Independent Observer Report
USA Gymnastics Men’s Program Committee (MPC) Meetings
February 26 and 27, 2022

Attendees:

Mike Serra – Chairman & Junior Coaches’ Representative (in person both days)
Sergei Pakanich – Junior Coaches’ Representative (in person both days)
Randy Jepson – Senior Coaches’ Representative (in person both days)
Justin Spring – Senior Coaches’ Representative (in person both days)
Kip Simons – Athlete Representative (in person both days)
Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative (via Zoom Feb. 27 only)
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote) (in person both days)
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote) (in person both days)
Raj Bhavsar – Junior High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) (in person both days)
David Klein – Men’s Development Program Committee Chairman (voice, no vote) (in person both days)
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Representative (voice, no vote) (in person Feb. 26 only)

Lisa Mendel – Men’s Program Manager (in person Feb. 26 only)
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (process voice, no vote) (via Zoom both days)

The Meetings were held in Frisco, Texas, where the 2022 Winter Cup was held.

February 26, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Serra at 10:32 a.m. (CT).

I. Reports from MPC Members

Reports updating the MPC on relevant developments were given by Jason Woodnick on behalf of the National Office, Brett McClure for High Performance, Randy Jepson for Senior Coaches, Mike Serra for Junior Coaches, and Mike Juszczyk for the NGJA. Of note, Mike Juszczyk addressed a new rule relating to Vault warm-ups, which the MPC agreed needed additional clarification, and discussed the fact that, due to turn-over as a result of Covid, there may be less experienced judges at Junior competitions moving forward.

II. National Team Selection Process

- Mike Serra advised the MPC that, due to conflicts of interest, three members of the MPC will not be permitted to participate in the Senior National Team (NT) selection on Sunday night following Day 2 of Winter Cup competition (Feb. 27). Both Senior Coaches’ Representatives and the current Athlete Representative have conflicts of interest. He reported that Kevin Tan has been asked to join the MPC as an Athlete Representative for this selection process so that the MPC will have three voting members. Kevin has
agreed to participate, but will need to be approved by the Athletes’ Council. (Kevin was approved by the Athletes’ Council before the February 27 meeting.)

- Both Mike Serra and Jason Woodnick discussed the difficulty the MPC has faced in its many efforts to fill the Athlete Representative positions on the MPC.

- It was noted that, under the selection criteria, Brody Malone and Stephen Nedoroscik have received two spots on the National Team (NT) spots because they were medalists at the 2021 World Championships. In addition, five spots on the NT have been determined by the selection criteria through the all-around (AA) results from Day 1 of Winter Cup. Those athletes are (in order of results): Vitaliy Guimaraes; Khoi Young; Asher Hong; Yul Moldauer; and Colt Walker.

- On February 27, the MPC will determine the final eight of the 15 available NT spots. These athletes may be selected from the 10-point program final results, Individual Event (IE) winners who meet the required D score, discretionary criteria, or petitions (based on the relevant selection criteria).

- It was noted that three athletes were unable to travel to Winter Cup for Day 1 due to travel issues, and that those athletes would be allowed to compete in Day 2 of the Winter Cup for a chance to earn a spot on the NT through discretionary selection or petition.

- Before Winter Cup began, the MPC received petitions from five current National Team athletes, and they all included information with respect to their return to play plan and timeline. Mike Serra advised that more petitions may be submitted before the end of the Day 2 of the competition, noting that, under the selection criteria, a maximum of three petitions can be approved for the NT.

III. International Assignments

Brett McClure discussed the multiple international events coming up in the next few months. He highlighted that the main objective for the MPC is to fill all available spots for those competitions and provide international opportunities to as many National Team athletes as possible. In his discussion, Brett addressed the dates, requirements and available spots for these events. He added that, since the Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games are on the same dates, USAG will need two completely separate teams of five athletes.

