

**USA GYMNASTICS**  
**ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – TOKYO, JAPAN**  
**TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING**  
**Amended June 10, 2019**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

- A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:
1. Citizenship:  
Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the start of the 2019 Elite Challenge and at the time of selection hold a current U.S. Passport valid through May 11, 2020.
  2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any):
    - Athlete must be a minimum of 17 years of age by December 31, 2019.
    - Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2019 World Championships accreditation.
  3. Other requirements (if any):  
Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- B. Tryout Events
1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.
    - Selection Events:
      - 2019 Elite Challenge, May 16-19, Winston-Salem, NC
      - 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, July 2-6, Des Moines, IO
      - 2019 World Championships Selection Camp, October 17-20, Lake Placid, NY
  2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed in I.B.1.
    - To qualify to compete at the 2019 Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite.
    - To compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2019 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies ([Section IV](#)).
- C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team members (including maximum team size).
1. Up to four (4) males and four (4) females plus one traveling alternate in each gender, in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini may be selected into the World Championships Team.

2. Definitions:
  - a. Combined Score: The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two Preliminary Scores from the three Selection Events.
  - b. Preliminary Score: The Preliminary Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Selection Event.
  - c. Qualification Minimum Score: The Qualification Minimum Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Selection Event. The Qualification Minimum Scores are:
    - Trampoline Men: 104.000; Women: 97.500
    - Tumbling Men: 69.200; Women: 63.100
    - Double Mini Trampoline Men: 70.000; Women: 67.500
3. Process for World Championships team selection:
  - a. Up to three athletes with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the three Selection Events (clause I.B.1) will be named to the World Championships Team, provided they have met the Qualification Minimum Score requirement in the preliminary round at least once in the selection process.
  - b. In addition to athletes who earn a spot on the World Championships team (per 1.C.3.a.), the selection committee, using the discretionary selection criteria in section II, may add athletes (up to the maximum team size of four plus alternate) from among:
    - Athlete with the next highest Combined Score, having met the Qualification Minimum Score.
    - Petitioners, as outlined in I.D.
  - c. Should a minimum of three athletes not qualify to the World Championships team through I.3.a-b, the selection committee may select the athletes with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the three Selection Events, to a maximum of 3 athletes per gender/discipline.
  - d. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the World Championships Trampoline Team and must include the alternate if applicable. The pairs will be named by the National Trampoline Team Head Coach, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.
4. Athletes named to the 2019 World Championships team must attend the World Championships Preparation Camp, and must travel to Tokyo, Japan with the delegation.
5. The World Championships Team will be named by the Selection Committee immediately following the conclusion of the 2019 World Championships Selection Camp.

#### D Petition Procedures

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2019 World Championships Team because of his/her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1. Procedures for petitioning into the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies [Section VI.II.B.1-6](#).
2. Athletes may petition directly to the 2019 World Championships Team.
3. Petitions to the 2019 World Championships Team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received by the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of his/her inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of competition at the 2019 World Championships Selection Camp.
4. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor approved by USA Gymnastics.
5. To be eligible to petition, the athlete must have been an individual finalist (top 8) in the same discipline at the 2017 or 2018 World Championships or 2017 World Games, or the 2018 or 2019 U.S. National Champion in the same discipline.
6. In considering the petition, the Selection Committee will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in II.B.3.

E. Selection Committee Members

1. The Selection Committee (SC) is a three-member voting body:

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini Trampoline
Elite Committee Chair *	Elite Committee Chair *	Elite Committee Chair *
National TRA Head Coach <del>OR Junior National TRA Coach</del>	National TUM Head Coach	National DMT Head Coach
Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative
High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **
<del>National TRA Head Coach</del> <del>OR Junior National TRA Coach (voice, no vote) ***</del>		

\* The Elite Committee Chair will serve as the SC Chair.

\*\* The High Performance Coordinator will present any background information relevant to selection (verbal or written report).

\*\*\* ~~The Trampoline National Coaches will work together as part of the Selection Committee, but will only have 1 vote between them.~~

Note: An Independent Observer of Procedure appointed by a sub-committee of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors will be present at the final selection meeting (no voice, no vote).

2. Conflict of Interest

In the event that an SC member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for a team, or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the SC for any reason, a replacement will be named in the following order:

- Should the Athlete Representative need to be replaced, another person eligible to represent the athletes will be named.
- Should the National Trampoline Head Coach need to be replaced, the Junior National Trampoline Coach will be named.
- Should any other member of the SC need to be replaced (including the Junior National Trampoline Coach) replacements will be named by the SC Chair, with preference given to:
  - Members of the SC for other T&T disciplines
  - International experts (athlete / coach / judge with world-level competition or judging experience)
- Should the National Head Coach need to be replaced, they will retain the right to present a selection recommendation (complete with reasoning), and answer questions from the SC, after which time they will be required to leave the selection meeting.

## II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

1. Trampoline & Tumbling is a subjectively judged event. It is difficult to make selection decisions based solely on the rank order. Additionally, athletes can be severely penalized for failing to complete their entire routine or touching anything other than the competition surface.

