

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

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 to JNT 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 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 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 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.
- 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 from the USA Gymnastics Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

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 2019-2020.
- iii. Athletes must compete at the 2019 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. Pair/groups named to JNT may be ranked for upcoming competitions using discretionary criteria (reference II.B.). Ranking of pair/group 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 and age group may be identified. Alternates are not members of JNT.
- iv. 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 2019-20 Acrobatic Gymnastics JNT from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships or future selection event, if *all* the following criteria are met:

- i. The pair/group must finish first place in their respective event.
- ii. The pair/group must earn minimum scores in all three (3) routines, as follows:

8.75 artistry
17.5 execution

- iii. The pair/group must achieve a minimum difficulty in each of the three (3) routines, as follows:

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

iv. In the event of a tie, all 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 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships and/or a 2019/2020 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 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 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. 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:
 - a. Qualified to compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - b. Registered to compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships or 2019-2020 selection event.
- 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. JNT athletes are required to attend Regional and National Training Camps.
- B. JNT athletes and coaches must attend a mandatory team meeting on Sunday, 7 July 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa (location TBD). Parents are also invited to attend the meeting.

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- C. The Program Committee and SC will formulate the calendar of events and delegation size. 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 2019-20 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.
- D. Athletes may decline an international assignment due to lack of funding.
- E. Funding will not be provided to JNT.
- F. USA warm-ups will be provided to JNT 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 High-Performance Administrator 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. 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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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 **June 14, 2019** to: Ryan Ward, rward@usagym.org

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

Please check the box for the team you wish to be considered for the 2019-2020 season (1 BOX ONLY):

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

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

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.)