

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

January 11, 2005

The conference call began at 7:05 a.m. Pacific by Chair Yoichi Tomita.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men
Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep.
George Beckstead, FIG Rep. (absent)
Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.
Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.
Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.
John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

II. 2005 Winter Cup Challenge Petitions

Ron Galimore described the process of 58 petitions, not including the 4 foreign athletes. Some individuals sent in poor videos. Also, some routines did not match the written analysis submitted. Every single routine submitted had to be completely judged in order to create a level playing field. The routines were judged by the new FIG changes – 1.6 bonus. The goal for this Winter Cup Challenge is 84 gymnasts.

Motion to approve Jeff Johnson's injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (Rings only).

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second: Miles Avery
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve Nyika White's injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (rings only).

Motion: Steve Butcher
Second: Kurt Golder
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve the foreign athlete petitions of Canadian gymnasts Adam Wong and Casey Sandy for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. A letter of request was submitted from the Canadian Gymnastics Federation. They will not displace any positions open to U.S. gymnasts.

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Bill Foster
Approved- Unanimously

Jose David Ramos of Puerto Rico has requested to participate in the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. The Men's Program Committee must first receive a letter from his federation requesting participation.

Nikolai Korepanov, Gym Force Gymnastics Training Center, is also requesting to participate in the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge. He has Russian citizenship, but is a U.S. resident seeking citizenship. He has never represented Russia in international competition. He also did participate in the 2004 U.S. Championships (exhibition only). Ron Galimore will request a petition tape from this athlete to determine if he will meet the participation criteria established by the MPC.

At this point in the meeting it was decided to have a one hour recess to provide an opportunity for Ron Galimore to recalculate potential approved petitions according to criteria adjustments made by the MPC.

Call ended at 11:00 am EST
Call resumed at 12:30 pm EST

Motion to approve the petitioned athletes to the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge based on the following set criteria:

All-Around & 5-Event Qualifiers	= 8.0 average score
4-Event Qualifiers	= 8.2 average score
3-Event Qualifiers	= 8.4 average score
2-Event Qualifiers	= 8.6 average score
1-Event Qualifiers	= MPC selection

There will be no change in the participation policy and athletes who qualify through the 3, 4, & 5 event criteria will be allowed to compete in the All-Around.

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second Jay Thornton
Approved: Unanimously

Motion to approve Brian Lee's injury petition for the 2005 Winter Cup Challenge (Rings only).

Motion: Steve Butcher
Second: Bill Foster
Approved: Unanimously

III. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:00am Pacific

Motion: Yoichi Tomita
Second: Steve Butcher
PASSED: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary
Approved by Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program
Approved by Bob Colarossi, USAG President