

MPC Meeting
May 26, 2022 via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 2:04pm EST

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair & Jr Coaches Rep
Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Rep
Justin Spring – Sr Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (voice, no vote)
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)
Raj Bhavsar – Jr High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote)
David Klein – MDPC Chair (voice, no vote)

Members not present:

Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep
Mike Juszczuk – NGJA Rep

I. Level 8/9 National Team Petitions

Two injury petitions have been submitted by current Level 8/9 National Team members who were unable to participate at Development National Championships, Jaden Bottarini and Mason Heath. The Jr High Performance Coordinator provided supplemental information and past results from both athletes to assist the Committee in determining their evaluation of each petition. The Men’s Program determined that, if accepted, both athletes would be added on to the new Level 8/9 NT and would not take away a NT spot from any named athletes. The Committee felt that both athletes are of a very high caliber and will raise the quality and potential of our Team as we look towards the next 12 months.

Motion: To accept the petition for Jaden Bottarini and add him to the 2022-2023 Level 8/9 National Team.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Mike Serra
Passed 4-0 (1 vote not present)

Motion: To accept the petition for Mason Heath and add him to the 2022-2023 Level 8/9 National Team.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Kip Simons
Passed 4-0 (1 vote not present)

II. Junior Pan Am Championships

The selection for the 2022 Junior Pan Am Championships Team used results from 2022 Development National Championships. Injuries have forced several top National Team athletes to be removed from the selection process. This will likely reduce our overall team scoring potential but will allow several athletes to gain their first international assignment.

The Jr High Performance Coordinator explained the data used for team selection following the process outlined in the [Selection Procedures](#), and the below athletes have been proposed for the Jr Pan Am Team:

Frederick Richard
Toby Liang
Cole Partridge
Nathan Roman
Alex Nitache (traveling reserve)
Ethan Cox (non-traveling reserve)

Motion: To approve the nominated athletes (listed above) to the 2022 Jr Pan Am Championships Team.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed 4-0 (1 vote not present)

III. Open Selections for Level 10 National Team Selection

With the addition of the new Junior D score bonus system, which will be utilized at the 2022 US Championships, the MPC needed to revise the process for the Open Selections for the Level 10 National Team. The D score bonus will replace the need for the 2D + E formula, which will incorporate bonus directly into final score. No additional calculations will be necessary to determine athlete rankings. The MPC felt that it made the most sense to go by all-around final result rankings for the three (3) Level 10 Open Selection spots, limiting a maximum of two athletes from either age group (16-17).

Motion: For the 2022 U.S. Championships, the three (3) Level 10 Junior National Team spots that are decided by Open Selection will be determined by all-around final results rankings (combined Day 1 and Day 2) with a minimum of one (1) athlete from both the 16 and 17 year old age groups.

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed 4-0 (1 vote not present)

Mike Serra updated the Junior National Team Selection Document to reflect the approved changes, and it has been posted here: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/m_22jnt_sdt_qual_0526.pdf

Motion to adjourn at 2:51pm EST

Motion: Sergei Pakanich

Second: Mike Serra

Passed 4-0 (1 vote not present)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Serra". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

6/8/2022

MPC Chair Signature

Date