

MPC Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm ET by Chair, Mike Serra

Members present:

Mike Serra – Chair (voice, no vote)
Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Rep
Pavel Sargsyan – Jr Coaches Rep
Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Rep
Kip Simons – Athlete Rep
Sam Phillips – 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:

Justin Spring – Sr Coaches Rep
Mike Juszczyk – NGJA Rep (voice, no vote)

Non-members present:

Lisa Mendel – Men’s Program Manager (voice, no vote)

I. Winter Cup All Around Qualifiers

The MPC, first, needed to confirm the AA qualifiers from the four qualification competitions to the 2023 Winter Cup as follows:

- From HNI:
 - Vitaliy Guimaraes
 - Spencer Goodell
 - Zachary Nunez
- From Navy Open:
 - Michael Jaroh
 - Drake Andrews
 - Michael Artlip
- From Windy City:
 - Maxim Bereznev
 - Javier Alfonso
 - Rithik Puri
- From Stanford Open:
 - Ian Gunther
 - Noah Newfield
 - Anthony Koppie

Prior to confirming the athletes who qualified from the Stanford Open, Pavel Sargsyan recused himself as the Committee would be discussing one of his athletes, Vahe Petrosyan. Vahe finished in the second qualifier position at the Stanford Open. However, the Committee had given Vahe a pre-qualified spot to

Winter Cup in the December 7, 2022 MPC meeting. Therefore, Anthony Koppie took the final qualifier spot with Vahe removed from this process.

Motion: To approve the 12 qualified All Around athletes to participate in the 2023 Winter Cup.

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed 5-0 (1 absent vote)

Pavel was brought back into the meeting.

II. Winter Cup Petitions

After the approval of the qualified athletes, there are five spots remaining to hit our goal of 48 athletes in the Senior session. The MPC received six petitions to Winter Cup. Five are for Individual Event petitions and one is for a medical petition.

The Committee first wanted to clarify for any approved IE petition, if that athlete would be required to compete only on the event in which they submitted for qualification or if they would be permitted to compete on any/all events at Winter Cup. Historically, those IE athletes have been allowed to compete on any/all events and there was no specific verbiage in the qualification procedures to say otherwise. There are cases in which an athlete who qualifies through an IE petition may also have other events that could contribute to the team. Therefore, those athletes should be allowed to compete other events. The Committee will look to make the expectations clearer in future qualification procedures.

Motion: To allow athletes who qualify through Individual Event petitions to compete any/all events at the 2023 Winter Cup.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Randy Jepson
Passed: 5-0 (1 absent vote)

The Committee moved to reviewing each submitted IE petition. All five IE petitions included the necessary documentation for review. The Committee evaluated each athlete's scores from their qualification event as well as their competitiveness with other qualified athletes at Winter Cup.

Motion: To approve Brandon Dang's IE petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Pavel Sargsyan
Passed: 5-0 (1 absent vote)

Motion: To approve Ignacio Yockers' IE petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed 5-0 (1 absent vote)

Motion: To approve Jack Freeman’s IE petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: 5-0 (1 absent vote)

Motion: To approve Troy Lipis’s IE petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Pavel Sargsyan
Passed: 4-0 (1 abstention, 1 absent vote)

Motion: To approve Colin Van Wicklen’s IE petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Pavel Sargsyan
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: 5-0 (1 absent vote)

With all five IE petitions accepted, the Committee moved to reviewing the one medical petition from Michael Fletcher. Michael has competed at previous Winter Cups and U.S. Championships. He has received full medical clearance to participate.

Motion: To approve Michael Fletcher’s medical petition for the 2023 Winter Cup

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Pavel Sargsyan
Passed: 5-0 (1 absent vote)

III. 2024 Winter Cup Qualifier Competitions

The MPC wanted to update a couple items to be added to the bid packets as requirements for hosting a 2024 Winter Cup qualifier competition:

1. Each competition must provide FIG results with D scores included
2. Each competition must be able to accommodate a minimum of 12 age eligible Senior athletes who are attempting to qualify for Winter Cup

USAG will send out the updated bid packets this week and 2024 hosts will be confirmed at the MPC meeting at 2023 Winter Cup.

Motion to adjourn at 1:25pm ET

Motion: Randy Jepson
Second: Sergei Pakanich



2.3.23

MPC Chair

Date