Meeting Date: July 6, 2019
Meeting Location: Des Moines, IA
Report Date: August 20, 2019

Report of the Rhythmic Pan American Games Athlete Selection Committee Meeting

Attendees

IEC Chair	Nataliya Kozitskaya
PAG Judge	Elena Savenkova
Athlete Representative	Rebecca Sereda
Program Director (non-voting):	Caroline Hunt
Independent Observer (non-voting):	Alejandra Contreras (by speaker phone)

Summary of the Meeting

The Athlete Selection Committee connected with the independent observer by telephone and reviewed the selection criteria.

The Athlete Selection Committee will select the individual athletes from All-Around gymnasts ranked #1-5 at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships based on the discretionary criteria outlined in #2.2.

2.2: List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): All criteria considered together:
Results from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
• Consistency – percentage of hit routines in competition.
• Readiness to compete—current health status and physical preparedness of each gymnast.
• Previous proven international and national results, including previous Pan American results from the current Olympic cycle, if any: 2017 Pan American Championships (October 2017 Daytona Beach, FL, USA) and 2018 Pan American Championships (October 2018 Lima, PER).
• Previous proven international and national results
A. 2017 and 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships, if applicable.
B. 2017 and 2018 World Championships, if applicable.
C. 2017, 2018, 2019 World Cups, if applicable.
• Consistency—percentage of hit routines in competition.
• World Class presentation.
• Ability to contribute to the Group dynamic.
• Evaluation of four-event scores (Individual)

The Athlete Selection Committee used the USA Gymnastics Championships All-Around results as the starting point for the following process to select athletes for the individual events and moved through the results in rank order:

1. Results of the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships: Laura Zeng won the All-Around. The ASC discussed Laura's competition schedule since she has previously been assigned to the World

University Games immediately following the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships. In order for Laura Zeng to compete at two major events in a row as well as compete in World Cup competitions, international training for World preparation, and the World Championships themselves, she would need some short recovery period after the World University Games and before departure to Europe for a month. Therefore, she was not assigned to the Pan Am Games.

The second place AA finisher was Evita Griskenas. Evita's All-Around result at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships was supported by her fulfilling subsequent criteria, for competitions she attended that were applicable

The third place AA finisher was Camilla Feeley. Camilla also fulfilled the second point (consistency, as she had the greatest number of hit routines) and third point (readiness to compete). She also had demonstrated consistency in the previous two years at the USA Gymnastics Championships and the 2018 World Championships. She was assigned to the Pan American Games.

The next AA finisher was Nastasya Generalova; she had fewer consistent routines at the Championships but had fulfilled subsequent discretionary criteria and was named as the Alternate.

Group selection:

More than five (5) athletes may be training with a Group; therefore, once the Group has been selected, the five (5) athletes who will be named to the 2019 Pan American Team will be identified by the Athlete Selection Committee, in consultation with the Group's Head Coach by June 3, 2019 (date was amended). In making this determination, the criteria outlined in Section 2 (copied above) will be evaluated.

The ASC had consulted with the Group's Head Coach immediately following the Championships. The Group trains very tightly as a 6-person unit and it was a very difficult consultation. The Group's Head Coach, Margarita Mamzina, had asked previously if there was any way to bring all 6 to maintain the cohesive unit of training but the official accreditation of the Games did not allow for that. The Head coach had informed the ASC that in her record-keeping and analysis, all 6 were competing with the relatively same consistency level and were all relatively equal in the first 4 points of the criteria. In terms of world class presentation and ability to contribute to the Group dynamic, the Head coach indicated that two gymnasts had been working on fitness and world class presentation and between those two, one was contributing more to the daily training dynamic.

Upon meeting, the ASC understood and respected this consultation, ensured the criteria was correctly followed and named the following:

Nicole Sladkov
Liza Merenzon
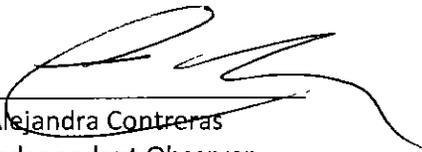Liza Pletneva
Isabelle Connor
Kristina Sobolevskaya

Alternate: Connie Du

Each Committee member and the Independent Observer were asked for further comments or questions. None was voiced. The meeting was closed.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the July 6, 2019 meeting of the Athlete Selection Committee for the 2019 Rhythmic Pan American Games Team.

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