IV. Qualification to 2022 U.S. Championships

- It was noted that, the 2022 U.S. Classic will replace the former USAG National Qualifier event, but, in 2022, there will be limitations on training availability and potentially the number of athletes who may participate. Also, USAG is planning to host a Senior National Team training camp leading up to the U.S. Classic to encourage National Team participation in the event.
- The MPC discussed two options for qualifications to U.S. Championships: one, taking more athletes from Winter Cup and less from the U.S. Classic; and two, taking more athletes from the U.S. Classic and less from Winter Cup. The majority of MPC members agreed that more athletes should be taken from U.S. Classic because it is closer in time to the U.S. Championships and provides athletes more time to improve their performance.

- The criteria for the 48 senior athletes to qualify to U.S. Championships was also addressed.

- The MPC discussed the current requirement of a 32.0 D score for the AA champion at the USAG Collegiate Championships to qualify to U.S. Championships. It was noted that only five athletes achieved the 32.0 D score on Day 1 of Winter Cup, and the average D score for Day 1 athletes who competed in the all-around was 29.7. The MPC agreed that it would be reasonable to lower the required D score to be more consistent with the average score from Winter Cup.

- On a unanimously passed motion, the MPC amended the D score requirement for the 2022 USAG Collegiate Championships all-around champion from 32.0 to 29.0 to attain a qualification spot to the 2022 U.S. Championships.

V. 2022 U.S. Classic Schedule

- Jason Woodnick addressed the schedule and requirements for the 2022 U.S. Classic in late July, and the MPC discussed this plan and the locations for the event.

- On a unanimously passed motion, the MPC decided that the 2022 U.S. Classic will be a two-session competition with Junior athletes and Senior pre-qualified athletes together in one session and all other Senior athletes in the other session. In addition, Junior Technical Sequences will be performed on Saturday and may take place at the off-site training gym.

VI. 2023 Winter Cup Qualification Events

- The MPC discussed and considered the six events that have submitted applications to host a 2023 Winter Cup Qualifier: West Point Open; Navy Open; Houston National Invitational (HNI); Beach Blast Invitational; Stanford Open; and Windy City Open. The MPC agreed that it would like to remove the limitation that restricts each qualifier to only one session, but only if the same judges are used for each session.

- Kip Simons recused himself from further discussion on this issue due to a conflict of interest, as he submitted an application on behalf of the Navy Open.

- The remaining MPC members discussed each of the potential hosts, agreeing that one event is needed in each region of the country. There were some concerns about the
venue at Navy Open, as the event is currently being housed in a different building because the men’s gymnastics venue is under construction. The MPC even viewed video of a recent event at the facility. Kip re-entered the Meeting to address the MPC’s concerns and help the MPC determine if the issues could be remedied for future events. Kip addressed all of the raised concerns. At that point, Kip left the Meeting again.

- The MPC moved forward with further discussion and a decision on these events. On a passed motion (3-1, with an abstention and a recusal), the MPC approved the Navy Open, HNl, Windy City and Stanford Open as the four 2023 Winter Cup qualifying events, and determined that multiple sessions would be accepted as long as the judging panels for each session are the same.

VII. **New Business**

- Kip Simons re-entered the Meeting.

- The MPC agreed that using a D score bonus system for Juniors for the 2022 U.S. Championships would be put on the agenda for the next MPC meeting.

- The MPC agreed that it needs to address how to handle recusals due to conflicts of interest. It was noted that the charter for the new Senior and Junior Selection Committees goes into effect in October. Mike Serra and Randy Jepson agreed that they would attempt to create a pool of coaching representatives who would be able to fill in for MPC members who are required to recuse themselves.

VIII. **Adjournment**

On a passed motion, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. (CT).

**February 27, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Serra at 8:34 p.m. (CT).

Kevin Tan joined the Meeting (via Zoom) as an Athlete Representative for the Senior National Team selection because three voting members of the MPC needed to recuse themselves on the issue of national team selection due to conflicts of interest.

