the team:

2.4.1 The process for qualification/selection to the 2023 World Championships Team – which is made up of two to three (2-3) athletes— is a combination of the results from 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships and discretionary selection criteria.

- a. The top-ranked All-Around individual from three days of competition at the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships will be automatically named to the 2023 World Championships Team, with the number of events to compete to be determined.

ASC: Lili Mizuno named to compete 4 events

- b. From among the gymnasts ranked 2-6 in All-Around rank order of three days of competition at the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships and athletes with approved petitions to be considered for the World Championships Team, the Athlete Selection Committee (ASC) will name the remaining one (1) or two (2) team members utilizing the discretionary criteria in Section 3 with the objective of setting Team USA up for the best chance at achieving the goal in Section 1.1.

ASC: Alexandria Kautzman, rank #2, named to the Team

- c. A first and second non-traveling alternate will also be named at this time by the same criteria.

ASC: Sarah Mariotti, rank #3, and Jaelyn Chin, rank #4, named first and second non-travelling alternates.

Petition Process

- 2.5.1 Notwithstanding the process identified above, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2023 World Championships Team because of their previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in the selection process.

In order to be considered by the ASC for the 2023 World Championships, petitions must be submitted in writing to the USA Gymnastics national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of her inability to participate in the process described above, but no later than the conclusion of the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships.

Petition Process:

- a. In the case that an injury or illness occurs which prevents any current National Team athlete from competing in USA Gymnastics Championships, she is able to submit a petition to the ASC for direct placement onto the World Championships Team and/or nomination as a first or second replacement athlete.
- b. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or—additionally—unusual circumstance which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by an examining physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by USA Gymnastics medical staff.

ASC: Petition received for Evita Griskenas which followed all requirements of a, b above.

- c. Petitions directly to the World Championships team will be evaluated by the selection committee utilizing the discretionary criteria listed in 3.2.

ASC: notwithstanding the first criteria in 3.2 which cannot be evaluated per the injury prompting the petition, Evita best fulfills all other criteria in 3.2 and is named to the World Team.

2.4.2. Individual line up determinations

The ASC will confirm the subdivision and events in which each gymnast will compete at the 2023 World Championships, if not already done by the FIG drawing of lots, following a review of the results of the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships, and prior to the final FIG registration deadline.

USAG: Subdivisions are established by the FIG by random draw

ASC: Events in which a gymnast will compete will be named by the ASC prior to the final FIG registration based on the overall goal described in section 1.1 and discretionary criteria in section 3.2, and within the timeframe allotted in section 2.4.2. The selection procedures do not provide a minimum number of events in which a gymnast on the 2023 World Championships Team will participate; accordingly, the final determination of the number of events for each gymnast can be between 0 and 4 events.

11. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

There will be a training camp in Europe two weeks prior to the World Championships.

USAG: World training camp will take place in Valencia, ESP from August 10-20, 2023.

ASC: The conclusion of this camp coincides with the final deadline of the FIG; the ASC will name the event line up per 2.4.2 at the conclusion of this training camp.

In summary, the following athletes have been selected to the 2023 World Championships:

- *Lili Mizuno (4 routines)*
- *Alexandra Kautzman (0-4 routines to be determined 8/20/23)*
- *Evita Griskenas (0-4 routines to be determined 8/20/23)*

The following athletes have been selected as non-traveling alternates:

- *Sarah Marioti (first alternate)*
- *Jaelyn Chin (second alternate)*

Signature of the Independent Observer
confirming the accuracy of this report:

Natalie Walker

Date: July 5, 2023