

2023 Parkour World Cup – Montpellier, FRA

Selection Committee Meeting Report

Date of Selection Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 1:00pm EDT

Location of Selection Meeting: Zoom call

Selection Committee:

Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	voting
Parkour Expert	Justin Scheaffer	voting
Parkour Expert	Will Davison	voting
USAG Representative	Mary McDaniel	non-voting
USAG Representative	Jaylan Davis	non-voting

Meeting Information and Documentation

The Selection Committee (SC) met via Zoom following the deadline for submissions to be considered for the Montpellier World Cup Team.

The SC followed the procedures set forth in the USA Gymnastics Parkour World Cup Selection Procedures. The [Selection Procedures](#) are published on the USA Gymnastics website.

The SC reviewed the selection criteria together to ensure that they were understood.

The SC verified all applicants had fulfilled all selection requirements.

- Athletes must be at least 17 years of age by December 31, 2023.
- Athletes must submit a video of their speed and/or freestyle run.
- Athletes must submit competition results.

All applicants met the selection requirements. Applicants included:

Women:

- Reagan Chan
- Audrey Johnson

Men:

- Calen Chan
- Matthew Hadley
- Sean Higgins
- Lonnel Hobbs
- Luke Mizel
- George Munro
- Aiden Rudolph
- Shea Rudolph

Athlete Selection Process

Discretionary criteria was used to compare all eligible athletes (by gender) for Team spots.

Discretionary criteria: (weighted equally)

- Prior FIG competition experience
- Connection between Parkour and acrobatic moves
- Difficulty and variation of Parkour moves highlighted by the use of obstacles during the run commensurate with World-level competitors

- Difficulty and variation of Acrobatic moves throughout the run to show flow and mastery commensurate with World-level competitors

The SC considered the female athletes first. There were four spots available on the Team. The SC decided to name both athletes to the Team to give as much opportunity for competition as possible. Reagan Chan was given the top spot because of her previous FIG competition experience.

Final Rankings:

1. Reagan Chan – Athlete receiving partial funding (accommodation, board, and competition cost)
2. Audrey Johnson – Athlete receiving partial funding (accommodation, board, and competition cost)

Next the SC considered the eight male athletes. Calen Chan had the most FIG competition experience and showed one of the cleanest and highest degrees of difficulty among the other competitors. Shea Rudolf also showed a high degree of difficulty and coupled with his FIG competition experience; the SC placed him second in the rankings. Sean Higgins showed a good degree of difficulty but lacked FIG competition experience as compared to those above him. Luke Mizel showed very similar degree of difficulty as Sean Higgins, but Sean Higgins ranked higher than him in an event they both attended. George Munro's flow seemed to go at a much slower pace than others and some landings were very low and unclear. Aiden Rudolph showcased some pretty difficult skills, but both of his competitions were online events where you have an unlimited number of chances to attempt/record the skills. There is no true one shot competition experience. Lonnel Hobbs didn't perform as well as the rest of the competitors.

Final Rankings:

1. Calen Chan – Athlete receiving partial funding (accommodation, board, and competition cost)
2. Shea Rudolph – Athlete receiving partial funding (accommodation, board, and competition cost)
3. Sean Higgins – Athlete selected, will receive no funding.
4. Luke Mizel – Athlete selected, will receive no funding.
5. Matt Hadley
6. George Munro
7. Aiden Rudolph
8. Lonnel Hobbs

Conclusion

SC members were invited to make any further comments or questions. None were voiced.

The SC agreed the Selection Procedures were followed in the selection of the World Cup athletes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Closing remarks

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the March 23, 2023 meeting of the Selection Committee for the 2023 Parkour World Cup – Montpellier, FRA.



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