

## **Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures 11-17 Pan American Championships Team**

Beginning with the 2021-2022 season, there will no longer be a national age group team for the 11-17 participants. However, in odd numbered years, USA Gymnastics will select athletes from this division to compete at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Pan American Championships.

The process for selection to the 2021 11-17 Pan American Championships (PAGU) Team for Acrobatic Gymnastics is a combination of the results from 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships and discretionary selection criteria outlined below. 11-17 pair/groups unable to attend the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships due to 2021 World Championships may submit a PAGU-petition.

### **QUALIFICATION:**

Athletes will be named to the 11-17 PAGU Team in one of the following ways:

- i. Petitioning onto the team (this is only available to 2021 World Age Group Team pair/groups competing at the 11-17 level).
- ii. Be selected using the discretionary criteria based on performances at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships (see Discretionary criteria below).
- iii. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (ASC) reserves the right to select additional pair/groups for 11-17 PAGU Team at selection events during the 2021-2022 competitive season.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- i. Only United States citizens may be named to the 11-17 PAGU Team.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet age criteria (11-17).
- iii. Athletes must compete at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships, unless petitioning.
  - a. 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships to be held from June 21-27, 2021 in St. Louis, MO.
- iv. Athletes must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics.
- v. Athletes trying out for the 11-17 PAGU Team must compete in that age category at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships or WAGC to be considered.
- vi. An athlete may not be named to the PAGU Team in multiple disciplines (i.e., men's pairs and men's group).

### **SELECTION:**

- i. The selection of the pair/groups to the 11-17 PAGU Team will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (ASC).
- ii. Selection will be made according to the Discretionary Criteria outlined below.
- iii. The selection process will be consistent with the standards outlined in USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection.

### **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

The composition of the 11-17 PAGU Team may include a maximum of three (3) pairs or groups per event (Women's Pair, Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Women's Group, and Men's Group). ASC is not obligated to fill all available spots.

- i. Positions on team may require ranking.
- 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 ASC will determine ranking.
- iv. A maximum of two (2) alternate pair/group per event may be identified. Alternates are not members of the team.

- v. Alternates may be named to the JNT if vacancies become available in team positions. Decision to name alternates to the team will be based upon proximity to the competition and pair/group's readiness for international competition (as determined by the ASC).

**2021 WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION TEAM PETITION:**

Because of the conflict of dates between the 2021 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age Group Competition in Geneva, SUI and the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships in St. Louis, MO, pair/groups on the 2021 World Age Group Competition Team in the 11-17 age group will be automatically placed on the PAGU Team in the same age group (as their WAGC team assignment), given they complete the following:

- i. Complete the 2021 PAGU Petition form and return it to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director by June 24, and
- ii. Indicate, via the petition form, their intent to continue to compete at the 11-17 level and in the same partnership for the Pan American Championships.

**DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Pair/groups may be named to the PAGU Team based on discretionary evaluation of performances from the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships. Evaluation criteria for selection is outlined below.

Note: Additions to JNT via the petition process or 2021/2022 future selection events will use the discretionary criteria below as well.

- Score and ranking from the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships
- Elements performed
  - a. Compulsory and optional elements chosen so that the routine programs ideally show both variety and difficulty.
  - b. The type of optional elements in the exercises should ideally show either difficulty stylistic entries and exits, and/or stand out as having unique quality.
  - c. Total exercise difficulty will be compared against the target difficulty. Target difficulty is the difficulty score before CJP deductions. Target Difficulty is maximum difficulty for 11-16 Age Group.
  - d. Technical performance of elements including quality of body lines, exceptional amplitude and body shapes in balance and dynamic, and overall control and ease of elements.
- Artistry and Presentation
  - a. Performance, Choreography, Musicality, Expression, and Partnership will be considered by the ASC (per FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points).
  - b. Intricacy, complexity, and creativity of choreography exhibited in exercises.
  - c. Effective use of music, entries/exits, or other artistry moments that create identity or memorability amongst large competitive divisions.
  - d. Overall sophistication and performance of artistry and choreography will be considered. Routines are expected to be performed with intricacy of choreography including full amplitude, polished timing, smooth transitions with elements, and ease on the floor.
- International caliber and Overall performance
  - a. International Caliber defined as strength, endurance, flexibility, and grace. Standards commensurate with world-level competitors.
  - b. Posture, presence, and poise entering and exiting the floor and during the performance of the exercise.
  - c. Athletes' competitive experience, pair/group professionalism, and consistency will be taken into consideration.
  - d. Mental and physical competitive readiness that allows for maximum performance.

- e. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic and adhering to national team policies.

## Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Agreement 11-17 Pan American Championships 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. Please note, the parent's signature is required if the athlete is under 18 years of age. A copy of birth certificate or passport (color copy, jpeg format) for each athlete must be submitted with the Selection Procedures by **June 24, 2021** to the Acrobatics Program Director, Shelby Salmon @ [ssalmon@usagym.org](mailto:ssalmon@usagym.org).

**Selection for the teams listed will be conducted at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships.**

### 11-17 Pan American Championships Team

Age eligible for the 2021 Pan American Championships?

11-17 in 2021

YES

NO

*Age eligibility is determined by the age in which the athlete will be as of December 31, 2021*

Petitioning based on 2021 WAGC Team Status?

YES

NO

*Note: If a 2021 WAGC pair or group intends to change levels following WAGC, they will not be assigned to the PAGU Team at 11-17. However, they will be invited to the Fall National Team Camp by virtue of their status as 2021 WAGC Team members. There may be opportunities at camp to be name to the PAGU at a different level.*

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Abbr: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ P/G ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Top's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Middle's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Base's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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