



Selection Procedures
2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships
July 13-19, 2010
Wroclaw, Poland

I. Overview

- A. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the delegation for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships will be comprised of a maximum of two pair-group per discipline.
- B. For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2010 World Championships Team must be 15 years of age or older by December 31, 2010.
- C. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee, with final approval from the USA Gymnastics President, will select the athletes who will represent the USA at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships.
- D. Athletes may qualify for the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Team in one of three ways:
 - i. Be chosen from the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition to represent the USA at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships, as described in Section III below;
 - ii. If requirements are met, request for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee to consider results from the 2010 Volkov Cup in place of competition at World Team Trials, as described in Section IV below;
 - iii. Successfully petition directly onto the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Team by the process set forth in Section V below.
- E. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee is under no obligation to select a pair-group from each of the five disciplines or fill all available positions on the team.
- F. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee may identify alternate pair-group to the 2010 World Championships Team. Alternates are not part of the team, but in the case of injury or removal of team members, alternates may be invited onto the team.
- G. Only athletes who are United States citizens may be named to the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Team. USA Gymnastics will verify citizenship before naming the team.

II. 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials

- A. Qualification to participate in the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials
 - i. A pair-group who meets the requirements to participate in elite competition and meets the competition entry requirements may participate at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials. Two local competitions must be completed prior to the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials.
 - ii. Time and Place: The 2010 World Team Trials will be conducted May 21-24, 2010 at Bela Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, TX.
- B. The athlete selection meeting will take place immediately following the completion of the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition and will serve as the final selection for the 2010 World Championships Team.

III. The 2010 World Championship Team will be selected as follows:

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee will review the following areas when selecting members for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championship Team:

- A. Overall performance during the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials training sessions and competition. Pair-group must perform a balance, dynamic, and combined routine according to the FIG Code of Points and published FIG Acro Newsletters.
- B. Scores and placement at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition
 - i. Final scores and placement from the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition will be considered.
 - ii. Target Scores - The target score for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Team selection will be calculated using the sum of the execution average plus the artistry average less performance related CJP deductions. The target score for three exercises is 53.25.
- C. Difficulty of elements performed in competition. The target difficulty for each exercise is the maximum difficulty value as defined in the FIG Code of Points – V160 for the balance exercise, V140 for the dynamic exercise, V230 for the combined exercise.
- D. Artistry and presentation in exercises performed during competition
 - i. Presentation ranking by committee members for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials will be considered.
 - ii. Presentation ranking criteria will include but are not limited to the artistic judging criteria.

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- IV. Requests to Consider 2010 Volkov Cup Results**
- A. A pair-group may request for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee to consider results from the 2010 Volkov Cup for placement onto the 2010 World Championships Team if all of the following conditions are met:
 - i. Attend the **selection camp**, be selected as a member of the USA Delegation attending the Volkov Cup, and compete a full program at the 2010 Volkov Cup.
 - ii. Be the top USA finisher and win a medal (place first, second or third) in an event with 10 or more competitors.
 - iii. Declare request prior to the World Team Trials event. Requests must be submitted in writing to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Senior Program Director by the deadline of March 19, 2010.
 - B. Pair-group submitting requests for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee to consider 2010 Volkov Cup results must still attend the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition and one-day training camp. It is not a requirement to compete for score during the competition, however, pair-group will be asked to run exhibition routines during the competition, attend team meetings, and participate in the training camp.
 - C. Pair-group making this request will be given equal consideration as those competing at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials for selection to the 2010 World Championships Team.
- V. Petitions**
- A. Petitions to enter the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials will be considered by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee. The final deadline for submission of a petition is the registration deadline for the 2010 World Team Trials.
 - B. Petitions to be placed directly onto the 2010 World Championships Team, other than through the competitive processes described above, will be considered by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee. However, first consideration will be given to those pair-group competing at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials or requesting consideration of 2010 Volkov Cup results. The final deadline for submission of a petition is the conclusion of the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition.
 - C. In order to be considered by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee, petitions must be submitted in writing to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Senior Program Director as soon as practical after the pair-group becomes aware of the inability to participate in the applicable competition. The petition must state the specific injury, illness, or unusual circumstance which prohibits the pair-group from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics. For pair-group not competing at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials, the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee may require a demonstration of competitive readiness before being placed on the team.
- VI. Team Obligations**
- A. Athletes and coaches must read and sign the USA Gymnastics Selection Procedures before participating in the World Team Trials event.
 - B. Athletes and coaches who do not attend specified World Championships Team Meeting(s) will not be placed on the 2010 World Championships Team.
 - C. Athletes must attend the one-day training camp following the World Team Trials competition.
- VII. Selection of the 2010 World Championships Team Coaches**
- A. Head Coach - The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee will select one head coach for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Team. The selection of the head coach must be approved by the USA Gymnastics President and will be based upon the following criteria:
 - i. Proven team leadership ability;
 - ii. International experience;
 - iii. Ability to communicate with all members of the delegation; and
 - iv. Technical knowledge.
 - B. Assistant Coaches – A maximum of two assistant coaches will be selected by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee following consultation with the head coach and approved by the USA Gymnastics President. The assistant coaches must come from among the personal coaches of World Championships Team members.
- VIII. Removal**
- A. Any delegation member, including athletes, coaches and judges, may be removed from the 2010 World Championships Delegation or from any step of the selection process for the 2010 World Championships Team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics or the USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement (in the case of national team athletes). An athlete may also be removed from the 2010 World Championships Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships. According to the National Team Funding and Support Agreement, athletes must submit to any medical diagnosis that is requested by USA Gymnastics to assure that the athlete is able to compete and is not at risk for further injury. Verification of injury or illness will be by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.
 - B. Removal prior to departure for the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program

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Committee and an interview with the athlete, the head coach, and the athlete's personal coach. Any decision to remove a World Championships Delegation Member is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

IX. Approval of the Selection Procedures

These selection procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and USA Gymnastics.

X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selection to the 2010 World Championships Team, as outlined in these Selection Procedures, has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of these Selection Procedures. That understanding and agreement is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach on a copy of these Selection Procedures (one copy per pair-group).

Coach Signature

Date

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

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Athlete Signature

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