

**Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures
11-16 Age Group Team (AGT)**

2019 USA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. Overview

The process for qualification/selection to the 2019-2020 Acrobatic Gymnastics National Team is a combination of the results from 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and discretionary selection criteria.

A. QUALIFICATION:

Athletes may qualify for the AGT 11-16 in one (1) of the following ways:

- i. Automatically qualify from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships according to Section II.A.
- ii. Be selected from competition at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships according to criteria defined in Section II.B.
- iii. Through a successfully approved petition onto the AGT 11-16 through the process set forth in Section III.
- iv. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC) reserves the right to select additional pair/groups for the AGT 11-16 at selection events during the 2019-2020 competitive season. The criteria for selection will be based on the same criteria as listed in Section II.B.

B. SELECTION:

- i. The selection of the pair/groups to the AGT 11-16 will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC). Input will be provided by National Team Coaching Staff (NTCS) during the selection process.
- ii. The selection process will be consistent with the standards outlined in the [USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy](#) for athlete selection.
- iii. Final approval is from the USA Gymnastics Chief Executive Office (CEO).

C. ELIGIBILITY:

- i. Only United States citizen may be named to the AGT 11-16 Team.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet FIG 11-16 age criteria in the 2019-2020 season.
- iii. Athletes must compete at the USA Gymnastics Championships and follow the selection process outlined, unless petitioning (see Section III).
- iv. Athletes trying out for AGT 11-16 must compete in the 11-16 International Track category to be considered.
- v. An athlete may not be named to the AGT 11-16 in multiple events (i.e. men's pairs and men's group.)

D. TEAM COMPOSITION:

The composition of the AGT 11-16 may include a maximum of (12) twelve 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 or fill all available slots.

- i. Pair/groups named to the AGT 11-16 may be ranked for upcoming competitions using discretionary criteria (reference II.B.). Ranking of pair/groups may be adjusted throughout the competitive season at any National Team Camp or assignment.
- ii. The SC will determine ranking. Input may be given by the NTCS.
- iii. A maximum of two (2) alternate pair/group per event may be identified. Alternates are not members of the AGT 11-16.
- iv. Alternates may be invited to AGT 11-16 if vacancies are available in team positions. Decisions to move alternate pair/groups on to the AGT 11-16 will be based upon time in the season, available international assignments, number of current national team members in that event, and the pair/group's readiness for international competition (determined by SC).

II. Selection Criteria for AGT 11-16:

A. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION TO AGT 11-16:

A pair/group will automatically qualify to the 2019-2020 Acrobatic Gymnastics AGT 11-16 from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, if *all* of the following criteria are met:

- i. The pair/group must finish in first place in their respective event.
- ii. The pair/group must earn minimum scores in both routines, as follows:
 - 8.6 artistry
 - 17.0 execution

- iii. The pair/group must achieve a minimum degree of difficulty in each of the two (2) routines, as follows:

11-16 AGT	Balance	Dynamic
	0.5	0.5

- iv. In the event of a tie, all pair/groups will be named to the AGT 11-16.

B. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA:

In addition to automatic qualification to AGT 11-16, pair/groups may be added to the AGT 11-16 based on performances from

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the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and/or a 2019/2020 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 execution will be considered. Routines are expected to be performed at an international caliber with intricacy of choreography performed at the highest level.
 - b. Performance, Choreography, Musicality, Expression, and Partnership will be considered by the SC (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. 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

- A. For a petition onto the AGT 11-16 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 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - b. Registered to compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - ii. Signed and submitted selection procedures by the deadline.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Petitions will be considered in the event of an injury, illness, or family death.
 - a. The petition must include the date and nature of the injury and/or illness, or family death.
 - b. 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 approved by USA Gymnastics. Additional documentation may be requested to validate unforeseen circumstances.
 - c. All petitioning athletes must sign selection procedures by the deadline.
 - d. Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, a petition must be jointly submitted by all members of the pair/group.
 - e. Petitioning athletes must submit a video for review (if requested by the SC).
 - v. 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.

IV. Team Obligations

- A. AGT 11-16 athletes are required to attend Regional and National Training Camps.
- B. 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 the SC. Input may be provided by the NTCS. AGT 11-16 pair/groups may or may not be given an assignment during the 2019-20 competitive year;
 - i. Pair/groups who do not accept assignments offered may not receive another opportunity;
 - ii. Assignments will 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 the SC), selection events,

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and/or national/international success.

- C. Athletes may/may not accept an international assignment.
- D. Funding is not provided by USA Gymnastics to members of the AGT 11-16.
- E. Warm-ups may be provided to athletes assigned to Team USA for international competitions. Warm-ups will be specific to the AGT 11-16.

V. Resignation and Retirement

Pair/groups may choose to retire from competition or resign from the AGT 11-16 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 High-Performance Administrator of changes in partnership status or level which may affect the pair/group's standing on AGT 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. Selection Committee Member Positions

- Elite Coach – Alayna Davis
- Elite Committee Chair – Ronda Francis
- International Expert – Nicole Barrilleaux
- Athlete Representative – Jessica Renteria

VII. Selection Procedures

The Selection Procedures were written by the Elite Committee.

VIII. Approval of the Selection Procedures

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by

- A. Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee
- B. Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director

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2018-2019 Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Agreement

By signing this form, each coach and athlete participating in the selection process is acknowledging and agreeing that you have carefully reviewed and understand the terms of the applicable Acrobatic 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 **June 14, 2019** to: Ryan Ward, rward@usagym.org

Selection for the teams listed will be conducted at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.

Check the box for the team you wish to be considered for:

Age Group Team 11-16 (FIG 11-16) EVENT _____

Is this pair/group age eligible for the 2019 Pan American Championships?
Age eligibility is determined by the age in which the athlete will be as of December 31, 2019

YES NO

Is this pair/group age eligible for the 2020 World Age Group Competition?
Age eligibility is determined by the age in which the athlete will be as of December 31, 2020

YES NO

This pair/group will be moving to Junior 12-18 between the 2019 Pan American Championships and the 2020 World Age Group Competition.

YES NO

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.)