

Senior Selection Committee Minutes
February 26, 2023
2023 Winter Cup

Meeting called to order by Chair, Sam McArthur at 8:14pm ET.

Members present:

Sam McArthur – Chair & Sr Coaches Rep
Nalani Cook (via Zoom) – Sr Coaches Rep
Alex Buscaglia (via Zoom) – Athlete Rep
Akash Modi – Athlete Rep
Brett McClure – High Performance Director
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)

I. Verify the 12 automatic members of the 2023 Senior National Team from Winter Cup results.

- Brody Malone
- Yul Moldauer
- Fred Richard
- Asher Hong
- Ian Lasic-Ellis
- Shane Wiskus
- Joshua Karnes
- Curran Phillips
- Riley Loos
- Kameron Nelson
- Taylor Christopoulos
- Ian Skirkey

There are three spots open to be determined by discretionary criteria or petition. With the addition of Joshua Karnes to the Senior NT, Landen Blixt takes his spot on the Senior Development Team via All Around D score ranking from Winter Cup Day 1.

II. Name the remaining three athletes to the Senior National Team

The Committee looked at the next three ranked athletes in points and final all around standings as well as the five submitted petitions. The Committee received injury petitions from the following athletes, which included all required documentation for acceptance:

- Taylor Burkhart
- Paul Juda
- Colt Walker
- Donnell Whittenburg
- Curran Phillips

Curran was able to compete and earn his spot on the National Team, so his petition was no longer necessary. It was, therefore, removed from consideration.

The Committee made the decision to eliminate the next three ranked All Around athletes as there were already multiple strong AA athletes on the team. They also felt that with Ian Skirkey already named to the team as a Pommel Horse specialist, they are not in favor of including more Pommel Horse specialists on the team.

Akash Modi recused himself due to a conflict of interest with other members who are eligible for the National Team. Alex Buscaglia's votes will count as double to meet the required athlete representation.

The Committee looked at the documented return to play timelines for each of the petitions and the ability to fulfill upcoming international assignments over the coming months. Donnell Whittenburg was the only petitioned athlete already cleared for full training. He has multiple strong events and the most international experience of any athletes remaining for selection, including 2022 World Championships.

Motion: To approve Donnell Whittenburg's petition and name him to the 2023 Senior National Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Sam McArthur
Passed Unanimously

The Committee felt that all three remaining petitioned athletes were clearly some of our top athletes as they are all current National Team members and have all represented Team USA internationally. The main issue the Committee had with each of them was their return to play timelines. Due to the nature of their injuries, it is very possible that they may not be ready to compete in the coming months. The Committee felt that athletes who are ready to compete now and can fulfill international assignments should be prioritized.

While several other athletes who competed at Winter Cup were considered and discussed at length, the Committee felt strongly that the remaining athletes be based off ranking in the final points results in preparation for international assignments in the coming months.

The next ranked athlete in points is Khoi Young. Khoi will be able to contribute on all events in team scenarios, including strong Pommel Horse and Vault. He has also been able to compete a second vault with a 5.4 D score.

Motion: To approve Khoi Young to the 2023 Senior National Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Alex Buscaglia

Passed Unanimously

The next athlete in points is Blake Sun, who has World medal potential on Parallel Bars, which is key for assigning upcoming World Cups. Blake is also able to contribute in a team setting on Parallel Bars and Pommel Horse

Motion: To approve Blake Sun to the 2023 Senior National Team.

Motion: Alex Buscaglia

Second: Nalani Cook

Passed Unanimously

All 15 athletes have been named to the 2023 Senior Men's National Team to the 2023 U.S. Championships.

Akash Modi returned for the remainder of the discussion.

III. International Assignments

The goal is to provide a competitive international opportunity to as many National Team athletes as we can.

Motion: To assign the following athletes to the DTB Team Challenge:

- Brody Malone
- Yul Moldauer
- Fred Richard
- Asher Hong
- Shane Wiskus

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Nalani Cook

Passed Unanimously

Motion: To assign the following athletes to the Baku World Cup:

- Curran Phillips
- Blake Sun
- Khoi Young

Motion: Sam McArthur

Second: Brett McClure

Passed Unanimously

Motion: To assign the following Sr Development Team athletes to the Mixed Team Cup:

- Jeremy Bischoff
- Landen Blixt
- Isaiah Drake

Motion: Brett McClure

Second: Akash Modi

Passed Unanimously

Motion: To approve the following athletes to the Cairo World Cup:

- Ian Skirkey
- Kameron Nelson
- Donnell Whittenburg

Motion: Akash Modi

Second: Sam McArthur

Passed Unanimously

These international assignments are subject to change.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15pm ET

DocuSigned by:

Sam McArthur

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