



## **Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures**

### **2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics Development Team – Team A**

#### **I. Overview**

- A. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Development Team (AGDT) will be comprised of two teams. Team A, out of age 11-16, Junior Elite, Senior Elite and Team B levels, Level 8, 9, and 10.
- B. Team A pair/groups will be allowed to attend approved invitational International Club Meets. Team B will receive training opportunities however Team B will not travel internationally.
- C. Athletes may qualify for the AGDT in one of the following ways:
  - i. Finish with the highest total score at the Acro Cup Championships as defined in Section III below;
  - ii. Be selected from competition at the Acro Cup Championships according to criteria defined in Section III below;
- D. The selection of the athletes to the AGDT will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee with final approval from the USA Gymnastics President.
- E. Age requirements for the AGDT are as follows: (Note: age is determined by the athlete's competitive age in the year the AGDT is selected.)
  - i. A minimum age of 10.
  - ii. A maximum age of 17 for the 11-16 age group, maximum age of 20 for 12-19 age group. There is not a maximum age for seniors.
  - iii. No more than a 7 year age difference between partners for WP, MP, MXP, WG and MG for the 11-16 age group. No more than a 10 year age difference between partners for WP, MP, MXP, and WG for the 12-19 age group. A 12 year difference is acceptable for MG for 12-19 age group. Age difference is calculated from the youngest athlete to the oldest athlete in the pair or group.
  - iv. Age difference will not be applied to Senior Elite out of age pair/groups.
- F. The composition of the AGDT is determined to be a maximum of three pair/groups per event (Women's Pair, Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Women's Group, and Men's Group) per level (Out of Age 11-16, JE, or SE) plus five wild card positions. There will be no age group divisions within a level. The Athlete Selection Committee is not obligated to select pair/groups for all available positions.
  - i. Wild card placement - after the prescribed places in each event have been selected (maximum three), the Athlete Selection Committee has the right to select a maximum of five additional pair/groups among all levels and events to fill available wild card positions on

the AGDT. These pair/groups are members of AGDT with all the rights and obligations of that membership.

- ii. A maximum of two alternate pair/groups may be identified per level per event. Alternates are not members of the AGDT. Alternates will be invited to become members of the team in the event of openings in the available team positions. Openings may occur if a pair/group named to the team becomes inactive by any one or multiple partners' retirement or otherwise leaving the pair/group or if the pair/group does not maintain the competitive level for which they were selected.
  - iii. Alternates have priority to attend training camp over athletes named that are in new partnerships as the National Team Training Plan allows.
  - iv. Athletes named to the National Team (Team A) that are placed in new partnerships may attend training camps as allowed in the National Team Training Plan but are not guaranteed a spot at the designated training camps.
- G. An athlete may be named to the AGDT in multiple events (i.e. Men's Pair and Men's Group). However, this athlete will not receive duplicate benefits. (Note: the FIG imposes restrictions in international competition regarding participation in multiple events.)
- H. Only athletes who are United States citizens may be named to the AGDT. USA Gymnastics will verify citizenship before naming the team.
- I. Positions on the AGDT do not carry ranking.

## **II. Qualification to participate at the 2010 Acrobatic Gymnastics National Championships.**

- A. The pair/group must meet the requirements to participate as a Level 8, or JE/SE according to the rules published in *Acrobatic Gymnastics Rules and Policies*.

## **III. Selection criteria for the AGDT will be as follows:**

- A. The highest scoring pair/group at each level and event, determined by the Total Score, will automatically be placed on the AGDT, provided they have met the target difficulty requirements listed below in Section III-B. If target difficulty requirements are not met, the pair/group is not eligible for automatic placement on the AGDT, but may still be considered by the Athlete Selection Committee for selection to the team.
- B. Scores and performances from the Acro Cup Championships:
  - i. Scores and ranking will be considered:
    - 1. Total score - The total score is the sum of scores from the preliminary balance exercise and dynamic exercises for levels 8 out of age 11-16. For JE, and SE the total score is the sum of the *preliminary* balance, dynamic, and combined exercise. Total score from the Acro Cup Championships will be reviewed by level and event. Scores and pair/groups will not be divided into age categories.
  - ii. Elements performed will be considered:
    - 1. The types of elements and difficulty of elements performed;

2. Total exercise difficulty will be compared against the target difficulty. Target difficulty is the difficulty score before CJP deductions.
  - a. Level 8 out of age 11-16: Full difficulty 10.00 for balance and 10.00 for dynamic exercises.
  - b. Junior/Senior Elite: Target difficulty is set at V90 for each routine balance, dynamic, and combined.
- iii. Artistry and presentation will be considered:
  1. Presentation ranking by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee members;
  2. Presentation ranking criteria will include but is not limited to the artistic judging criteria listed in Section 11.0 of the *USA Gymnastics Acrobatics Code of Points*.

#### **IV. Petitions**

- A. The Athlete Selection Committee will not accept petitions directly onto the AGDT for any reason.

#### **V. Team Obligations**

- A. Athletes must attend the presentation of the AGDT and the AGDT Meeting. Failure to attend both may interrupt placement on the team;
- B. Athletes must read and sign the USA Gymnastics Acrobatic Gymnastics AGDT Funding and Support Agreement before they are officially members of the team;
- C. Athletes selected to the AGDT will remain on the team until the selection of the 2013-2014 AGDT at Acro Cup Championships or until a partnership change or retirement occurs. Coaches are requested to promptly notify the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director of changes in partnership status which may affect the pair/groups standing on the AGDT and/or ability to compete. This may include, but is not limited to, the retirement of athletes, changes in partnerships, injuries, etc.

**VI. Removal** - A pair/group may be removed from the AGDT if any of the members of the pair/group violate the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics, the USA Gymnastics Participant Welfare Policy, or the Funding and Support Agreement. Any decision to remove an athlete is subject to review through the USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

**VII. Approval of the Selection Procedures** - These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.

**VIII. Acknowledgement** - Each athlete and coach participating in the selection process for the AGDT as outlined in these Selection Procedures have carefully reviewed and understand the terms of these Selection Procedures. That understanding is reflected by the signatures of the athletes and coach on a copy of these Selection Procedures.

**Signed Selected Procedures, one per pair/group, along with a copy of a birth certificate or passport for each athlete, to prove citizenship and age, must be submitted upon arrival at accreditation during the 2012 Acro Cup Championships.** Pair/groups will not be considered for selection to the AGDT without signed Selection Procedures and birth certificate/passport.

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_____ Athlete Signature	_____ Date
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