

Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures
12-18 & 13-19 Junior National Team (JNT)

2018 USA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. Overview

The process for qualification/selection to the 2019-2019 Acrobatic Gymnastics National Team is a combination of the results from 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships and discretionary selection criteria.

A. QUALIFICATION:

Athletes may qualify to JNT in one of the following ways:

- i. Automatically qualify from the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships according to Section II.A.
- ii. Be selected from competition at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships according to criteria defined in Section II.B.
- iii. Through a successfully approved petition onto JNT through the process set forth in Section III.
- iv. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC) reserves the right to select additional pair/groups for JNT at selection events during the 2018-2019 competitive season. The criteria for selection will be based on the same criteria as listed in Section II.B.

B. SELECTION:

The selection of the pair/groups to JNT will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC). Input will be provided by the National Team Coaching Staff (NTCS) during the selection process. Final approval from the USA Gymnastics President.

C. ELIGIBILITY:

- i. Only United States citizens may be named to JNT.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet FIG age criteria for the respective competitive age group (12-18 or 13-19) in 2018-2019 or 2019-2020.
- iii. Athletes must compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships and follow the selection process outlined, unless petitioning [see Section III].
- iv. Athletes must compete in respective FIG Levels to be selected (12-18 competitive category may only be selected to JNT 12-18, 13-19 category may only be selected to JNT 13-19).
- v. An athlete may not be named to JNT in multiple events (i.e. men's pairs and men's group).

D. TEAM COMPOSITION:

The composition of JNT may include a combined maximum of twenty (20) pair/groups (Women's Pair, Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Women's Group, and Men's Group). SC is not obligated to select pair/groups in all events, age categories (12-18 & 13-19), or fill all available slots.

- i. Positions on the JNT may require ranking for competition entries.
- ii. Ranking may be adjusted throughout the season and will be determined at the event-i.e. selection competition (e.g. Acro Cup, National Qualifier, USA Gymnastics Championships) or training camps-in closest date proximity for the international assignment.
- iii. The SC will determine ranking. Input may be given by the NTCS.
- iv. A maximum of one (1) alternate pair/group per event and age group may be identified. Alternates are not members of JNT.
- v. Alternates may be invited to JNT if vacancies are available in team positions. Decisions to move alternate pair/groups to JNT will be based upon timing in the season, available international assignments, current JNT members in that event, and the pair/group's readiness for international competition (determined by SC).

II. Selection Criteria for JNT:

A. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION TO JNT:

A pair/group will automatically qualify to the 2018-19 Acrobatic Gymnastics JNT from the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships or future selection event, if *all* the following criteria is met:

- i. The pair/group must finish first place in their respective event

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- ii. The pair/group must earn minimum scores in all three (3) routines, as follows:
8.6 artistry
17.0 execution
- iii. The pair/group must achieve a minimum difficulty in each of the three routines, as follows.

JNT	Balance	Dynamic	Combined
12-18	0.8	0.7	1.0
13-19	1.2	1.1	1.4

- vi. In the event of a tie, both pair/groups will be named to JNT.

B. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA:

In addition to automatic qualification to the JNT, pair/groups may be added to the JNT based on performances from the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships and a 2018/2019 future selection event.

- **Score and ranking will be considered**
- **Elements performed will be considered**
 - a. Types of elements, including Difficulty and Execution of elements performed.
 - b. Total exercise difficulty will be compared against the target difficulty (Section II.A.iii). Target difficulty is the difficulty score before CJP deductions.
- **Artistry and presentation will be considered**
 - a. Overall sophistication and choreographical execution will be considered. Routines are expected to be performed at the highest level of an International Caliber and intricacy of choreography.
 - b. Performance, Choreography, Musicality, Expression, and Partnership will be considered by the ASC (per FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points).
- **Overall performance and international caliber**
 - a. Athletes' competitive experience, pair/group professionalism, and National/International status and consistency will be taken into consideration.
 - b. Readiness to compete/World Class presentation.
 - c. Competitive readiness that allows for maximum performance.
 - d. Physical capability to complete training plan as directed by the National Team Coordinator.
 - e. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.

