

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

Selection Committee Meeting Report

Date of selection meeting Friday June 25th, 2021; Monday June 28th, 2021; Saturday July 3rd, 2021

Location of selection meeting Saint Louis. MO

Selection Committees

		TRA M	TRA W	Coach
Chair	EC Chair	Chelsea Rainer	Chelsea Rainer	Chelsea Rainer
Voting 1	EC Discipline Rep	Nuno Merino	Nuno Merino (recused)	Nuno Merino
Voting 2	National Coordinator	Nuno Merino (recused)	Nuno Merino (recused)	Nuno Merino (recused)
Voting 3	Athlete Selection Rep	Michael Devine	Michael Devine	Michael Devine
Voting 4	Additional Athlete Rep	Jeffrey Brown	Jeffrey Brown	Jeffrey Brown
Alternate voting	Junior National Coordinator		Steven Gluckstein	
	EC Chair	Chelsea Rainer	Chelsea Rainer	Chelsea Rainer
Voice, no vote	National Coordinator		Nuno Merino	
	Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey	Jacqui Godfrey	Jacqui Godfrey
No voice, no vote	Independent observer	Rochelle Mello	Rochelle Mello	Rochelle Mello

Information and Documentation

The Selection Committees met in person following the final selection event, except for Michael Devine who joined remotely.

The Selection Committees followed the procedures set forth in the USA Gymnastics [Athlete Selection Procedures](#) for the 2020 Olympic Games in Trampoline & Tumbling, and the USA Gymnastics [Staff Selection Procedures](#) for the 2020 Olympic Games (the “Selection Procedures”). The Selection Committee read through the Selection Procedures together to ensure that they were understood.

Results from the following selection events (“Tryout Events”) were considered, per the Selection Procedures:

- 2021 Elite Challenge
- 2021 VIP Classic OR 2021 Brescia World Cup
- 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships

Per the Selection Procedures, it was not necessary to consider the 2021 Pan American Championships.

Athletes’ combined scores (“Combined Scores”) were totaled per the Selection Procedures: “*The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two (2) Preliminary Scores from the Tryout Events.*” Athletes were ranked by Combined Score. A spreadsheet identifying the athletes’ Combined Scores and ranks was provided to all Selection Committee members by the Program Director. The spreadsheet was published on the [USAG website](#) following the meeting.

The United States earned one Women's Federation spot, and Aliaksei Shostak earned one Men's nominative spot. These quotas are published on the [FIG website](#).

Athlete selection process

All eligible athletes were considered for selection. Per the Selection Procedures, petitions were not permitted.

Women's Trampoline

The committee discussed the open grievance within Women's Trampoline and agreed that only the Olympian and one replacement athlete would be selected at this time, however the selection committee will meet at the conclusion of the grievance process to consider adding a second replacement athlete.

The athlete with the highest Combined Score was selected to the 2020 Olympic Team.

The athlete with the second highest Combined Score was named as a replacement athlete for the 2020 Olympic Team.

- Nicole Ahsinger
- Charlotte Drury – traveling replacement athlete

Men's Trampoline

The athlete who earned a quota place by name was selected to the 2020 Olympic Team.

- Aliaksei Shostak

Conclusion

Selection Committee members were invited to make any further comments or questions. None were voiced.

The Selection Committee agreed that the Selection Procedures were followed in the selection of the Olympic Games athletes.

Coach selection process

Full [Selection Procedures](#) are published on the USA Gym website.

The committee identified the individuals eligible to fulfil the Coach role per criteria listed in the Selection Procedures: *Be a current High Performance Director, National Team Head Coach, Program Director, or personal coach of an athlete nominated to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team. All personal coaches as designated by qualified athletes will be considered part of the pool of candidates.* All of these coaches were duly considered. Two Trampoline coaches have roles with FIG and were not available for selection, including Nuno Merino who was therefore able to serve his role on the Selection Committee.

