

2024 Parkour World Championship – Kitakyushu, JAP

Athlete Selection Committee Meeting Report

Date of Selection Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 – 12:30 PM EST

Location of Selection Meeting: Zoom call

Selection Committee:

Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert	voting
Parkour Expert	Justin Sheaffer	voting
Parkour Expert	Will Davison	Voting*
USAG Representative	Mary McDaniel	non-voting
USAG Representative	Toni Williams	non-voting
Independent Observer	Charlene Tsang-Kao	process voice, no vote

***recused and did not vote on men's selection due to COI**

I. Selection to the 2024 Kitakyushu World Championship Parkour Team

a. Selection Criteria

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

- Athlete must be a national citizen at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the World Championships.

1.1.2. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) standards for participation (if any):

- Athletes must be at least 17 years of age by December 31, 2024.
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2024 World Championships accreditation.

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics at the time of the 2024 World Championships.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the conclusion of the World Championships will be required to complete USA Gymnastics' U110: US Center for SafeSport Core Course online training, available at <https://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U110/>.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Athletes must submit a video of their speed and/or freestyle run.

- The video must be taken within six (6) months of submission.
- Competition video is preferred, but not required.
- Videos should show full runs. Short clips of skills will not be considered.
- Videos must be submitted before October 7, 2024.

1.2.2. Athletes must submit competition results.

- At least one (1) set of competition results is required.
- Only results from 2022-2024 will be accepted.
- Results must state if they are from preliminary competition or finals, if applicable.
- Results should include:
 - a. Speed: Time, final placement; including total number of participants, and/or
 - b. Freestyle: Score, final placement; including total number of participants
- Results must state date, location and name of competition. Video of competition is preferred but not required.
- Results must be verifiable.
- Results must be submitted before October 7, 2024.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

1.3.1. Athletes will be named to the World Championship team by the Selection Committee based on discretionary selection criteria (see section 2).

1.3.2. The World Championship team is comprised of a maximum of four (4) females and four (4) males.

1.3.3. Maximum of one (1) non-traveling alternate per gender.

1.3.4. Selection Committee is not obligated to fill all available spots on the World Championships team.

1.4. Petition Procedures

1.4.1. No Petitions will be accepted.

2.1. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

2.1.1. The following four (4) criteria will be evaluated based on performance in submitted video for Freestyle. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Difficulty and variation of Parkour moves highlighted by the use of obstacles during the run commensurate with the FIG Code of Points and World-level competitors.
- Difficulty and variation of acrobatic moves throughout the run to show flow and mastery commensurate with World-level competitors.
- Prior FIG competition experience, results and medal potential.
- Ability to compete in both Freestyle and Speed (athletes only competing in one event are still eligible for selection).

2.1.2. The following four (4) criteria will be evaluated based on performance in submitted video for Speed. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Efficiency in moving from point A to B using specific Parkour moves to overcome obstacles.
- Speed from timed runs in past competitions.
- Prior FIG competition experience, results and medal potential.
- Ability to compete in both Freestyle and Speed (athletes will not be penalized for only competing in one event).

2.1.3. The following three (3) criteria will be evaluated for both Speed and Freestyle based on previous competition results. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Experience: Number and type of competitions.
- Performance and ranking from those events.
- Quality of the competitive field.
- Consistency: ranking at multiple events.

II. Athlete Selection

Four women and eight men submitted applications and videos to be considered for the Kitakyushu World Championship Parkour Team.

The World Championship Parkour Team is made up of eight funded athletes; four women and four men.

Audrey Johnson, Brittney Durant and Dara DePaolo all have previous FIG experience and have participated in multiple World Cup competitions. Johnson earned a gold medal in Freestyle and a bronze medal in Speed at the most recent FIG Parkour World Cup in Coimbra, Portugal last month. While Jemini Powell has not yet competed in FIG sanctioned competition, she was selected to compete in previous World Cup competitions but was unable to attend and the selection committee believes she is capable of bringing home a medal in Freestyle. They also noted, that besides Johnson, Powell has the most difficulty and variety in her routines.

Motion: all four female athletes be nominated to the World Championships Team

Motion: Alex Renkert

Second: Justin Scheaffer

Passed 3-0

Submissions for the positions on the men's team were received from Shea Rudolph, Aiden Rudolph, George Munro, Sean Higgins, Pete Peterson, Matt Hadley, Johnny Brown, and Nick Amblo. The eight male applicants were considered by the Selection Committee. The selection committee was pleased with having new submissions and the increase in difficulty.

Will Davison disclosed what could be perceived as conflict of interest to the Independent Observer. Pete Peterson is an athlete in his club and he would coach him at some point in the future. This was determined to be a conflict and consequently, Will would recuse himself for the voting on the men's team. Since Will is one of only two experts on the selection committee, Alex requested Will give technical input on all candidates before he left the room. The independent observer agreed that was allowed. Mary verified with USAG legal that presence of 2/3 of the committee for voting was indeed a quorum and therefore a legal vote. Will was removed from the zoom meeting room during the discussion and voting process.

It was determined by the committee that based on the video submitted by Pete Peterson he does not yet have the difficulty for World level competitions. Based on his video submissions, Nick Amblo is performing some higher difficulty skills but only doing so on matted surfaces and therefore not ready for the hard competition surface. While Sean Higgins has recent FIG competition experience, this would only be his second FIG competition, and the committee questioned whether or not his difficulty would be able to keep up with the current FIG Code of Points. Based on the above observations and opinions, these three athletes were not picked for the World Championship Team.

Next it was noted that as a team we have more participation in Freestyle than in Speed. George Munro placed 5th in Freestyle and also competed in Speed at the Coimbra World Cup and continues to progress each time he competes. Because of this Munro was voted for one of the four spots on the team. Both Aiden and Shea Rudolph have extensive FIG experience at the World Competition level. Both Rudolph brothers show much higher difficulty and execution throughout their freestyle routines compared to the rest of the freestyle athletes that sent submissions.

Because of this both Shea and Aiden were voted a spot on the team.

The fourth and final spot for the team was a hard decision between Matt Hadley and Johnny Brown. Matt Hadley has more FIG experience and competes both Freestyle and Speed. Johnny Brown only competes Freestyle and doesn't have as much experience with the FIG Code of Points. A big point added in this discussion is that there are only allowed to be 2 athletes per country that can qualify to finals. When Brown's Freestyle routine is compared to Aiden and Shea Rudolph's routines his execution and difficulty is much lower if all 3 athletes were to perform their best routines. Consequently, Brown would most likely not have the opportunity to advance past the qualification round. Other than Munro, Matt Hadley is the only other athlete competing in the Speed category. This opens the possibility of two U.S. athletes qualifying into finals and thus more medal opportunity. It is noted that Matt meets more of the selection criteria than Johnny. With all this information in mind it was decided that Matt Hadley receive the fourth and final spot on the World Championship Team and that Johnny Brown be named the non-traveling alternate.

Motion: Shea Rudolph, Aiden Rudolph, Matthew Hadley, and George Munro be named to the Team with Johnny Brown as the non-traveling alternate.

Motion: Justin Scheaffer

Second: Alex Renkert

Passed 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM EST

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, I confirm that this report accurately reflects the October 9, 2024 meeting of the Parkour Athlete Selection Committee to select the 2024 World Championship Team.



Alex Renkert, Athlete Representative

21/10/24

Date



Charlene Tsang-Kao (Oct 21, 2024 17:31 EDT)

Charlene Tsang-Kao, Independent Observer

21/10/24

Date

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