

MPC Meeting
April 26, 2022 via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 12:01pm EST

Members present:

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

Members not present:

Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Rep
Justin Spring – Sr Coaches Rep
Mike Juszczuk – NGJA Rep

Non-members present:

Lisa Mendel – Men’s Program Manager

I. 2022 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

The MPC was given time to review the proposed selection procedures prior to the meeting. Current Junior National Team coaches were also given a period of review for these procedures and were involved in discussions surrounding the objectives and process for the Junior Pan Am competition. The MPC approved the selection procedures with two minor clarifications for reserve athletes and the petition process, that did not affect overall process. The Junior Pan Am Selection Procedures can be found here: https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html

Motion: To accept the selection procedures for the 2022 Junior Pan Am Championships with the suggested amendments.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Randy Jepson

Passed 3-0 (2 voters not present)

II. Review of petitions for Junior athletes competing at the Berlin Team Cup

Four current Junior National Team athletes will be traveling to Berlin to compete in the Junior Team Cup, Cole Partridge, Alex Duebler, Hayden Brown and Danila Leykin. They will return from Berlin with less than two weeks before Development National Championships, which does not provide enough time to adequately recover and prepare for National Championships. For Hayden and Danila, Development Nationals are their only opportunity to re-make the Level 8/9

National Team. For Cole and Alex, Development Nationals is an opportunity to qualify to U.S. Championships in August for a chance to make the Level 10 National Team (Alex) or Senior Development Team (Cole).

All four athletes submitted petitions to the MPC with the required documentation for approval. Hayden and Danila submitted petitions for the Level 8/9 National Team. Cole submitted a petition to the Senior session at the 2022 U.S. Championships and Alex submitted a petition to the Junior session at the 2022 U.S. Championships. The MPC agreed that these would all be additional spots to either the National Team or U.S. Championships, and would not take away spots from other athletes.

Motion: Due to international assignment, petitions are accepted for Hayden Brown and Danila Leykin to be placed on the 2022-2023 Level 8/9 National Team as additional spots.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed 3-0 (2 voters not present)

Motion: Due to international assignment, petitions are accepted for Cole Partridge and Alex Duebler to participate in the 2022 U.S. Championships as additional qualifiers. Cole will participate in the Senior session and Alex in the Junior session.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed 3-0 (2 voters not present)

III. Junior D score bonus system

A Junior bonus system that mirrors the Senior system has been proposed for Level 10 athletes at U.S. Championships. Feedback has been submitted from the community and a Zoom call was held with multiple National Team coaches and Junior National Coaching Staff members, which showed clear support for a similar bonus system as this will help prepare Junior athletes to turn Senior within two years.

A Bonus System Working Group was put together to establish the proper D scores and bonus for each event after evaluating results from recent domestic and international Junior competitions. When determining the system, the goal is to encompass approximately 50% of the participating athletes to achieve bonus on at least one event. The Working Group is proposing the bonus system below to go into effect at the 2022 U.S. Championships:

2022 Junior Bonus Table

FX		PH		SR		VT		PB		HB	
Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus
4.6	0.104	4.6	0.104	4.2	0.104	4.8	0.100	4.5	0.104	4.0	0.104
4.7	0.217	4.7	0.217	4.3	0.217			4.6	0.217	4.1	0.217
4.8	0.338	4.8	0.338	4.4	0.338	5.0	0.302	4.7	0.338	4.2	0.338
4.9	0.469	4.9	0.469	4.5	0.469			4.8	0.469	4.3	0.469
5.0	0.611	5.0	0.611	4.6	0.611	5.2	0.505	4.9	0.611	4.4	0.611
5.1	0.763	5.1	0.763	4.7	0.763			5.0	0.763	4.5	0.763
5.2	0.926	5.2	0.926	4.8	0.926	5.4	0.710	5.1	0.926	4.6	0.926
5.3	1.102	5.3	1.102	4.9	1.102			5.2	1.102	4.7	1.102
5.4	1.290	5.4	1.290	5.0	1.290	5.6	0.916	5.3	1.290	4.8	1.290
5.5	1.492	5.5	1.492	5.1	1.492			5.4	1.492	4.9	1.492

Motion: To approve the proposed Junior bonus system for the 2022 U.S. Championships

Motion: Kip Simons

Second: Mike Serra

Passed: 3-0 (2 voters not present)

IV. 2022 World Championships Discussion

The MPC needs to discuss the selection process for 2022 World Championships. The High Performance Director would like to utilize the FIG World Challenge Cup, which is taking place in Paris in September, which will be held at the 2024 Olympic venue. It is important to send athletes to this event. However, the event takes place the week before the World Championship Selection Camp.

The HPD has discussed with current National Team athletes and coaches a preliminary plan that would have the top two all-around finishers from the 2022 U.S. Championships qualify directly to the 2022 World Championship Team. In doing so, those two athletes would be sent to the Paris Challenge Cup and would not be required to earn their spot on the Worlds team through the World Selection Camp. Both athletes would be able to compete all-around in Paris as there is a limit to two athletes per event. The remaining Worlds Team members would be selected at the World Championship Selection Camp through a 2-day competition.

There was discussion on the petition procedures and requiring video evidence of readiness from any athlete submitting a petition. It was decided to leave this as an optional item for any petition but would not be required.

The HPD and VP will work on the 2022 World Championships Selection Procedures and will share them with all Senior NT coaches and athletes for a period of review prior to submitting to the MPC for final approval.

V. Senior and Junior Selection Committees

The VP submitted to the USAG Board of Directors an amendment to the Senior and Junior Selection Committee charters, which would have those committees start in July instead of October. The reasoning for this is to have both committees in place in time for the U.S. Championships when the Level 10 and Senior National Teams will be re-named. The BOD has approved these amendments and the new charters have been posted on the USAG website here: <https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/charters.html>

Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm EST



5/23/2022

MPC Chair Signature

Date