

Meeting Date: February 22, 2020

Meeting Location: Las Vegas, NV

Report Date: March 2, 2020

Report of the Men's Artistic Program Committee Meeting for NT Selection

Attendees

VP Men's Program	Jason Woodnick (voice, no vote)
High Performance Director	Brett McClure (voice, no vote)
Chair & Jr. Coach Representative	Mike Serra
Jr. Coach Representative	Sergei Pakanich
Sr. Coach Representative	Kip Simons
Sr. Coach Representative	Randy Jepson
Athlete Representative	Joseph Hagerty
Board of Directors Representative	Justin Spring (voice, no vote)

(By Phone)

Independent Observer:	Blake Padget (voice, no vote)
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Senior National Team Selection Criteria

The selection criteria was sent to all participating in the meeting beforehand, including those with no vote. All members independently reviewed the criteria prior to the meeting. Below is the criteria for the Senior National Team:

12 athletes will be placed on the Senior National Team following the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge according to the following criteria:

1. The top six (6) All-Around athletes based on rank order final results from Day 1 of competition (February 20) at the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge.
2. The Men's Program Committee will select six (6) athletes from the participants of the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge and submitted petitions, with the following contingencies:
 - The MPC will consider the Winter Cup Challenge competitive results from the combined results of two days of competition, the 10-point Program results based on two days of competition and qualified petitions to select six (6) athletes.
 - Only petitions based on injury, or in the case of a current National Team member, unusual situation or occurrence, will be considered.

Summary of the Meeting

The results from Day 1 of the competition (February 20) were forwarded to all meeting participants prior to the meeting. In accordance with the selection criteria, the top six athletes by rank from Day 1 at Winter Cup were automatically named to the Senior National Team: Sam Mikulak, Shane Wiskus, Brody Malone, Grant Breckenridge, Yul Moldauer, and Allan Bower.

The MPC then moved to discussion on the final six athletes to be named to the Senior National Team. The MPC selected six athletes from the participants at Winter Cup and submitted petitions. Selection was to

be based on Winter Cup results from Day 1, Day 2, and both days combined, as well as the 10-point program results and past results from qualified petitions. Petitions were submitted by Stephen Nedoroscik, Trevor Howard, Donnell Whittenburg, and Brandon Briones. Before discussion began, Randy Jepson recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting room due to his athlete being involved in the selection process.

The MPC established that the selection should focus on athletes with the potential to earn additional Olympic qualification spots. Therefore, the all-around would be a focus for the AA World Cups as well as the Pan Am Championships. An athlete must finish in one of the top two all-around places in the all-around final at the Pan Am Championships to earn a +1 spot for the U.S. Stephen Nedoroscik was identified as the only U.S. athlete still eligible to earn a nominal +1 spot through the Individual Event World Cups as he had just won the Melbourne World Cup on pommel horse. The focus of the IE World Cups would be to continue to support Stephen in earning the +1 spot as well as other athletes who may help the team either as event specialists or in the all-around.

The MPC then began its discussion of the four petitions. After a thorough discussion on all four petitions, the MPC settled on three of the petitions:

- Stephen Nedoroscik - The MPC considered him to be one of the best individual event athletes right now, and the only U.S. athlete who has the ability to earn a nominal quote spot to the Olympics.
- Trevor Howard – The MPC noted that he is a fantastic individual event athlete, particularly on rings, and could also provide depth to the team in the all-around. He also has World Championships experience as a member of the 2019 team.
- Donnell Whittenburg – The MPC noted that Donnell is currently injured, but he is recovering quickly. The MPC felt he is a great athlete when healthy and would be targeted for the Pan American Championships to help earn a +1 spot.

After continued discussion, the MPC voted unanimously to accept petitions from Stephen Nedoroscik, Trevor Howard, and Donnell Whittenburg.

The final three spots for the National Team focused on AA depth for the Pan Am Championships team as well as potential reserve athletes for AA World Cups. The MPC conducted a thorough review and discussion of the results from the Winter Cup as well as the 10-point program. After a review of these results, the committee focused on Colin Van Wicklen, Akash Modi, and Paul Juda. The MPC voted unanimously to select Colin Van Wicklen, Akash Modi, and Paul Juda to the Senior National Team based on their results. This completed selection of the 12 athletes for the Senior National Team.

Randy Jepson returned to the room for the next discussion, which revolved around the selection of the Pan Am Championships team, with the goal of finishing in the top two in the all-around final to earn a +1 spot for the Olympics. All competing 2019 World Championships team members are ineligible for this competition as they are not eligible to achieve the +1 spot. Therefore, the team would consist of the remaining AA athletes from the National Team who did not compete at the 2019 World Championships. The MPC decided to name those athletes to the team squad and determine the final team at a later time closer to the competition.

The MPC voted unanimously to name Brody Malone, Grant Breckenridge, Allan Bower, Paul Juda, Colin Van Wicklen, and Donnell Whittenburg to the Pan Am Championships team squad.

The MPC then looked at recommendations for the AA World Cups with the goal of attaining a +1 spot for the Olympics with a top three finish in the cumulative results from the AA World Cup circuit. The Wildcard spot for the American Cup was deemed as an opportunity for experience on a major international stage for one of our athletes since there are no implications for Olympic qualification from that position. Sam Mikulak was recommended to the American Cup in the Olympic qualification position. The recommendation was also made for Yul Moldauer and Brody Malone to participate in Stuttgart and Birmingham respectively, and for Sam to compete in Tokyo. These assignments not only give the U.S. a strong possibility to achieve a top three cumulative result for the World Cup series, but also allows us to get several of our top AA athletes more international competition experience. This was seen as a benefit to the whole team.

The MPC voted unanimously to assign Sam Mikulak to the American Cup and Shane Wiskus to the American Cup Wildcard position, Yul Moldauer to the Stuttgart World Cup, Brody Malone to the Birmingham World Cup, and Sam Mikulak to the Tokyo World Cup. Reserve athletes to be named later.

The final discussion was around the Individual Event World Cups. Once again, Randy Jepson recused himself from the discussion as he had an athlete involved in the selection. Stephen Nedoroscik is still eligible to earn a nominative spot for Tokyo if he wins the next two IE World Cups in Baku and Doha. Trevor Howard (*petition w/ focus on US Championships and World Team Selection Camp results) and Colin Van Wicklen (current Winter Cup results) are both strong all-arounders and have both been World Championship team members. They each also have strong individual events, which supports sending them to the IE World Cups.

The MPC voted unanimously to send Stephen Nedoroscik and Colin Van Wicklen to the Baku World Cup, and Stephen and Trevor Howard to the Doha World Cup.

The meeting was concluded at 12:13 am PST.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the February 22, 2020 meeting of the Men's Program Committee for the selection of the 2020 Senior National Team as well as the 2020 AA and IE World Cups.



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Blake Padgett
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