I. **Replacement of Vacant Senior Development Team Spots**

It was noted that, since Khoi Young and Colt Walker have been elevated to the Senior National Team through achieving a top 5 finish on Day 1 of Winter Cup, their spots on the Senior Development Team will be filled by the next two 18-20 year-old athletes with the highest ranked all-around D scores from Day 1 (i.e., Jeremy Bischoff and Frederick Richard).
II. Senior National Team

• The MPC confirmed that, under the selection procedures, the following nine athletes received spots on the National Team (NT):
  - Brody Malone (2021 World Cup Medalist)
  - Stephen Nedoroscik (2021 World Cup Medalist)
  - Vitaliy Guimaraes (Top 5 AA from Day 1 of Winter Cup)
  - Asher Hong (Top 5 AA from Day 1 of Winter Cup)
  - Yul Moldauer (Top 5 AA from Day 1 of Winter Cup)
  - Colt Walker (Top 5 AA from Day 1 of Winter Cup)
  - Khoi Young (Top 5 AA from Day 1 of Winter Cup)
  - Alex Diab (Individual Event Winner/Still Rings)
  - Curran Phillips (Individual Event Winner/Parallel Bars)

• The final six NT spots (of the 15 total spots) were required to be selected by the MPC through the 10-point program final results, discretionary criteria, and petitions. As a result, Randy Jepson, Kip Simons and Justin Spring recused themselves from the meeting for the discussion and selection of those remaining NT spots.

• The MPC received seven total petitions, and all of the petitions included the required documentation. The petitions were submitted by: Brandon Briones; Cameron Bock; Gage Dyer; Paul Juda; Eddie Penev; Shane Wiskus; and Alec Yoder. Mike Serra noted that, under the selection criteria, the MPC may only approve a maximum of three petitions for the NT.

• As to the petitions, the MPC reviewed each athlete’s injury status and return to play timeline. In addition, they reviewed and discussed the two team score scenarios (5-4-3 format), using each athlete’s best score from Winter Cup, which were provided prior to the beginning of the Meeting. These scenarios were created because USAG will need to field two separate five-man teams for Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games.

• Based on his performance on Day 2 of the Winter Cup and these scenarios, the MPC agreed that, under the selection criteria, Paul Juda should be selected via a discretionary selection and that Ian Lasic-Ellis and Riley Loos should be selected via their 10-point program results. With those selections, there would be three more NT spots (of the 15 total) to be filled.

• In order to determine these three spots, the MPC reviewed and evaluated the next three ranked athletes in the 10-point program final results and the petitions accepted for consideration. The MPC reviewed and discussed the performance history, experience and return-to-competition timelines for the petition athletes. It was determined that Shane Wiskus, Cameron Bock and Alex Yoder should have their petition approved.
At this point, the MPC, discussed both the requirements set forth in the selection criteria and the order of selection for the various selection categories. I was involved in this discussion and provided interpretation and process advice to the MPC for moving forward with the selection of the final spots on the NT.

- On a unanimously passed motion (3-0), under the selection criteria, the MPC named Ian Lasic-Ellis and Riley Loos to the Senior National Team via their 10-point program final results at Winter Cup.

- On a unanimously passed motion (3-0), under the selection criteria, the MPC named Paul Juda to the Senior National Team via discretionary selection.

- On a unanimously passed motion (3-0), under the selection criteria, the MPC approved the petitions of Cameron Bock, Shane Wiskus and Alec Yoder and named them to the Senior National Team. Under the selection criteria, Bock’s spot was taken from the 10-point program spots, and the other two were taken from the remaining discretionary spots.

III. International Assignments

- Brett McClure set forth the proposed plan for the athlete assignments for the upcoming international events, including the objective of each event and the positions required for each event. The MPC discussed the proposed athlete assignments.