III. Petitions

For a petition onto the JNT to be considered, it must be submitted in writing to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director and meet the following requirements:

- i. Petitioning athletes must have:
 - i. Qualified to compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - ii. Registered to compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships or 2018-2019 selection event.
 - iii. Signed and submitted selection procedures by the deadline.
- ii. Petitions must be submitted to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director immediately following the pair/group's inability to participate in the selection event and before the conclusion of the selection event
- iii. Petitions will be considered in the event of an injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance,
 1. The petition must include the date and nature of the injury and/or illness, or unforeseen circumstance.
 2. Petitions based upon injury or illness must be accompanied by a physician's statement. The injury or illness is subject to verification by a physician selected by USA Gymnastics. Additional

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documentation may be requested to validate unforeseen circumstances.

3. All petitioning athletes must sign selection procedures by the deadline.
 4. Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, a petition must be jointly submitted by all members of the pair/group.
 5. Petitioning athletes must submit a video for review (if requested by the SC).
- iv. Pair/groups submitting petitions are considered by the SC (reference Section II.B). Input may be provided by the NTCS regarding the pair/groups being considered.

II. Team Obligations

- A. Pair/groups selected to JNT remain on the team until the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- B. JNT members must sign USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement.
- C. JNT athletes are required to attend Regional and National Training Camps.
- D. JNT athletes must attend a mandatory team meeting on Sunday, 8 July 2018 in Greensboro, North Carolina (location TBD). Parents are invited to attend the meeting.
- E. The Program Committee and SC will formulate the calendar of events and designate the international to which we will send athletes and delegation sizes. International event assignments will be designated by SC. Input may be provided by the NTCS. JNT pair/groups may or may not be given an assignment during the 2018-19 competitive year;
 - i. Pair/groups who do not accept assignments offered may not receive another opportunity.
 - ii. Assignments may be determined according to competition directives, number of pair/groups on the team, age requirements, size of delegation, competitive readiness of pair/group, and experience.
 - iii. Assignments may be determined during training camps (accompanied with video review to SC), selection events, based on competitive history, and/or national/international success.
- F. Athletes may decline an international assignment due to funding.
- G. Funding will not be provided to JNT.
- H. USA warm-ups will be provided to JNT athletes prior to their first international competition assignment as Team USA.

III. Resignation and Retirement

Pair/groups may choose to retire from competition or resign from the national team. Resignation is required if there is a change in partnership (1 or more partners) and/or a change in competition level.

- i. Coaches must promptly notify the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director of changes in partnership status or level which may affect the pair/group's standing on SNT and/or ability to compete. This may include, but is not limited to, the retirement of athletes, changes in partnerships, changes in competition level, injuries, etc.
- ii. Coaches should make all attempts to notify the National Office before the information is made public. This includes social media.

Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, removal, retirement or resignation of any single athlete will be effective for the entire pair/group.

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

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Acknowledgement of Agreement**

By signing this form, each coach, athlete, and (if athlete is under the age of 18) parent/legal guardian participating in the selection process is acknowledging and agreeing that you have carefully reviewed and understand the terms of the applicable Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures for the respective team. A copy of birth certificate or passport (color copy, jpeg format) for each athlete must be submitted with the Selection Procedures by **November 22, 2018** to: Amy White, awhite@usagym.org

Selection for the teams listed will be conducted at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.

Please check the box for the team you wish to be considered for the 2018-2019 season (1 BOX ONLY):

- Age Group Team 11-16 (FIG 11-16) EVENT _____ i.e. Mixed Pair

- Junior National Team 12-18 (FIG 12-18) EVENT _____

- Junior National Team 13-19 (FIG 13-19) EVENT _____

- Senior National Team (FIG 15+) EVENT _____

Coach Name: _____ Coach Signature: _____

Club Name: _____

Abbr: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Event: _____ P/G ID: _____ Age Group: _____ Level: _____

Top's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Middle's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Base's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Base's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

(Note: Parent's signature is required if athlete is under 18 years of age.)