Eligible individuals (excluding Nuno Merino):

- Logan Dooley
- Steven Gluckstein
- Tara Guidry
- Dmitri Poliaroush
- Alexandyr Shostak

The Selection Committee considered the following factors listed in the Selection Procedures:

- *Schedule of events*
- *Medal potential of competing athlete(s) of personal coaches based on ranking and past results*
- *Ability to work with multiple athletes*
- *History of traveling internationally with athlete(s)*

The Selection Procedures dictate that the coach must meet the following criteria (in addition to several administrative criteria met by all candidates):

- *Proven team leadership*
- *International experience*
- *Ability to communicate to athletes, coaches and judges*
- *Attend all required meetings and training camps*
- *Have the ability to work effectively with the USOPC.*
- *Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills as relevant to the position/area of expertise.*
- *Be responsible for Team's adherence to all rules regarding discipline at the Games.*
- *Be available for entire duration of the Games, if requested.*
- *Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) rules and regulations governing the sport as relevant to the position/area of expertise.*
- *Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.*
- *Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.*

The Olympic coach was selected as the personal coach of both athletes, as well as being able to fulfill the criteria listed in the Selection Procedures. It was acknowledged that Dmitri has submitted unavailability due to FIG responsibilities, but the Selection Committee hopes that he will be willing to prioritize the team.

- Dmitri Poliaroush - Olympic coach

The Olympic assistant coach was selected as being able fulfill the requirements of the Olympic coach should the named Olympic coach be unable to, as well as being able to fulfill the criteria listed in the Selection Procedures.

- Steven Gluckstein – Olympic assistant coach

The alternate coach was selected as the personal coach of the alternate, as well as being able to fulfill the criteria listed in the Selection Procedures.

- Logan Dooley – Alternates coach

Conclusion

Selection Committee members were invited to make any further comments or questions. None were voiced.

The Selection Committee agreed that the Selection Procedures were followed in the selection of the Olympic Games coaches.

Date of reconvened selection meeting

Monday June 28th, 2021

Location of selection meeting

Saint Louis. MO

Selection Committee

		Coach
Chair	EC Chair	Chelsea Rainer
Voting 1	EC Discipline Rep	Nuno Merino
Voting 2	National Coordinator	Nuno Merino (recused)
Voting 3	Athlete Selection Rep	Michael Devine
Voting 4	Additional Athlete Rep	Jeffrey Brown
Alternate voting	EC Chair	Chelsea Rainer
Voice, no vote	Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
No voice, no vote	Independent observer	Rochelle Mello

Coach selection process

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Dmitri Poliaroush and Steven Gluckstein declined their coach assignments. The athletes requested the Committee to consider Tatiana Kovaleva as an additional personal coach option, and to reconsider Tara Guidry.

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The Olympic coach was selected as an additional personal coach as requested by both athletes, as well as being able to best fulfill the criteria listed in the Selection Procedures from among the remaining proposed coaches.

- Tatiana Kovaleva - Olympic coach

The Committee agreed that with only two athletes and complementary schedules, an assistant coach (able to attend training only) was not necessary.

Conclusion

Selection Committee members were invited to make any further comments or questions. None were voiced.

The Selection Committee agreed that the Selection Procedures were followed in the selection of the Olympic Games coaches.

Date of reconvened selection meeting

Saturday July 3rd, 2021

Location of selection meeting

Zoom

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Replacement athlete selection process

The outcome of the grievance has been received. The arbitrator's decision was to overturn the USAG Ethics & Grievance Committee decision and reinstate the original scores published on the USAG website following the VIP Classic.

The committee expressed their empathy towards all affected athletes, and acknowledged the disruption and uncertainty that all have experienced.

The committee members clarified and agreed that it is the job of the committee to look at the set of numbers resulting from the outcome and apply the selection procedures accordingly. The members have no input into or bearing on the outcome of the hearing itself.

It was confirmed that the June 28 deadline contained in the selection procedures was formally extended by the USOPC in recognition of the open grievance, to July 3.

Women's Trampoline

- Sarah Webster – 1st replacement athlete (traveling)
- Charlotte Drury – 2nd replacement athlete (traveling) *

* Drury's designation as 2nd replacement athlete is a clarification to the original selection of alternate (unranked), which was made pending the results of the arbitration.

Coaches

The committee discussed the roster of coaches already selected, and it was agreed that the coaches chosen remain the closest representation of the selection procedures and have the confidence of the committee to perform those roles.

Conclusion

Selection Committee members were invited to make any further comments or questions. None were voiced.

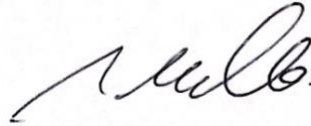
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Closing Remarks

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the June 25th, June 28th, and July 3rd, 2021 meetings of the Selection Committee for the 2020 Olympic Games.



Jacqui Godfrey
USA Gymnastics T&T Program Director
July 1, 2021



Rochelle Mello
Independent Observer
Date: July 3, 2021