- As to the assignments, the MPC agreed as follows:
  
  - For the Stuttgart Senior Team Challenge, Brody Malone, Asher Hong, Vitaliy Guimaraes, Khoi Young, and Yul Moldauer.
  
  - For the Stuttgart Mixed Team Cup, Curran Phillips, Colt Walker, and Riley Loos.
  
  - For the Cairo IE World Cup, Alex Diab, Paul Juda, and Ian Lasic-Ellis.
  
  - For the Baku IE World Cup, Alex Diab, Alec Yoder, and Stephen Nedoroscik.

- The MPC noted that all National Team and Senior Development Team athletes will be considered as replacement athletes for the above competitions, as well as for the teams to Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games.

- On a unanimously passed motion (3-0), the MPC approved the proposed international assignments.

IV. Adjournment

On a passed motion, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m. (CT).
To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, this Report accurately reflects the actions taken by the MPC at its February 26 and 27, 2022 Meetings. In addition, I reviewed the content of the MPC Meeting Minutes for both February 26 and 27, 2022, and those Minutes (which were approved by the members of the MPC) are attached as Exhibit A to this Report.

Michelle Pujals
Independent Observer
Men’s Program Committee Meeting Minutes  
Winter Cup Day 1  
February 26, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Serra at 10:32 a.m. (CT)

Members Present
Mike Serra – Chairman & Jr. Coaches’ Representative
Sergei Pakanich – Jr. Coaches’ Representative
Randy Jepson – Sr. Coaches’ Representative
Justin Spring – Sr. Coaches’ Representative
Kip Simons – Athlete Representative
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick – Men’s Program Vice President (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Junior High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote)
David Klein – Men’s Development Program Committee Chairman (voice, no vote)
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Representative (voice, no vote)

Non-Members Present
Lisa Mendel – Men’s Program Manager
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (via Zoom; process voice, no vote)

I. Reports

National Office – Jason
• Jason stated that there was not much to report from the national office. He added that 2021 was a very busy year, and USAG is just starting to ramp up for 2022. Also, there have been quite a few changes within the Development Program for this season.

High Performance – Brett
• Brett advised that the main focus for the MPC is the international assignments coming up in the next few months and the filling of all available spots for these competitions.

Senior Coaches – Randy & Justin
• Randy stated that the Senior Coaches did not have anything of note to report.

Junior Coaches – Mike Serra & Sergei
• Mike stated that there have been significant changes to the Junior qualification system to U.S. Championships, as well as Junior National team selection.
• He added that there is some desire for a bonus system that mirrors the current Senior bonus system.
NGJA – Mike Juszczyk

- Mike stated that the judges have completed their FIG Brevet course, with all judges passing the test.
- He noted that Butch Zunich has been assigned to High Bar on the FIG MTC for the next four years.
- Mike advised that there is a new rule concerning Vault warm-ups that states that each athlete can take a maximum of two vaults. He added that further clarification is needed on whether this rule is applied to open warm-ups or just one-touch warm-ups.
- He also reported that COVID effected the numbers of judges for the organization, with the numbers down from 625 pre-COVID to 400 last year. He added that, although the number of judges has increased to about 600, many of the mid-range (i.e., development) judges have left and the result will be that there may be less experienced judges at the Junior competitions.

II. National Team Selection Process

Mike Serra reported that, due to conflicts of interest, three members of the MPC will not be permitted to participate in the Senior National Team (NT) selection on Sunday night (Feb. 27) following Day 2 of the Winter Cup competition. The members who have conflicts of interest are both Senior Coaches’ Representatives (Randy and Justin) and the Athlete Representative (Kip). Both Mike Serra and Jason Woodnick discussed the difficulty the MPC has faced in its many efforts to fill the Athlete Representative positions on the MPC. Mike stated that Kevin Tan has been asked to join the MPC as an Athlete Representative for this selection process so that the MPC will have three voting members. Kevin has agreed to participate, but will need to be approved by the Athletes’ Council. (Kevin was approved by the Athletes’ Council before the February 27 Meeting.) Mike noted that Kevin was a member of the 2020 Olympic Selection Committee, as he is familiar with many of the current athletes and the procedures that the MPC is required to follow with respect to athlete selection.

