

# 2022 Parkour World Championships

# **Selection Committee Meeting Report**

Date of Selection Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 9:00am 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

Independent Observer Jonathan Marks process voice, no vote

## **Meeting Information and Documentation**

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

The SC followed the procedures set forth in the USA Gymnastics Parkour World Championships Selection Procedures. The <u>Selection Procedures</u> 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 18 years of age by December 31, 2022.
- 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
- Jemini Powell
- Mikaila Quinn

# Men:

- Calen Chan
- Matthew Hadley
- Jarrod Luty
- Luke Mizel
- George Munro
- Shea Rudolf
- Justin Torres

# **Athlete Selection Process**

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

Discretionary criteria: (weighted equally)

- All disciplines
  - Based on previous competition results
    - Experience: Number and type of competitions.
    - Performance and ranking at those events.

- Quality of the competitive field.
- Consistency: ranking at multiple events.

# Freestyle

- Difficulty and variation of Parkour moves highlighted by the use of obstacles during the run commensurate with World-level competitors.
- o Difficulty and variation of acrobatic moves throughout the run to show flow and mastery commensurate with World-level competitors.
- o Connections between Parkour and acrobatic moves.

#### Speed

- Efficiency in moving from point A to B using specific Parkour moves to overcome obstacles.
- o Speed from timed runs in past competitions.

The SC considered all four female athletes first. There were four spots available on the Team. The SC decided to name all four athletes to the Team to give as much opportunity for competition as possible.

Next the SC considered the seven male athletes. It was decided that Shea Rudolf, having competed in and placed fourth at the Red Bull Art of Motion international competition, the longest running international Parkour invitational in which an athlete can participate by invitation only, had the greatest international experience. That, combined with his several domestic second place competition finishes, would earn him a spot on the Team. Calen Chan had the most domestic competition wins. His runs were solid with good technique. He was named to the Team. Matt Hadley was determined to have the greatest difficulty in his freestyle runs and also had very good speed. He was named to the Team. Jarrod Luty was determined to be the most well-rounded when it came to difficulty, execution and speed. His consistency edged him onto the Team.

Luke Mizel, George Munro and Justin Torres were also considered. While they were all strong competitors, ultimately their execution was the determining factor keeping them off the Team. Luke Mizel was determined to have the most consistent runs done with good execution and therefore he was chosen to be the non-traveling alternate on the Team.

#### 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 Championships athletes.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Closing remarks

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the August 10, 2022 meeting of the Selection Committee for the 2022 World Championships.

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August 31, 2022

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