Men’s Program Committee  
Conference Call Minutes  
January 11, 2005

The conference call began at 7:05 a.m. Pacific by Chair Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men  
Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep.  
George Beckstead, FIG Rep. (absent)  
Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.  
Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.  
John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

II. 2005 Winter Cup Challenge Petitions
Ron Galimore described the process of 58 petitions, not including the 4 foreign athletes. Some individuals sent in poor videos. Also, some routines did not match the written analysis submitted. Every single routine submitted had to be completely judged in order to create a level playing field. The routines were judged by the new FIG changes – 1.6 bonus. The goal for this Winter Cup Challenge is 84 gymnasts.

Motion to approve Jeff Johnson’s injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (Rings only).
Motion: Kurt Golder  
Second: Miles Avery  
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve Nyika White’s injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (rings only).
Motion: Steve Butcher  
Second: Kurt Golder  
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve the foreign athlete petitions of Canadian gymnasts Adam Wong and Casey Sandy for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. A letter of request was submitted from the Canadian Gymnastics Federation. They will not displace any positions open to U.S. gymnasts.
Motion: Yoichi Tomita  
Second: Bill Foster  
Approved: Unanimously

Jose David Ramos of Puerto Rico has requested to participate in the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. The Men’s Program Committee must first receive a letter from his federation requesting participation.

Nikolai Korepanov, Gym Force Gymnastics Training Center, is also requesting to participate in the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. He has Russian citizenship, but is a U.S. resident seeking citizenship. He has never represented Russia in international competition. He also did participate in the 2004 U.S. Championships (exhibition only). Ron Galimore will request a petition tape from this athlete to determine if he will meet the participation criteria established by the MPC.

At this point in the meeting it was decided to have a one hour recess to provide an opportunity for Ron Galimore to recalculate potential approved petitions according to criteria adjustments made by the MPC.

Call ended at 11:00 am EST  
Call resumed at 12:30 pm EST

Motion to approve the petitioned athletes to the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge based on the following set criteria:

| All-Around & 5-Event Qualifiers | = 8.0 average score |
| 4-Event Qualifiers              | = 8.2 average score |
| 3-Event Qualifiers              | = 8.4 average score |
| 2-Event Qualifiers              | = 8.6 average score |
| 1-Event Qualifiers              | = MPC selection |

There will be no change in the participation policy and athletes who qualify through the 3, 4, & 5 event criteria will be allowed to compete in the All-Around.
Motion: Kurt Golder  
Second: Jay Thornton  
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve Brian Lee’s injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (Rings only).

Motion: Steve Butcher  
Second: Bill Foster  
Approved: Unanimously

III. Adjournment  
Motion to Adjourn at 10:00am Pacific  
Motion: Yoichi Tomita  
Second: Steve Butcher  
PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary  
Approved by Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men’s Program  
Approved by Bob Colarossi, USAG President