

MPC Meeting via Zoom
August 2, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Serra at 1:03pm EST

Members present:

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

Members not present:

NGJA Rep – Mike Juszczak

Non-members present:

Men’s Program Manager – Lisa Mendel

I. Final Qualifiers to 2022 U.S. Championships

Currently 42 juniors and 46 seniors are registered for U.S. Championships. There can be a maximum of 48 athletes in each session. Petitions to U.S. Championships have been submitted to the MPC by three junior athletes and one senior athlete. Junior petitions were submitted by Sasha Bogonosiuik, David Shamah and Kai Uemura.

Sergei Pakanich recused himself for the discussion as he is the coach of one of the petitioned athletes.

The remaining MPC members evaluated each of the junior athletes and agreed that each of them is deserving of competing at 2022 U.S. Championships.

Motion: To accept the petition for Sasha Bogonosiuik to compete in the junior competition at the 2022 U.S. Championships

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Mike Serra
Passed 4-0 (1 vote recused)

Motion: To accept the petition for David Shamah to compete in the junior competition at the 2022 U.S. Championships pending medical clearance

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Randy Jepson

Passed 4-0 (1 vote recused)

Motion: To accept the petition for Kai Uemura to compete in the junior competition at the 2022 U.S. Championships pending medical clearance

Motion: Randy Jepson

Second: Mike Serra

Passed 4-0 (1 vote recused)

Sergei returned for the remainder of the meeting.

There are only two spots available for the senior competition at U.S. Championships, after qualifying 16 seniors from the 2022 U.S. Classic. Those spots can be filled from either petitions or from the next ranked non-qualified athlete(s) from the 10-point program results from U.S. Classic. In this case, there is a 3-way tie for the 17th position in the 10-point program results, between Connor McCool, Patrick Hoopes and Michael Artlip. One petition has been submitted by Eddie Penev.

Randy Jepson and Justin Spring recused themselves as they are coaches of athletes involved in the discussion.

The MPC first evaluated the petition from Eddie Penev. Eddie is a finalist at World Championships and is the reigning Floor Exercise Champion from the 2021 U.S. Championships. He has a long history of representing the USA and deserves to compete at the 2022 U.S. Championships.

Motion: To accept the petition for Eddie Penev to compete in the senior competition at the 2022 U.S. Championships pending medical clearance

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed 3-0 (2 votes recused)

One spot remains to reach 48 senior athletes at U.S. Championships with a 3-way tie for the 17th position from points results at U.S. Classic. There were no written tie-break procedures for this situation, therefore, the MPC decided that inviting all three athletes would be in the best interest of the athletes involved.

Motion: To approve athletes ranked 1-17 from the 10-point program results at U.S. Classic, including ties, to the senior competition of the 2022 U.S. Championships

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed: 3-0 (2 recused votes)

Randy and Justin returned for the remainder of the meeting.

II. Finalizing National Team Selection at 2022 U.S. Championships

The MPC needed to declare where petitioned Junior NT spots would come from if any petitions are submitted for the Junior National Team. There was discussion regarding having those spots designated as “unfunded” NT spots, but that option is not feasible. Historically, petitions have replaced open selection spots for the Junior NT. The MPC felt that this should be the case for 2022. For 2022, any petitioned athletes to the Junior National Team will come from the three (3) open selection spots.

Motion: To amend the 2022 Junior National Team open selections to select up to three (3) athletes in AA rank order from either the 16 or 17 year age group after any submitted petitions are considered.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Sergei Pakanich

Passed: 5-0

III. All junior and senior athletes who compete on Day 1 of 2022 U.S. Championships will qualify to Day 2.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm EST



August 6, 2022

MPC Chair

Date