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

1. The Selection Committee may choose additional team member(s), in addition to those who automatically secured a place on the team pursuant to I.C.3.a., following the conclusion of the 2019 World Championships Selection Camp.
2. To be eligible for consideration under discretionary criteria, the athlete must be a petitioning athlete per I.D, or in the case that the Selection Committee needs to determine between a petitioning athlete and an athlete who had the next highest Combined Score per I.C.3.b.
3. Criteria used by the Selection Committee will include:
  - Routine “hit” percentage
  - Recent international performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
  - Recent domestic performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
  - Total score potential: prior qualification total score or final pass score

- Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic
4. Criterion used by the Selection Committee to approve the National Team Trampoline Head Coaches' recommendation for synchronized trampoline pairs include:
- Utilizing the alternate
  - Existing pair with prior successful results
  - Based on the recent performances of the athletes named to the World Championships team for individual trampoline, identification of a new pairing with likely medal potential

### III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is selected to the team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:
1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
  2. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of her illness or injury by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
  3. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the World Championships
  4. Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement or the Trampoline & Tumbling [Responsibilities Manual](#).
  5. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the T&T Program Director and the Athlete Representative, and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach may be reviewed through the USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures. An athlete who may be removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).
- B. An athlete may be removed from the team at any time for violation of WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

### IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The individuals identified in I.E.1 will identify replacement athletes, if any, for each gender/discipline, using the discretionary criteria as described in II.B.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
1. Prior to departure for Preparation Camp, if a member of the Team is unable to travel for any reason, the following process will be used to determine a replacement.
    - If an Alternate had previously been named during the selection process, the Alternate in the gender/discipline where the vacancy occurred will become a competing athlete.
    - The Selection Committee will determine if an additional alternate will be selected to the team. If so, the Selection Committee will name that alternate utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in section II.B. The time required to book travel and apply for travel visas will dictate the last time at which an additional athlete may be named.
  2. After the conclusion of the Preparation Camp, if a member of the team is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal, the following process will be used to determine a replacement.
    - If an Alternate had previously been named during the selection process, the Alternate in the gender/discipline where the vacancy occurred will automatically become a Competing Athlete.
    - If a vacancy occurs in Synchronized Trampoline, the National Trampoline Team Head Coach will determine if one of the remaining trampoline team members (including the Alternate if one is present), who is not currently part of a synchronized pair, will fill the vacancy in synchronized trampoline using the criteria in II.B.
- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
- See I.E.

## V. COACH SELECTION

- A. The Coaches for the 2019 World Championships Team will be selected from among the national team head coaches, as well as the personal coaches of the team members and other experienced coaches. The Selection Committee will name the World Championships coaches following the determination of the World Championships team at the conclusion of the 2019 World Championships Selection Camp. Based on the number of available credentials and the needs of the team, coaches will be selected as follows:
- Individual Trampoline//Synchronized Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
  - Tumbling: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
  - Double Mini Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.

- The coaching team of each discipline shall be responsible for the line-ups, including the order in which the athletes will compete and the determination of the three competing athletes in Team Finals.
- Personal Coaches of the athletes selected as 2019 World Championships Team Members will be selected according to the number of credentials available to the team and limited to one coach per athlete.

B. Criteria to be considered in selecting the World Championships coaches include:

- USA Gymnastics Professional Member in good standing
- International experience
- Proven leadership ability
- Rapport with athletes
- National Team Head Coach or personal coach of an athlete named to the 2019 World Championships team.
- Technical knowledge
- Be able to attend the World Championships Preparation Camp, and all required meetings.
- Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.

C. Removal of Coach

- Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness which inhibits the ability to perform coaching duties as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If a coach refuses verification of his or her illness or injury by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), the injury will be assumed to be disabling and the coach may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct or Trampoline & Tumbling [Responsibilities Manual](#).
- A coach shall automatically be deemed removed if the individual becomes ineligible for leadership pursuant to Section 2.4 of USA Gymnastics Bylaws or fails to meet the affirmative duty required by Section 2.4 of the Bylaws.
- Should an athlete be removed from the team pursuant to section III, the personal coach of that athlete may also be removed. Factors that may be taken into consideration when evaluating removal include timing of the removal, availability of credentials, status of a replacement athlete, or the needs of the team.
- Failure to attend the entire World Championships Preparation Camp.
- Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures per the USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

## VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Gymnastics will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the 2019 World Championships.

A World Championship Athlete Selection Committee Report, outlining the work and decisions of the SC, will be made available for distribution to all athletes and coaches who participated in the selection events within a reasonable amount of time after the final selection event. The report will be made public on the USA Gymnastics website. USA Gymnastics retains the sole discretion to determine the contents and timing of the report.

## **VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be adhered to by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2019 World Championships Team and can be found online at [http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)

- USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy
- USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
- National Team Agreement
- Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibility Manual

## **VIII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USA Gymnastics approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Gymnastics in the following locations:

- USA Gymnastics website: [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org)  
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following the approval by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.
- Directly distributed to the age eligible National Team Members.

## **IX. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The 2019 World Championships team will be announced on October 20, 2019.

## **X. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

World Championships Preparation Camp, dates and location TBD

## **XI. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

**XII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

<b>Trampoline &amp; Tumbling Program Committee</b>	
T&T Program Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Program Chair	Scott Lineberry
T&T JO Program Chair	Chelsea Rainer
T&T Athlete Representative	Michael Devine
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey

**XIII. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org).

**XIV. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Gymnastics. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the president of USA Gymnastics.

**XV. SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2019 World Championships Team.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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USA Gymnastics CEO	Li Li Leung		06/25/19
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey		6/10/19
Athlete Representative	Michael Devine		6/24/19

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2019 World Championships Team as outlined in these selection procedures has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of the selection procedures. That understanding and agreement is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach below.

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Athlete

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Date

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Parent (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

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Date

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Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date