Mike stated that, under the selection criteria, Brody Malone and Stephen Nedoroscik have received two of the NT spots because they were medalists at the 2021 World Championships. Five additional spots on the NT have been locked in under the selection criteria through the all-around (AA) results from Day 1 of the Winter Cup. Those athletes are (in order of results):
- Vitaliy Guimaraes
- Khoi Young
- Asher Hong
- Yul Moldauer
- Colt Walker

Mike added that eight more NT spots are available, and these spots may be selected from the 10-point program final results, Individual Event (IE) winners who meet the required D score, discretionary criteria, or petitions.
Mike mentioned that three athletes were unable to travel to Winter Cup for Day 1 due to travel issues. Those three athletes will be allowed to compete in Day 2 for the Winter Cup for a chance to earn a spot on the NT through discretionary selection or petition.

It was noted that the MPC has received petitions from five current National Team athletes, including two Olympic team members and two Olympic replacement team members. Mike stated that all athletes who submitted a petition have outlined their return to play plan and timeline, which will assist in determining who may be available for upcoming international assignments. He advised that more petitions may be submitted before the end of the Day 2 of the competition, adding that, under the selection criteria, a maximum of three petitions may be approved for the NT.

III. International Assignments

Brett stated that there are multiple international events coming up in the next few months. He added that the main objective for the MPC is to fill all available spots for those competitions and provide international opportunities to as many National Team athletes as possible.

The Doha World Cup was offered to the top five AA athletes from Day 1, but none of the athletes accepted the assignment. Brett noted that, as a result, USAG will not be sending a delegation to that event.

He reported that the Stuttgart Team Challenge and Mixed Team Cup will provide opportunities for eight Senior athletes and five Junior athletes.

The Cairo and Baku World Cups will provide opportunities for National Team IE athletes. Brett stated that USAG may send up to three athletes to each of these events. He noted that Stephen Nedoroscik has first right of refusal to participate in those events. Brett added that the Baku event conflicts with the NCAA Conference Championships, so NCAA athletes may not be available for that event.

Brett also noted that the Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games are on the same dates. Therefore, USAG will need two completely separate teams for those events. The Senior Pan Am event is a qualifier to the 2022 World Championships and 2023 Pan Am Games. He added that FISU athletes must meet the event’s eligibility requirements to participate (i.e., 1996-2004 DOB and must either be currently working towards a degree or one year removed from receiving a degree). USAG will need to have a pool of athletes to allow for two teams of five athletes.

IV. Qualification to 2022 U.S. Championships

Mike Serra stated that the 2022 U.S. Classic will replace the former USAG National Qualifier event, adding that there are many advantages to having this event added to the “premier event” calendar. However, in 2022, there will be limitations on training availability and potentially the number of athletes who may participate. Mike noted that approximately 20 junior athletes and a maximum of 48 senior athletes are expected to attend. USAG is planning
to host a Senior National Team training camp leading up to the U.S. Classic to encourage National Team participation in the event.

The MPC discussed two options for qualifications to U.S. Championships. The first involved taking more athletes from Winter Cup and less from the U.S. Classic. The second strategy would be the opposite, taking more athletes from the U.S. Classic. The majority of MPC members felt that more athletes should be taken from U.S. Classic, as it is closer in time to U.S. Championships and provides athletes more time to improve their performance.

