

INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE  
National Team Training Center  
October 25, 2014

Meeting began at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman	Mihai Brestyan
Coaches Representatives	Mary Lee Tracy Liang Qiao Kim Zmeskal Burdette
National Team Coordinator	Martha Karolyi
Director of Elite Program	Steve Rybacki (conference call)
Athlete Representative	Terin Humphrey (absent)
Developmental Team Coordinator	Valeri Liukin
Vice President of Program	Luan Peszek

I. 2015 Calendar

The committee reviewed the 2015 calendar which will be distributed to all coaches and posted on the website. <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/calendar15.pdf>

There will be several opportunities for athletes to get their compulsory and optional elite qualifying score this year. To summarize the competitions:

Jan. 16	Cincinnati Elite Compulsory Qualifier	Cincinnati, Ohio
Feb. 5-6	Buckeye National Qualifier (comp. & optional)	Columbus, Ohio
Feb. 13-14	WOGA National Qualifier (comp. & optional)	Frisco, Texas
Feb. 21	All Olympia National Qualifier (comp & optional)	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mar. 13	Tim Rand Elite Compulsory Qualifier	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
April 10-12	HOPES National Qualifier (comp & optional)	Auburn, Wash.
May 29-30	Compulsory & Optional Elite Qualifier - Jr & Sr	Huntsville, Texas
May 30	American Classic	Huntsville, Texas
May 31	Hopes Classic	Huntsville, Texas
July 24-25	Secret U.S. Classic/HOPES Championships	TBD
Aug. 12-16	P&G Championships	Indianapolis, Ind.

Note: HOPES athletes MUST obtain their compulsory and optional score in order to qualify and compete at the HOPES Classic, May 31, in Huntsville, Texas, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Hopes athletes who have qualified for the Hopes Classic may register for the Hopes Classic and if the athlete wants to attempt to achieve her jr. international elite score, she may also register for the National Qualifier May 30. If she achieves her Jr. International Score at the May National Qualifier, she will scratch from the Hopes Classic on May 31 and register for the Secret U.S. Classic July 25. If she doesn't achieve her jr. international score than she can compete in the Hopes Classic the following day and try to advance to the Hopes Championships.

If your junior or senior athlete qualifies for the Classic during the May National Qualifier, she will NOT be able to register for the American Classic – she may register for the Secret U.S. Classic July 25. **(this is different than last year).**

- II. 2015 World Championships and Pan American Games Selection Procedures.  
The committee reviewed the drafts of both the 2015 World Championships and Pan American Games Selection Procedures.

Motion: Mary Lee made a motion to approve the 2015 Pan American Games Selection Procedures

Second: Liang Qiao

Motion: Kim Zmeskal-Burdette made a motion to approve the 2015 World Championships Selection Procedures

Second: Liang Qiao

- III. The committee discussed the current elite qualification scores to both the Classic and Championships and made the following recommendation:

Senior Elite	Junior Elite
53.00 to Classic	51.50 to Classic
54.00 to Championships	52.50 to Championships

The Senior Elite score is the same as last year and the Junior Elite score increased by .50 for both the Classic and Championships.

For the HOPES, the IEC made the following recommendation:

Hopes 12-13	Hopes 10-11
49.00 to Classic	47.00 to Classic

The top 36 gymnasts from HOPES Classics will qualify to the HOPES Championships, which will take place the day prior to the Secret U.S. Classic. The age groups will be broken out as follows:

The top 18 12-13 year olds and the top 18 10-11 year olds, who have achieved the minimum qualification score for their respective age division, will advance to the HOPES Championships. If one of the age groups does not fill up, then fill from the other age group from the rank order of HOPES Classic.

Motion: Liang Qiao

Second: Mary Lee Tracy

- IV. Athlete Funding  
The committee discussed Athlete Funding. Currently 7 juniors and 7 seniors are being funded. There are an additional 6 funded slots available.

The athletes currently being funded based on their performance at P&G Championships for juniors and World Championships for seniors are:

Seniors:	Juniors:
Biles	Foberg
Ross	Dennis
Skinner	Flatley
Kocian	Chiles
Baumann	Vasquez
Locklear	Gaskins
Desch	Key

The committee recommended adding Ragan Smith to the National Team and funding, retroactive from P&G Championships based on her performance at the Oct. training camp. The remaining 5 funded slots will be awarded by the IEC at a later time.

Motion: Liang Qiao  
Second: Mary Lee Tracy

V. Equipment

Beginning at the November training camp we will be training on the AAI soft rails. The IEC would prefer we use the AAI soft rails for domestic competitions.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 p.m.