

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

December 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. CST by Chairman Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chairman & Vice Chairman for Men
Bill Foster, MPC Secretary & Junior Coaches' Representative
Steve Butcher, Junior Coaches' Representative
Kurt Golder, Senior Coaches' Representative
Miles Avery, Senior Coaches' Representative
Jay Thornton, Athletes' Representative (absent)
John Roethlisberger, Athletes' Representative (absent)

Present, Not Voting:

Butch Zurich, National Gymnastics Judges Association
Ron Brant, Senior Program Coordinator
Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

II. Discussion of World Championships

Yoichi Tomita gave a brief report on the 2005 World Championships. He noted that our team was relatively young and inexperienced. The gymnasts did very well and made a good impression on the international community as to the depth and quality of our program. Kevin Tan and Justin Spring, in particular, had outstanding performances on SR and HB, respectively, and were worthy of making it into the Finals.

III. Selection Procedures

Dennis McIntyre asked the MPC if anyone had received any written suggestions and reports from the coaching community for our selection procedures. None were received. The entire procedure was reviewed and discussed, point-by-point. A Selection Procedure Format Draft will be presented to the MPC for review in the coming week.

IV. Pan American Games

The committee received a general overview of the 2007 Pan American Games, scheduled for July 13-18, 2007 in Rio de Janeiro [2 weeks prior to USA Championships (August 2-4, 2007).] Selection procedures must be completed prior to the Winter Cup Challenge.

V. Foreign Athletes

USA Gymnastics did a legal review of all aspects of competitive participation within USA Gymnastics programs by foreign USA Gymnastics athlete members based upon the Amateur Sports Act. Foreign athletes who are members of USA Gymnastics are eligible for any competition except for one that is committed to the selection of a National Team. This may preclude inviting foreign athletes to compete as guests (exhibition only) at meets such as USA Championships and the Winter Cup Challenge. Dennis McIntyre will further research this aspect of the interpretation and report back to the MPC.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 12:58 p.m.CDT

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Kurt Golder

PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Bill Foster, Junior Coaches Representative

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President