It was noted that the determined number of senior athletes (48) to qualify to U.S. Championships will be as follows:
- 20 Senior National Team members (including five Senior Development athletes)
- Up to six athletes from NCAA Championships
- Up to one athlete from USAG Collegiate Championships
- Six 18-19 year-old Junior athletes from Development Nationals
- Up to 16 athletes from U.S. Classic and submitted petitions

The MPC discussed the current requirement of a 32.0 D score for the AA champion at the USAG Collegiate Championships to qualify to U.S. Championships. Brett reported that only five athletes achieved the 32.0 D score on Day 1 of Winter Cup, and the average D score for Day 1 athletes who competed in the all-around was 29.7. The MPC determined that it would be reasonable to lower the required D score to be more consistent with the average score from Winter Cup.

**Motion:** To amend the D score requirement for the 2022 USAG Collegiate Championships all-around champion from 32.0 to 29.0 to attain a qualification spot to the 2022 U.S. Championships.

Motion: Mike Serra  
Second: Randy Jepson  
Passed: Unanimously (5-0)

V. 2022 U.S. Classic Schedule

Jason reported that the 2022 U.S. Classic will host two sessions on Sunday July 31, with arrival day on Thursday and training days on Friday and Saturday. The junior athletes will perform their Technical Sequences on Saturday. He noted that there will likely be only 2-3 groups of Juniors, which will leave additional spots for Senior athletes. The goal will be to put the Juniors and all pre-qualified athletes into one session and the second session will be made up entirely of non-qualified Seniors. The MPC discussed this plan and the locations for the event.

**Motion:** To have the 2022 U.S. Classic be a two-session competition with Junior athletes and Senior pre-qualified athletes together in one session and all other Senior athletes in the other session. Junior Technical Sequences will be performed on Saturday and may take place at the off-site training gym.
Motion: Randy Jepson  
Second: Mike Serra  
Passed: Unanimously (5-0)

VI. 2023 Winter Cup Qualification Events

Mike Serra stated that six events have submitted applications to host a 2023 Winter Cup Qualifier:
- West Point Open
- Navy Open
- Houston National Invitational (HNI)
- Beach Blast Invitational
- Stanford Open
- Windy City Open

He noted that there is a desire from the MPC and USAG community to move these qualification events around the country and provide opportunities to more event hosts. After a discussion, the MPC determined that it would also like to remove the limitation that restricts each qualifier to only one session as long as the same judges are used for each session.

Kip Simons recused himself from further discussion on this issue due to a conflict of interest, as he submitted an application for the Navy Open.

The remaining MPC members discussed each of the potential hosts, agreeing that one event is needed in each region of the country. There were some concerns about the venue at Navy Open as the event is currently being housed in a different building because the men’s gymnastics venue is under construction. The MPC viewed video of a recent event at the facility. Kip was brought back into the Meeting to address the MPC’s concerns and help the MPC determine if the issues are fixable for future events. Kip stated that all of the MPC’s concerns could be addressed satisfactorily, and the competition would meet the standards of a usual qualification event. At that point, Kip left the room again.

The MPC moved forward with further discussion and a decision on these events.

Motion: To approve the Navy Open, HNI, Windy City and Stanford Open as the four 2023 Winter Cup qualifying events. Multiple sessions will be accepted as long as the judging panels are the same for each session.

Motion: Mike Serra  
Second: Sergei Pakanich  
Passed: 3-1 (1 abstention; 1 recusal)

VII. New Business

Kip Simons re-entered the Meeting.
Mike asked if anyone had new business to discuss.

- Raj raised the issue of using a D score bonus system for Juniors for 2022 U.S. Championships. The MPC decided that the issue would be put on the agenda for the next MPC meeting.
- Randy raised the issue of conflicts of interests of MPC members. The MPC agreed that it needs to address how to handle recusals due to conflicts of interest. Mike Serra noted that the charter for the new Senior and Junior Selection Committees goes into effect in October, but stated that it would be beneficial to have them in place prior to U.S. Championships to address this issue. Mike Serra and Randy agreed that they would attempt to create a pool of coaching representatives who would be able to fill in for MPC members who are required to recuse themselves.

