

MPC Meeting
November 23, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 11:00am EST.

Members Present:

Mike Serra – MPC Chair & Jr Coaches Rep
Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Rep
Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep
Justin Spring – Sr Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Dusty Ritter – Development Program Coordinator (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Development Program Assistant (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick – Men’s Program Vice President (voice, no vote)
David Klein – MDPC Chair

Members not present:

Paul Ruggeri – Athlete Rep
Mike Juszczuk – NGJA Rep

- I. The MPC was intending to discuss Junior qualification to US Championships and selection to the Junior National Team. However, the MPC agreed that this agenda item should be postponed until more discussion and feedback from the community was received.
- II. Winter Cup Qualifications

35 athletes have pre-qualified to the Senior session of Winter Cup with the intention to allow a maximum of 48 athletes in the Senior session. The MPC discussed staying in line with what has been done in the past for the remaining qualification spots. The remaining qualification spots will be designated as follows in the motion below.

Motion: The remaining qualification spots to the 2022 Winter Cup will be allocated as follows:

- **Top three (3) all-around athletes from each of the Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions (Stanford Open, Windy City, Rocky Mountain Open, West Point Open)**
- **Petitions for injury or extraordinary circumstance may be submitted for consideration to the MPC**
- **Petitions for Individual Event Specialists may only be submitted for consideration to the MPC if an athlete achieves a D score at one of the Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions that would have ranked within the top eight (8) finalists on that event from 2021 World Championships Qualifications.**

Motion: Randy Jepson

Second: Kip Simons

Passed: 5-0

The deadline to submit petitions to the MPC for consideration is February 4, 2022.

III. Qualifications to 2022 Winter Cup Day 2

The discussion revolved around keeping the same qualification process from Day 1 to Day 2 that was used in the 2021 Winter Cup, allowing one rotation of Junior event finalists from the Elite Team Cup competition.

Motion: The top 35 athletes by the 10-point program from Day 1 of the 2022 Winter Cup will qualify to Day 2. If less than 35 athletes achieve points, then the remaining spots will be filled through the all-around results from Day 1 until 35 spots have been filled.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed: 5-0

Motion: To qualify seven (7) athletes from the Elite Team Cup on each apparatus final on Day 2. The top four (4) athletes by rank order and the next three (3) athletes by highest D score rank on each event from ETC will qualify to Day 2 Apparatus Finals.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: 5-0

IV. Discretionary Criteria for Senior National Team Selection

The Senior National Team selection was discussed and confirmed by the MPC in the October 8th meeting. However, it was not decided if petitions would be considered and if so, and how they would be allocated. The MPC felt that petitions should be considered for National Team selection and that they should come from either the five (5) spots allocated through the 10-point program results or from the up to three (3) spots allocated through discretionary criteria. This would require an amendment to the October 8th Senior National Team verbiage.

Motion: To amend the motion from the October 8th MPC meeting, which outlined the composition of the Senior National Team to now state the following, "Up to five (5) funded spots allocated to the five (5) highest ranked athletes in the 10-point program final results, not already named to the team."

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed: 5-0

Motion: Any accepted petitions to the Senior National Team will come from either the spots designated from the final points results or from the spots designated through discretionary criteria.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Kip Simons

Passed: 5-0

The MPC discussed if there should be specified eligibility criteria for an athlete to submit a petition for consideration to the Senior National Team. They felt that by providing a specific criterion for who can submit a petition, it would increase clarity and transparency in the petition process.

Motion: An athlete is eligible to submit a petition for consideration to the Senior National Team at 2022 Winter Cup only if they were a member of the most recent Senior National Team (named at the 2021 US Championships).

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Randy Jepson

Passed: 4-0 (1 abstention)

V. Senior Development Team

The current Senior Development Team is in place until 2022 US Championships. Therefore, no new 18-20 year old athletes may be named to the Senior Development Team at 2022 Winter Cup unless one of the current members achieves a funded Senior NT position. In this case, the MPC would look to replace that spot on the Senior Development Team. The MPC also discussed future re-naming of the Senior Development Team at both domestic Championships competitions, but it was decided that a full year provides more opportunity for those athletes to be integrated within the Senior Team program.

Motion: Any Senior Development Team spot vacated by a current member achieving a funded Senior National Team spot, will be replaced through final D score ranking from Day 1. A minimum D score of 92.0 must be achieved to be eligible for a spot on the Senior Development Team. If there is a tie in D score, the tie break will be the final all-around score from Day 1.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Kip Simons

Passed: 5-0

VI. 2022 World Cups

Randy Jepson recused himself from the meeting for this discussion.

The MPC discussed the objectives for the 2022 Individual Event World Cups. With the increase of the Olympic Team in 2024 to five athletes, the individual spots will likely be reduced, which may change the strategy of National Team selection and assignments to the IE World Cups. The Men's Program has budgeted to send two (2) athletes to the Cottbus World Cup and three (3) athletes to each of the following World Cups in Doha, Cairo, and Baku respectively.

Stephen Nedoroscik and Brody Malone both earned medals at the 2021 World Championships and have locked their spots on the National Team through to 2022 U.S. Championships. Those two athletes will be assigned to the Cottbus World Cup and will have first right of refusal for the remaining World Cups. All other selections to these events will be named from Winter Cup results. Additionally, as registration deadlines for these events occur prior to Winter Cup, USAG will submit names as placeholders, but will finalize assignments following Winter Cup.

Motion: For the 2022 World Cup assignments:

- **USAG will allocate funding to the four Individual Event World Cups:**
 - **Cottbus, GER**
 - **Doha, QAT**
 - **Cairo, EGY**
 - **Baku, AZE**
- **Stephen Nedoroscik and Brody Malone will be assigned to Cottbus**
- **Up to three (3) athletes will be assigned to the remaining competitions by the MPC based on Winter Cup results**
- **World Championship medalists have first right of refusal to all 2022 IE World Cups**
- **USAG will submit names to meet all nominative registration deadlines, but these are non-binding, and final assignments will be based on Winter Cup results.**

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Kip Simons

Passed: 4-0 (Randy no vote)

Motion to adjourn at 12:48pm EST

Motion: Kip Simons

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed: 4-0 (Randy no vote)



Michael Serra

12.1.21

MPC Chairman Signature

Date