

MPC Meeting
March 29, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 12:00pm EST

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chairman & Junior Coaches Rep
Justin Spring – Senior Coaches Rep
Randy Jepson – Senior Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Sergei Pakanich – Junior Coaches Rep
Brett McClure – HPD (voice, no vote)
David Klein – MDPC Chairman (voice, no vote)
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick – Men's VP (voice, no vote)
Dusty Ritter – MDP Coordinator (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – MDP Assistant – (voice, not vote)

Members not present:

Paul Ruggeri – Athlete Rep

Non-members present:

Lisa Mendel – Men's Program Manager

- I. Discussion to review National Team Selection following U.S. Championships & Olympic Selection Procedures Amendments:
 - The Senior Pan Am Championships appear that they will take place. If they do, we want to encourage our top athletes to participate in this event to earn the +1 spot. The MPC approves naming all traveling team members to the NT and qualifying them to Olympic Trials to provide incentive to participate. This will take precedence over what is currently written in the SR Pan Am Championships Selection Procedures. Additionally, the 12 funded NT spots will be determined from Olympic Trials when all athletes are competing on the same competition floor with the same judging panels.
 - There will be multiple amendments to the Olympic Selection Procedures that will be required if the Pan Am Championships take place, including eliminating U.S. Championships as a selection event for the Olympic Team, and using only Olympic Trials. These amendments have been submitted to the USOPC for review and must be approved by the USOPC and the USAG Board of Directors.
 - The MPC requests to include in the Olympic selection procedures amendment document, that in the event that Pan American Championships are canceled, or the U.S. is unable to attend, that the original Olympic selection plan stays in place and placement on the national team must be earned through U.S. Championships. In this case, funding will also be determined at U.S. Championships instead of Olympic Trials.
 - With the need for increased athletes on the NT in the second half of 2021 due to the international calendar, and with the belief that several NT athletes may elect to retire

following the Olympics, we have been approved to allow up to 21 athletes to Olympic Trials (3 groups of 7). This continues to build upon our philosophy for the year to be more inclusive. The group named to the NT after U.S. Championships will carry through to Winter Cup 2022.

- Specific discussion was had surrounding designating Senior NT spots for IE specialists who win their event (combined 2-day total) and meet a World Championships standard or post the highest score on either Day 1 or Day 2 and meet a World Championships standard.
- Junior NT selection discussion revolved around designating the Open selection spots and the criteria used for determining those spots. Also, creating the petition procedures and, if approved, how those will affect the Open selection spots.

Action: Jason to amend the Qualification & NT Selection document and circulate for review and approval via email

II. World University Games

- In the past, this event has been paid for by the CGA or self-funded by the athletes. For 2021, USAG has put this event in the Men's budget to support collegiate institutions and athletes. There is still a high probability of this event being canceled in 2021, but the MPC should establish the objectives and selection procedures for this event.
- The MPC will be the group that will name the team to this event, but will collaborate with college coaches throughout the process.
- The objective of this event will be to provide an international competition experience for our elite student athletes. The process for selection will include results from across several competitions and create team score scenarios using a 5-4-3 format.

Action: Jason to amend the FISU selection procedures and circulate for approval via email

III. Junior Pan Am Games

- The selection to this event will be based on U.S. Championships results either by rank order or by combining AA score plus total D score from both days of competition. Selection Procedures to be circulated in April.

IV. Olympic Selection Procedures Amendments

- The recommended amendments, in the event that Senior Pan Am Championships take place, have been sent to the USOPC for review. If Pan Ams do not take place, then the Olympic Selection Procedures will not change, except for in two areas pending USOPC and USAG Board approval.
 - Increase the number of reserve athletes that may travel to Tokyo from four (4) to five (5)
 - Add a second athlete representative to the OG Selection Committee and remove the Vice President from the Committee. The VP will present in discussions as a guest, but will not be a member of the committee

Motion to Adjourn at 2:04pm EST

Motion: Randy Jepson

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed (Kip Simons, Paul Ruggeri, Justin Spring no vote)



MPC Chairman Signature

4/7/21

Date

Michael Serra

Print Name