Motion to adjourn at 12:32 p.m. (CT)

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously (5-0)
Men’s Program Committee Meeting Minutes
Winter Cup Day 2
February 27, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Serra at 8:34 p.m. (CT)

Members Present
Mike Serra – Chairman & Junior Coaches’ Representative
Sergei Pakanich – Junior Coaches Representative
Randy Jepson – Senior Coaches Representative
Justin Spring – Senior Coaches Representative
Kip Simons – Athlete Representative
Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative solely for the purpose of National Team selection (approved by the Athletes’ Council) (via Zoom)
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick – Men’s Program Vice President (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Junior High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote)
David Klein – Men’s Development Program Committee Chair (voice, no vote)

Members Not Present
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Representative (voice, no vote)

Non-Members Present
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (via Zoom; process voice, no vote)

Kevin Tan joined the Meeting as an Athlete Representative for the Senior National Team selection because three voting members of the MPC will need to recuse themselves due to conflicts of interest once the selection discussion begins.

I. Replacement of Vacant Senior Development Team Spots

Mike Serra stated that, since Khoi Young and Colt Walker locked in their spots on the Senior National Team through achieving a top 5 finish on Day 1 of Winter Cup, their spots on the Senior Development Team will be filled by the next two athletes with the highest ranked all-around D scores from Day 1, who are aged 18-20 years-old. Those athletes are Jeremy Bischoff and Frederick Richard. Accordingly, those two athletes will be named to the Senior Development Team.

II. Senior National Team

Mike Serra reported that, following Day 2 of Winter Cup, the following National Team (NT) spots have been confirmed:

2021 World Championship Medalists:
- Brody Malone
Top Five Athletes by All-Around (AA) Results from Day 1 of Winter Cup:
- Vitaliy Guimaraes
- Asher Hong
- Yul Moldauer
- Colt Walker
- Khoi Young

Individual Event Winners from Winter Cup:*
- Alex Diab (Still Rings)
- Curran Phillips (Parallel Bars)

*As required by the selection criteria, these athletes also achieved the FIG D score within the top three highest D scores from IE finals at the 2021 World Championships.

Mike noted that there are six NT spots (of the 15 total spots) that must be selected through the 10-point program final results, discretionary criteria and petitions.

Randy Jepson, Kip Simons and Justin Spring recused themselves from the meeting as the discussion turned to selecting athletes for those remaining NT spots.

Mike stated that, in addition to the five submitted petitions received prior to Day 2, two additional petitions were submitted on Day 2 for a total of seven petitions. He added that all petitions included the required documentation and were accepted by the MPC for consideration. Mike noted that, under the selection criteria, the MPC may only approve a maximum of three petitions for the NT. Brandon Briones, Cameron Bock, Eddie Penev, Shane Wiskus and Alec Yoder submitted petitions prior to Winter Cup. Gage Dyer and Paul Juda submitted petitions on Day 2 of Winter Cup.

Brett reiterated that the main objective for the MPC is to fill all available international competition opportunities over the coming months. Therefore, with so many athletes submitting petitions, it is important to review each athlete’s return to play plan and timeline to evaluate when they may be ready to compete. The HPD reviewed each athlete’s injury status and return to play timeline with the other members of the MPC.

The MPC next looked at the team score scenarios (5-4-3 format), using each athlete’s best score from Winter Cup, which were provided prior to the beginning of the meeting. The top scoring team included members who were already named to the NT. The next set of team score scenarios removed all five athletes from the top scoring team to provide a second entirely different team. This task was completed because USAG will need to field two separate five-man teams for Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games.

The highest scoring team from the second set of scenarios included three athletes who were not yet named to the National Team -- Paul Juda; Ian Lasic-Ellis; and Riley Loos. Lasic-Ellis and Loos were also the next two highest-ranked athletes in the final results from the 10-point program at Winter Cup. Paul Juda achieved the 10th highest ranking in points across both days
of competition, even though he only competed on Day 2 due to travel issues that prohibited him from arriving in time to compete on Day 1. Juda also scored the second highest AA score of the entire Winter Cup competition, only 0.1 behind the AA champion.

