



Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024 Selection Committee Meeting  
1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Central Time

Selection Committee Members in Attendance:

John LaTona, Clay Morton, and Shannon Nishi-Patton

Public members in attendance: Diane Martin

The USA-NKF Selection Committee meeting was held Thursday, February 15, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. Central Time.

### **Call to Order**

John LaTona opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Central Time.

### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was no conflict of interest among the members.

### **Open Session**

1. Welcome and introduction
  - a. John LaTona introduced Shannon Nishi-Patton as the newest member of the Selection Committee and welcomed her to the committee.
  - b. Each committee member shared a brief introduction of their background.
2. Use of USA-NKF Email Addresses
  - a. Clay Morton and Shannon Nishi-Patton will request USA-NKF emails from Elisa Au.
  - b. All communication for the Selection Committee will be addressed to their USA-NKF emails.
3. Team Trials Recap
  - a. John LaTona described his observations and feedback received from the Team Trials as positive.
  - b. Feedback to John LaTona from board members and staff present was also positive. Feedback included that the event ran smoothly and that the atmosphere was more cohesive within the referee corp. Positive feedback was received from coaches and officials.
  - c. Additional comments were received that the selection process was more detailed than in previous years as a result of the work of the Selection Committee and the transparency of the process.
4. Procedures
  - a. John LaTona discussed the selection process for the Team Trials and procedures were reviewed with several groups including the Selection Committee, representatives from the AAC, Coach, Tournament Operations, Medical Committee, as well as the High Performance Consultant, CEO, RC Chair, and Elisa Au.

- b. Feedback suggested the selection process was more detailed, thorough, and transparent than in previous years.
  - c. John LaTona reviewed the three procedures that the Selection Committee has been asked for input on, including:
    - i. Pan American Games staff selection
    - ii. Team Trials Athlete Selection Process
    - iii. Team Trials Officials Selection Process
  - d. The Selection Committee will be working on desktop procedures and any new procedures that the group is asked to help develop.
- 5. Next Meeting Date
  - a. The team discussed their first quarterly 2024 meeting. The meeting date will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, Central Time.
- 6. Public Comments
  - a. Diane Martin stated the Team Trials were well executed and thanked the Selection Committee for their important contributions.

John LaTona thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Central Time.