

Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Senior National Team (SNT)

2018 USA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. Overview

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

A. QUALIFICATION:

Athletes will be named to the SNT in one of the following ways:

- i. Automatically qualify from the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships per Section II.A.
- ii. Be selected based on the results of the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships as defined in Section II.B.
- iii. Through a successfully approved petition onto SNT through the process set forth in Section III.
- iv. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee reserves the right to select additional pair/groups for SNT at selection events during the 2018-2019 competitive season. The criteria for selection is outlined in section II.A and section II.B.

B. SELECTION:

- i. The selection of the pair/groups to SNT 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.
- ii. The selection process will be consistent with the standards outlined in USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection.
- iii. Final approval is from the USA Gymnastics Chief Operating Officer.

C. ELIGIBILITY:

- i. Only United States citizens may be named to SNT.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet FIG Senior age criteria for the 2019 or 2020 season.
- iii. Athletes must compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships and follow the selection process outlined, unless petitioning (see Section III).
- iv. Athletes trying out for SNT must compete in the Senior Elite category to be considered.
- v. An athlete may not be named to SNT in multiple disciplines (i.e. men's pairs and men's group).

D. TEAM COMPOSITION:

The composition of SNT may include a maximum of ten (10) 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 disciplines or fill all available slots.

- i. Positions on SNT may require ranking for competition entries.
- ii. Ranking may be adjusted throughout the competitive season and will be evaluated at selection competitions (i.e. Acro Cup, National Qualifier, USA Gymnastics Championships) or training camps-in closest proximity to 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 may be identified. Alternates are not members of SNT.
- v. Alternates may be named to the SNT if vacancies are available in team positions and will be based upon timing in the season, available international assignments, number of current SNT members, and pair/group's readiness for international competition (as determined by SC).

II. Selection criteria for SNT will be as follows:

A. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION TO SNT:

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

- i. The pair/group must finish in first place in their respective event.
- 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 degree of difficulty in each of the three routines, as follows:
 - 1.5 Balance

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1.5 Dynamic
1.7 Combined

iv. In the event of a tie, both pair/groups will be named to the SNT.

B. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA:

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

- **Score and ranking**
- **Elements performed**
 - 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**
 - 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 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 the National Team training plan.
 - e. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.

III. Petitions

For a petition onto the SNT 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:
 - a. Qualified to compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - b. Registered to compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships or 2018-2019 selection event.
 - c. 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 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

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the NTCS regarding the pair/groups being considered.

IV. Team Obligations

- A. Pair/groups selected to SNT remain on the team until the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- B. SNT members must sign USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement.
- C. SNT athletes are required to attend Regional and National Training Camps.
- D. SNT 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 international events, delegation size, and which athletes will be sent. International event assignments will be designated by SC. Input may be provided by the NTCS. SNT 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 may be provided to SNT (in good standing) for specific events.
- H. USA warm-ups will be provided to SNT athletes prior to their first international competition assignment as Team USA.

V. 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.

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

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**Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Agreement
Senior National Team**

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.)