Mike Serra noted that, if the MPC named Juda via discretionary selection and Lasic-Ellis and Loos via 10-point program results, there would be three more NT spots (of the 15 total) to be filled.

In order to determine these three spots, the MPC reviewed and evaluated the next three ranked athletes in the 10-point program final results and the petitions accepted for consideration.

As to the athletes who submitted petitions:

- Wiskus was a member of the 2020 Olympic Team and is a World Team member. The MPC agreed that his skills and leadership will be valuable to the team preparing for the Paris Olympics in 2024. He is expected to be back to competition by Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games.

- Yoder is an Olympic and World Championship finalist on Pommel Horse. The MPC noted that he is also able to add 1-2 more events for the team, if needed. Yoder is expected to be back to competition by the Baku IE World Cup.

- Bock was a member of the replacement team for the 2020 Olympics, as well as a member of the 2021 World Team Squad. The MPC noted that he adds depth in AA for all team events and provides scores that are competitive internationally. Bock is expected to start back to competition within the next 1-2 weeks and may be available for World Cups, Senior Pan Am Championships or FISU Games.

The MPC, in consultation with the Independent Observer, discussed both the requirements set forth in the selection criteria and the order of selection for the various selection categories.

**Motion: Under the selection criteria, to name Ian Lasic-Ellis and Riley Loos to the Senior National Team via their 10-point program final results at Winter Cup.**

Motion: Mike Serra  
Second: Sergei Pakanich  
Passed: Unanimously (3-0)

**Motion: Under the selection criteria, to name Paul Juda to the Senior National Team via discretionary selection.**

Motion: Mike Serra  
Second: Kevin Tan  
Passed: Unanimously (3-0)
Motion: Under the selection criteria, to approve the petitions of Cameron Bock, Shane Wiskus and Alec Yoder and name them to the Senior National Team. (Bock’s spot will be taken from the 10-point program spots. Wiskus and Yoder’s spots will come from the discretionary spots.)

Motion: Mike Serra  
Second: Sergei Pakanich  
Passed: Unanimously (3-0)

The MPC has confirmed all Senior National Team (15) and Senior Development Team (5) spots.

III. International Assignments

Brett outlined the proposed plan for the athlete assignments for the upcoming international events.

Stuttgart Senior Team Challenge

The objective for this event is to win the team competition. The MPC reviewed the top scoring team scenario and considered that Curran Phillips could move to the Mixed Team Cup and Brody Malone (9th AA at the 2020 Olympics) could replace him on this team.

As a result, the final proposed team is: Brody Malone; Asher Hong; Vitaliy Guimaraes; Khoi Young; and Yul Moldauer.

Stuttgart Mixed Team Cup

The objective for this event is to assign a three-man team (with two athletes per event on a maximum of four events). The proposed team is: Curran Phillips; Colt Walker; and Riley Loos.

Cairo IE World Cup

The objective for the event, which is being held on the same dates as the Stuttgart competitions, is to assign three athletes (with a maximum of two per event). The proposed team is: Alex Diab; Paul Juda; and Ian Lasic-Ellis.

Baku IE World Cup

The objective for the event, which is being held on the same dates as the NCAA Conference Championships, is to assign three athletes (with a maximum of two per event). The proposed team is: Alex Diab; Alec Yoder; and Stephen Nedoroscik.

The MPC noted that all National Team and Senior Development Team athletes will be considered as replacement athletes for the above competitions, as well as for the teams to Senior Pan Am Championships and FISU Games.

Motion: To approve the international assignments as proposed.
Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Kevin Tan
Passed: Unanimously (3-0)

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. (CT)

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Mike Serra
Passed: Unanimously (3-0)

March 2, 2022
MPC Chairman Signature Date