

**2011 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
WORLD AGE-GROUP TEAM
SELECTION PROCEDURES
Birmingham, England**

I. OVERVIEW

- A. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2011 World Age-Group Competition will be comprised of a maximum of four women and four men for each age-group (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18) in individual trampoline, power tumbling and double-mini trampoline and two women's pairs and two men's pairs for synchronized trampoline.
- B. For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2011 World Age-Group Team must be 12 – 18 years of age in 2011 and must be currently competing as Junior Elite or Senior Elite. All members of the team must have a valid FIG License.
- C. A Head Coach will be named from the National Coaching staff for each discipline. Two additional coaches will be named for tumbling and double mini trampoline. Three additional coaches will be named for trampoline. The World Age Group Coaches will be under the direction of the National Team Coordinator
- D. International Gymnastics Federation rules limit the total team size for each country to 96 athletes. Consequently, if these selection procedures cause 97 or more athletes to be named to the team, the Selection Committee will narrow the field to 96 athletes.

II. 2011 WORLD AGE-GROUP TEAM

- A. The U.S.A. World Age-Group Team is the team that will officially represent the United States at the 2011 World Age-Group Competition in Birmingham, England, November, 2011. The following sets forth the procedures for the selection of the team:
 - 1. Eligibility
 - a. Must be a United States citizen.
 - b. Must be 12 – 18 years of age in 2011.
 - c. Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.
 - d. Must be currently competing as Junior Elite or Senior Elite.
 - e. Must have a valid FIG License.
 - 2. Selection
 - a. The members of the 2011-12 Senior National Team, who are 17 – 18 years of age and were not named to the World Championships Team automatically qualify by rank order to the World Age-Group Team,
Any remaining members shall be named by the Selection Committee using the following selection process:
 - 1) The top 2 Juniors named in rank order from the World Age Group Championships Ranking System
 - 2) the remaining members of shall be filled with 17-18 Senior Elite Athletes in the World Championships Ranking System
 - 3). any remaining members shall be filled with 17-18 Junior Elite Athletes according World Age Group Championships Ranking System
 - b. Members of the World Age Group Team for all other age divisions will be the first and second ranked athlete from the two selection events.
 - 1) The first selection event will be the U.S. Elite Challenge in April, 2011.
 - 2) The second selection event will be Visa Championships in July, 2011.

- c. The Selection Committee may add two athletes following the completion of the selection events for each age-group, discipline and gender to the World Age-Group Team.

- 1) Criteria used by the Selection Committee includes:

- Degree of Difficulty
 - Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic
 - Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions
 - Past domestic and international performance
 - Rank order
 - Routine performance "hit" percentage

- 3. Points for World Age-Group Team ranking:

Place	U.S. Elite Challenge Points	Visa Championships Points
1	31	31
2	28	28
3	25	25
4	22	22
5	19	19
6	16	16
7	13	13
8	10	10

- 4. Points earned at both competitions will be added together to determine rankings.
- 5. In case of a tie, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:
 - a. The highest total score from the Visa Championships will determine the highest ranked athlete.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the highest total degree of difficulty from the preliminaries at the Visa Championships will determine the highest ranked athlete.
- 6. If a member of the World Age-Group Team is unable to travel to England for any reason, the Selection Committee will determine if an additional athlete will be invited.

III. SELECTION OF THE 2011 WORLD AGE-GROUP COACHES

- A. A Head Coach will be named from the National Coaching staff for each discipline. Two additional coaches will be named for tumbling and double mini trampoline. Three additional coaches will be named for trampoline. The World Age Group Coaches will be under the direction of the National Team Coordinator.
- B. The Program Committee will select the coaches immediately following the Visa Championships.
- C. Criteria:
 - 1. International Experience
 - 2. Technical knowledge
 - 3. Rapport with athletes
 - 4. Proven leadership ability
 - 5. Professional member in compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and the Responsibilities Manual.

IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- A. Program Director – Will chair the committee and vote in case of a tie.
- B. One appointed member of the National Coaching Staff.
 - 1. If necessary, the National Coaching Staff may appoint one per discipline to vote only for that discipline.
 - 2. The member chosen may not have an athlete considered for the 3rd, 4th positions.
 - 3. The member must be a USA Gymnastics professional member in good standing.
- C. Elite Program Committee Chair
- D. Technical Committee Chair
- E. Athlete Representative
 - 1. Trampoline/Double Mini-Representative voting only for trampoline and double mini-trampoline
 - 2. Tumbling Representative voting only for tumbling

V. REMOVAL

- A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2011 World Age-Group Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2011 World Age-Group Team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics. An athlete may also be removed from the 2011 World Age-Group Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2011 World Age-Group Games. 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 two doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.
- B. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Committee and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

Athlete member

Date

Parent signature if athlete is 18 years or younger

Date

Coach

Date