

**2010 Women's Artistic Gymnastics  
World Championships Team  
SELECTION PROCEDURES**

*Rotterdam, Netherlands - October 9-24, 2010*

**I. World Championships Team**

- The World Team is defined as the seven (7) athletes who will represent the USA at the 2010 World Championships.
- Competition will be conducted for Team, All-Around and Individual Events.
- The Final determination of the competing athletes will be made prior to submission of the competition line-up.

**II. Qualification/Selection to the 2010 World Team**

A. The process for qualification/selection to the 2010 World Championships Team is a combination of the results from the 2010 VISA Championships, Selection Camps and discretionary selection criteria.

Qualification for the 2010 Visa Championships is:

- By score from the 2010 US Classic or International competitions within the current competitive year, or
- By score of a current National Team Member from a verification training camp within the current competitive year, or
- By being one of the four (4) members of the 2009 World Championships Team (plus designated alternate athletes), or
- Accepted petitioned athletes

B. The Top 8 Senior National Team Members in the All-Around combined rank order after two days of competition from Visa Championships results will be directly qualified to the first Selection Camp to be held at the Women's National Team Training Center.

C. In addition to the slots as defined in II B, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, select any number of athletes who competed in Visa Championships to attend the first Selection Camp.

D. The Selection Committee will select a minimum of 8 athletes from the first Selection Camp to be held September 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to move forward to the Final Selection Competition.

E. The Selection Committee, with final approval from USA Gymnastics' President, will determine the World Team who will represent the USA at the 2010 World Championships from those athletes in attendance at the Final Selection Camp conducted October 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

F. The Final Selection Competition will be judged by the USA World Championships judges and if necessary, another Brevet Judge selected by the Judges' Selection Committee.

G. FIG Competition III rules will be used for all competitions and training camp verifications except on Vault for the All-Around score, which will use FIG Competition I.

### **III. Selection Committee**

A. The Selection Committee will consist of the National Team Coordinator, the Chairman of the International Elite Committee, and the athlete representative.

- In the event the Chairman of the International Elite Committee is affiliated or unavailable for the entire process, the International Elite Committee will select an expert advisor who is unaffiliated to serve on the Selection Committee.
- In the event the Athlete Representative is affiliated or unavailable for the entire process, the International Elite Committee will request the Athlete's Council assign another duly elected Women's Program Athlete Representative. If no other Women's Program Athlete Representative is able for the entire process, the International Elite Committee will then select an expert advisor who is unaffiliated to serve on the Selection Committee.

B. If the athlete representative is replaced by an expert advisor, an athlete representative will be included in the Final Selection Camp with voice no vote to ensure that the Selection Procedures were followed.

#### **C. Roles and Responsibilities**

The Selection Committee has two roles:

- Selection of the athletes for the World Championships Team
- Selection of the Coach(es) for the World Championships Team

### **IV. Selection Criteria**

The committee will consider the following areas when selecting the World Team

- Team needs and medal potential
- Results from international and national competitions
- D - Scores
- Hit consistency
- Composite strength of all the World Team Members
- E-Scores (Execution)
- World Class presentation
- Readiness to compete
- Physical capability to fulfill training plan as listed in the Women's Responsibility Manual

### **V. Petition Procedures**

There will be no petitions to the World Championships Team. Petitions will only be considered for the Classic Meet, the 2010 Visa Championship and the Selection Camps.

A. Procedures for petitioning into the 2010 Classic, Visa Championships or Selection Camps are listed in the *2009-2010 Women's Rules and Policies*.

B. Petitions will be considered by the Selection Committee, in consultation with the Women's Program Director and the Vice President of Program, for any member of the 2009 World Championship Team and from any athlete who has competed at the 2010 US Classic Meet, or an international assignment after August 2009 to August 2010

C. In order to be considered by the Selection Committee, petitions must be submitted in writing to the USA Gymnastics' national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of her inability to participate in the process described above.

D. 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 an 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 selected by USA Gymnastics.

**VI. Replacement Procedures**

A Team member who withdraws from the team prior to the first competition at the World Team will be replaced by the alternate athletes.

**VII. Removal**

An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2010 World Team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics or the Women's Team Responsibility Manual. An athlete may also be removed from the 2010 World Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the above said competitions. Athletes agree to 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 a doctor selected by USA Gymnastics.

Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the National Team Coordinator and the Head Coach and an interview with the athlete and her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics and the USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

**VIII. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures**

Publication of the approved procedures will take place via the following distribution channels:

- Website: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/>
- Email: direct email to 2010 Sr. National Team and age eligible Junior National Team.

**IX. International Disclaimer**

These procedures are based on FIG Rules and Regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in the 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 have not accounted for every possible contingency.

**X. Athlete Acknowledgement**

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2010 World 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.

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Athlete/Coach Signature

Date

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Parent signature (if athlete is 18 years or younger)

Date

**2010 Women's Artistic Gymnastics  
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COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**Selection of the 2010 World Championships Team Coaches**

A. The Coaches for the 2010 World Championships Team will be selected from among the personal coaches of the team members, after the final Team Selection by the Selection Committee based upon the following criteria:

- Proven team leadership ability
- International experience
- Fulfilling the necessary criteria established by USA Gymnastics including:
- Professional membership in good standing
- Current USA Gymnastics Safety Certification
- Clearance of a criminal background check
- Attendance at required meetings

B. Personal Coaches of the athletes selected as 2010 World Championships Team Members will be selected (one coach per athlete) according to the number of credentials available to the team.