



Selection Procedures 2012
Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age-Group Competition
April 20-22, Orlando, FL

I. Overview

- A. Per the FIG Rules for the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age-Group Competition (WAGC), the delegation for the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics WAGC will be comprised of a maximum of 30 athletes with no more than two pair-groups per discipline per age group.
- B. The 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics WAGC consists of two age categories.
 - i. WAGC 11-16: For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2012 WAGC must be between the ages of 11 and 16 by December 31, 2012.
 - ii. WAGC 12-19: For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2012 WAGC must be between the ages of 12 and 19 by December 31, 2012, with the age difference between partners not to exceed 6 years, except in men's groups not to exceed seven years.
- 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 2012 World Age Group Competition.
- D. Athletes may qualify for the 2012 WAGC Team in one of two ways:
 - i. Be chosen from the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition to represent the USA at the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics WAGC, as described in Section III below;
 - ii. Successfully petition directly onto the WAGC 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-groups to the 2012 WAGC 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 Age Group Team. Athletes must hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of accreditation for the World Championships.

II. 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials

- A. Qualification to participate in the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials
 - i. A pair-group who meets the competition requirements may participate at the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials.
 - ii. Time and Place: The 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials will be conducted at the Acro Cup in Huntsville, TX.

- B. The athlete selection meeting will take place immediately following the completion of the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition and will serve as the final selection for the 2012 WAGC Team.

III. The 2012 WAGC Team will be selected as follows: The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee will review the following areas when selecting members for the 2012 WAGC Team.

- A. Overall performance during the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials, training sessions and competition:
 - i. WAGC 11-16 –Pair-groups must perform a balance and dynamic exercise according to the FIG Code of Points, FIG WAGC 11-16 program rules and published FIG Acro Newsletters.

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- ii. WAGC 12-19 – Pair-groups must perform a balance, dynamic, and combined exercise according to the FIG Code of Points, FIG WAGC 12-19 program rules and published FIG Acro Newsletters.
- B. Scores and placement at the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competition
- i. Final scores and placement from the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials will be considered.
- C. Difficulty of elements performed in competition
- i. WAGC 11-16- The target difficulty score for each exercise is 0.50, the maximum difficulty score as defined in the FIG WAGC 11-16 program rules.
 - ii. WAGC 12-19- The target difficulty value for each exercise is the maximum difficulty value as defined in the FIG WAGC 12-19 program rules - V80 for the dynamic exercise and V110 for the balance and combined exercises.
- D. Artistry and presentation in exercises performed during competition
- i. Presentation ranking by committee members for the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials competitions will be considered.
 - ii. Presentation ranking criteria will include but are not limited to the artistic judging criteria.
 - iii. Pair groups should have a "wow skill" (or unique entry/exit of skill) to make their routine stand out in international competition.

IV. Petitions

- A. Petitions to enter the 2012 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 2012 World Team Trials.
- B. Petitions to be placed directly onto the 2012 WAGC 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-groups competing at the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials. The final deadline for submission of a petition is the conclusion of the 2012 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 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-groups not competing at the 2012 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. Athlete Selection Committee

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Athlete Selection Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Ronda Francis, Judges Representative
Selena Peco, Program Committee Representative
Marie Annonson, Coaches Representative
Vladimir Vladev, Expert
Tonya Case, National Team Coordinator

VII. 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 WAGC Team Meeting(s) will not be placed

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on the 2012 WAGC Team.

- C. Athletes must attend the two day training camp following the World Team Trials competition and any other designated training camps per the National Team Training Plan prior to World Championships.

VIII. Selection of the 2012 WAGC Team Coaches

A. Head Coach - The Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee will select one head coach for the 2012 WAGC 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 for each age group 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 2012 WAGC Team members.

IX. Removal

A. Any delegation member, including athletes, coaches and judges, may be removed from the 2012 WAGC Delegation or from any step of the selection process for the 2012 WAGC 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 2012 WAGC Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics WAGC. 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 2012 Acrobatic Gymnastics WAGC may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee and an interview with the athlete, the head coach, and the athlete's personal coach. Any decision to remove a WAGC Delegation Member is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

X. Approval of the Selection Procedures

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

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XI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selection to the 2012 WAGC 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 athletes and coach on a copy of these Selection Procedures (one copy per pair-group).

Coach Signature Date

Athlete Date

Parent signature (if athlete is 18 years or younger) Date

Athlete Date

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