2014 T&T Elite Program Update

Rules will take effect January 1st, 2014

New Elite Levels

In order to further develop the elite athlete, there will now be 4 Elite divisions. Athletes currently competing in the Junior Elite division will be placed in the level that is appropriate for their age group. Athletes will compete in the Youth Elite, Junior Elite or Open Elite depending on their individual ages. **Athletes that are currently competing in the Junior Elite level and are over 17 years of age as of December 31, 2014 will compete in the Open Elite division.** The senior elite athletes divisions will not change.

The divisions and ages of the competitors are:

Division	Ages	Birth Year
Youth Elite	11-13	2001-2003
Junior Elite	14-17	1997-2000
Open Elite	17 + over	1997 or older
Senior Elite	17+ over	1997 or older

Mobility to the Elite Levels

Mobility to Elite Levels will take place at designated mobility competitions below.

1. Elite Academy – Huntsville, TX – 1/29 to 2/2/2014
2. Atlantic Coast T&T Invitational – Greensboro, NC – 2/7 to 2/9/2014
3. Kalon Ludvigson Invitational – Salt Lake City, UT – 3/14 to 3/15/2014
4. Regional Championships – May 1-30/2014
5. May Qualifier/Elite Qualification Meet – May 7-11/2014
6. Elite Challenge – TBD – 6/12 to 6/15/2014
7. USA Gymnastics Championships – TBD – 7/15 to 7/20/2014

An athlete seeking to mobilize from Level 10 to Elite or within the Elite divisions must meet the minimum difficulty scores listed below to achieve their desired mobility. There is no total score requirement for the 2014 Season.

Mobility Scores:

Level 10 to Youth Elite

Discipline		Minimum DD
Trampoline	Men	8.5
	Women	8.5
Tumbling	Men	8.2 (2 passes)
	Women	8.2 (2 passes)
Double Mini	Men	10.4 (2 passes)
	Women	9.2 (2 passes)

Level 10 or Youth to Junior Elite

Discipline		Minimum DD
Trampoline	Men	10.0
	Women	9.5
Tumbling	Men	8.2 (2 passes)
	Women	8.2 (2 passes)
Double Mini	Men	12.4 (2 passes)
	Women	10.0 (2 passes)

Level 10 or Junior Elite to Elite Open

Discipline		Minimum DD
Trampoline	Men	10.0
	Women	9.5
Tumbling	Men	8.2 (2 passes)
	Women	8.2 (2 passes)
Double Mini	Men	12.4 (2 passes)
	Women	10.0 (2 passes)

Junior Elite or Open Elite to Senior Elite

Discipline		Minimum DD
Trampoline	Men	12.0
	Women	10.5
Tumbling	Men	8.6 (2 passes)
	Women	8.6 (2 passes)
Double Mini	Men	14.0 (2 passes)
	Women	10.8 (2 passes)

Qualification for Elites to USA Gymnastics Championships

Athletes must have achieved the requirements to mobilize to the Elite Program and received authorization from the Elite Committee Chair to compete as a Youth, Junior, Open or Senior Elite.
Athletes must compete at the level in which they intend to attempt qualification to the USA Gymnastics Championships at two of the three the following competitions:

1. Stars & Stripes Cup- May 7-12, 2014
2. Athlete's Respective Regional Championship – May 2014
3. Elite Challenge June 12-15, 2014

Athletes must compete at the required event. There will be no additional requirements.

2014 Elite Competition Format

The competition format for each of the National Events is listed below:

Competition	Format
May Elite Qualifier	TU/TR/DMT-New Life Finals
Elite Challenge	TU/DMT- New Life Finals TR-Cumulative (2 prelim+ 1 final)
U.S T&T Championships	TU/DMT- Cumulative (2 prelim + 2 final) TR-Cumulative (2 prelim, 1 semifinal, 1 final=4 routines)

Semi Final Rule for TR

The Senior Elite level of competition for Trampoline will include the Semi Final round of competition to help to prepare our athletes to compete on an international level.

1. Following completion of the preliminary round of competition, 2/3 of the athletes in order of merit will proceed to the Semi Final round of competition.
2. Following completion of the Semi Final round of competition, 2/3 of the Semi Final round athletes in order of merit will proceed to the Final Round. No less than 4 athletes will proceed to the Final Round of competition.

Former Elite Athlete Reinstatement Process

Former USA Gymnastics athletes may be reinstated to the Elite Level. If a former competitor from the Elite level has not competed in a sanctioned USA Gymnastics Trampoline, Tumbling or Double Mini event for more than one competitive season, that athlete must complete a process of reinstatement to be eligible to compete at his/her former level of competition.
An athlete may only apply for reinstatement to a level of competition at which he/she has previously been authorized through the Elite Mobility System or a lower Elite Level than previously held.

Reinstatement to the Youth, Junior, or Open Elite Level:

- The athlete must submit a request to the athlete's state chair requesting to return to competition as a L10. A copy of this request must also be sent to the current JO committee chair.
- Upon approval of the state chair, the athlete will be allowed to re-enter the JO system as a L10.
- The athlete must register to participate in a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event.
- The athlete must perform, be scored, and demonstrate readiness on routines that meet the current minimum requirements to mobilize to the Youth, Junior, or Open Elite level at a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event.
- The athlete must submit an Elite reinstatement form and all required documentation to the Elite Chair to be considered for official reinstatement to the Junior Elite level*.

Reinstatement to the Senior Elite Level:

- The athlete must submit a request for reinstatement accompanied by a current video to the chair of the Elite Program Committee. The video must be dated within 30 days of the request and the athlete must demonstrate his/her proficiency at the Open Elite level for the discipline that he/she is requesting reinstatement to.
- Upon review of the Elite Committee, the athlete will be approved or denied the right to return to competition as an Open Elite competitor.
- Upon approval of the Elite Chair, the athlete must register to participate in a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event.

- The athlete must perform, be scored, and demonstrate readiness on routines that meet the current minimum requirements to mobilize to the Senior Elite level at a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event.
- The athlete must submit an Elite Reinstatement form and all required documentation to the Elite Chair to be considered for official reinstatement to the Senior Elite level*.

*In the event the athlete is denied reinstatement, the athlete will be permitted to follow the reinstatement procedure at a later date.

Changes to the Olympic Development Program (ODP)

Change name to EDP- Elite Development Program
To become a member of the EDP, the athlete must participate in the National Testing to be held at the National Training Center in Huntsville, TX in the Fall. At National Testing, a team will be selected. The EDP team will no longer be chosen at competitions. Testing will include:

1. Physical abilities
2. Skills/routines

EDP Teams will be named for the following age divisions:
11-12 year old EDP Team
13-14 year old EDP Team

The top 3 athletes in each age group will be automatically named to the respective EDP team. Up to 2 additional athletes may be named by the Elite Committee.
The EDP teams will attend an International Exchange Camp.

Changes to the Jumpstart Rules and Policies

The Ages for the JumpStart program will now be 8, 9, & 10 years old. The ages have been changed to create a more seamless transition to the EDP team and Elite levels of competition. A JumpStart Team will be named for each of the ages; 8 Year Old Team, 9 Year Old Team and a 10 Year Old Team.

There will be two teams:
The Top ranked boy and girl athlete in each age division/ event will be automatically qualified to the "A Team". All age divisions will be combined and up to 7 additional girls and up to 3 additional boys may be named to the "A Team" per event.

Up to 20 additional girls and up to 15 additional boys per event may be named to the "B Team".

Changes have been made to the Physical Abilities testing and Routines: Please see rules at: http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/jumpstart_testing.html