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

Report of the Rhythmic World Championships 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.

Individual

The process for qualification/selection to the 2019 World Championships Team — three (3) or four (4) athletes — is a combination of the results from 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and discretionary selection criteria. Individual gymnasts will perform a total of 10 routines (Comp 1) at the 2019 World Championships.

a. The senior National Champion from the combined rank order of two (2) days of competition at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships will be automatically named to the 2019 World Championships Team: All-Around National Champion: Laura Zeng

b. From among the gymnasts ranked 2-6 in combined rank order of two (2) days of competition at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and petitioned athletes, the Athlete Selection Committee (ASC) will name the remaining two (2) or three (3) team members utilizing the discretionary criteria in ii.B.

Discretionary criteria:

The Athlete Selection Committee will use the following criteria, when selecting members for the 2019 World Championships Team: Individual

• Results from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
• Consistency/hit routines at
  1) USA Gymnastics Championships
  2) Any official international assignment or national event during the competitive season (percentage of hit routines in competition).
  a. A “hit” routine: all Difficulty elements are completed without loss or fall.
• Evaluation of eight (8) individual event scores from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
• Previous proven international and national results.
• **World Class presentation:** the strength, endurance, technical execution standard and artistic components commensurate with World and Olympic presentation.

• **Readiness to compete.**

Based on the discretionary criteria listed above, the next gymnast in rank order (criteria 1), who also fulfills the remaining criteria, is Evita Griskenas.

The remaining consideration was the third and/or fourth member(s) of the team to determine the final 2 routines for the Team: clubs and ribbon.

Criteria 1 was considered first in evaluating 2 clubs routines and 2 ribbon routines performed in the Championships for the next gymnasts in rank order: Camilla Feely had the next top scores in three out of the four events. She fulfilled criteria 1 and criteria 2. In keeping with results-driven decision-making in respect to criteria 1 and criteria 2, Camilla was confirmed to have world-class presentation and readiness to compete and was named to the Team to compete clubs and ribbon.

*A nontraveling alternate will also be named at this time by the same criteria:* the next gymnast in rank order was named as the alternate: Nastasya Generalova

Group selection:

**Selection of the Group**

• The top ranked Senior Group at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships may be named to the World Championships by the Athlete Selection Committee after an analysis of readiness at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and a review of the world-level 2019 international competition results: The top-ranked Group who also had qualified into World Cup Finals during the 2019 international season is National Prep, and they were named the Group World Team.

Selection of the Group’s Athletes Groups are comprised of six (6) athletes, five (5) of whom compete on each of the Group’s two (2) events. More than six (6) athletes may be training with a Group; therefore, once the Group has been selected, the six (6) athletes who will be named to the 2019 World Championships team will be identified by the Athlete Section Committee, in consultation with the Group’s Head Coach at the conclusion the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships. In making this determination, the criteria outlined in Section II. will be evaluated.

**Discretionary criteria:**

**Group**

• Readiness to compete—current health status and physical preparedness of each gymnast.

• Ability to contribute to the Group dynamic.

• Consistency/hit routines at

  1) USA Gymnastics Championships

  2) Any official international assignment or national event during the competitive season (percentage of hit routines in competition). o A “hit” routine: all Difficulty elements are completed without loss or fall.

• Results from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
• Previous proven international and national results.
• World Class presentation: the strength, endurance, technical execution standard and artistic components commensurate with World and Olympic presentation

Based on the first criteria, there are 6 gymnasts currently healthy enough to handle the preparation and competition requirements and were named to the World Team:

Nicole Sladkov
Liza Merenzon
Liza Pletneva
Isabelle Connor
Kristina Sobolevskaya
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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