

2024 Parkour World Cup – Coimbra, POR

Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Selection Meeting: Friday, August 2, 2024 – 11:00 AM EST

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	Toni Williams	non-voting

I. Selection to the Coimbra World Cup Parkour Team

Three applicants, Aiden Rudolph, Brittney Durant, and Audrey Johnson, were automatically accepted as they were invited by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG).

Three women and six men submitted applications and videos to be considered for the Coimbra World Cup Parkour Team.

All three women applicants, Dara DePaolo, Gemini Powell, Mikaila Quinn, were named to the Team as they met the minimum requirements and the number of female applicants was under the number of spots available.

The six male applicants were considered by the Selection Committee. Shea Rudolph, Jayden Harris, Joey Jepsen, and George Munro were named to the Team. Matt Hadley was selected as the non-traveling alternate.

II. Naming of partially funded athletes

The ranking of athletes for partial funding was based on the discretionary criteria in the Selection Procedures.

Dara DePaolo submitted both Freestyle and Speed routines to take into consideration. She shows great freestyle skills and her routines stood out as the best for scoring. DePaolo also competed in Portugal last year, showing experience. Gemini Powell has previous FIG experience as well as showing more difficulty in her routines compared to Mikaila Quinn. Because of this it was a unanimous vote for DePaolo to get the first funded spot and Powell to receive the second funded position.

Shea Rudolph shows the best skills and strongest resume over the past 6 months amongst all other male applicants. He also has top ranking scores at multiple international competitions and extensive FIG experience. Because of this Shea Rudolph was voted unanimously to receive the first funded spot. The discussion and final decision between who received the second funded spot between Jayden Harris and Joey Jepsen was very difficult. A large factor that was taken into consideration was the immense difference in the FIG equipment to the National equipment and how this leaves much room for error with less experience. Speed courses for FIG competitions are very difficult and leave a much larger learning curve compared to freestyle routines. Based on the videos submitted, Jayden Harris is throwing and completing harder difficulty skills in the Code of Points, on hard surfaces that could score high in international competition that only few in the world are capable of competing. Because of this, the unanimous vote was made to vote Harris the second funded spot. Joey Jepsen took first place in Parkour SPL Nationals and has placed first place at every competition he has competed in this year. Jepsen shows great promise for the promotion of the sport of Parkour as well as being able to place in the World Cup competition, therefore he claims the third position for the team. George Munro has a strong FIG resume and has also placed in the top 15 for speed internationally (13th). Because of this he was voted

for the fourth team spot. Matt has previous FIG experience as well but has not placed in a finalist position. With that in consideration he was voted as the non-traveling alternate.

Perceived Conflict of Interest:

A member from Will Davison's gym had funded Mikaila Quinn's trip to an international competition 2 years ago. Because of this Will did not take part in making the motion for the decision of funding spots for the women's team.

Motion to approve selection results and team selections:

**Motion – Alex
Second –Justin
Passed 3-0**

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM EST