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Des Moines, IA

Junior World Championships Selection Committee

IEC Chair	Nataliya Kozitskaya
JRWCH Judge	Catherine Yahkimovich
Athlete Representative	Rebecca Sereda
Independent Observer (by speaker phone):	Alexandra Contreras
Program Director (non-voting):	Caroline Hunt

The Selection Committee connected with the independent observer and reviewed the selection criteria for Individual and Group. A detailed report on the meeting will be prepared separately:

Following the Selection Procedures, the ASC named the following Individuals as the 2019 JR World Championships Team:

Rope and Ball: Alexandria Kautzman

Clubs: Viktoria Kobolev

Ribbon: Jenna Zhao

Each member and the Independent Observer were asked for further comments or questions. The meeting was closed and the Program Director and Athlete Representative brought together the JR Individual and Group athletes to explain the process of review outlined above and announce the team.

Amendment: July 10, 2019

The Athlete Selection Committee received a request to revisit its initial decision following information provided by USA Gymnastics:

USA Gymnastics has reviewed the Ted Stevens Act, including Section 220509(a), which contains the following language: "The corporation shall establish and maintain provisions in its constitution and bylaws for the swift and equitable resolution of disputes...relating to the opportunity of an amateur athlete...to participate in the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan-American Games, world championship competition...". We have also reviewed Section 9.1 of the USOPC's bylaws which states, "No member of the corporation may deny or threaten to deny any amateur athlete the opportunity to participate in the Olympic Games, the Pan American Games, the Paralympic Games, a World Championship competition, or other such protected competition...". Upon review of both the Ted Stevens Act and the USOPC bylaws, USA Gymnastics is in agreement that the Junior World Championships can be classified as a "protected competition." Given that, we have asked the Athlete

Selection Committee to revisit its initial decision with the understanding that a group team will be selected for the Rhythmic Junior World Championship.

The Athlete Selection Committee appreciates the following response given by USA Gymnastics:

USA Gymnastics believes that, in its initial decision, the Athlete Selection Committee applied the applicable selection criteria in good faith, without bias, and equally to all athletes similarly situated. But given the above conclusion that the Rhythmic Junior World Championship can be classified as a protected competition, USA Gymnastics agrees that the Athlete Selection Committee should revisit its initial decision.

The independent observer is responsible for ensuring that the selection procedures were in fact followed and will sign off on the report to confirm this.

The Athlete Selection Committee unanimously agrees that its initial decision was made in accordance with the written procedures and in good faith, but has reviewed the information provided by USA Gymnastics regarding the Ted Stevens Act and respects this interpretation, thereby approving the top-ranked Junior Group from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships to be assigned to the Junior World Championships