

USA GYMNASTICS
ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
2020-2021 NATIONAL TEAM ADDITIONS
December 2020

Due to the unique circumstances of the 2020 season with the Covid-19 pandemic causing cancellation of the 2020 USA Gymnastics Championships and preventing other in-person events from taking place during Fall 2020, there has not been an opportunity to select a new or add to the Acrobatic Gymnastics National Team during this competitive season. Therefore, additions to the SNT for the remaining term of the team (until a new team is selected in April 2021) will be evaluated via video according to these selection procedures.

These selection procedures provide an opportunity for senior elite pair/groups to be considered to be added to the Senior National Team (SNT) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term. Existing SNT members retain their spots until the end of their term.

I. OVERVIEW

A. Qualification:

- i. The process for this selection will be by video submission.
- ii. Athletes must submit a request for consideration providing all information and videos of performances as described in this document.
- iii. All deadlines listed in the document must be met.

B. Eligibility:

- i. Athlete must be a national citizen of the United States at the time of request submission.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet FIG Senior age criteria for 2021 and be eligible for the 2021 World Championships.
- iii. Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics.
- iv. Any athlete age 18 or older as of the conclusion of the World Age Group Competition will be required to complete USA Gymnastics' U110: US Center for SafeSport Core Course online training, available at <https://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U110/>.
- v. Athletes submitting a request for the SNT must be training in the Senior Elite category to be considered.
- vi. An athlete may not be named to SNT in multiple events (i.e. men's pairs and men's group).

C. Selection:

- i. The selection of the pair/groups to SNT will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (ASC).
- ii. Selection will be made according to the discretionary criteria listed in Section III.
- iii. Evaluations of the video performances will take into consideration the following factors for the 2020 season:
 - current time and training cycle of the 2020 season

- length of time since return to training (due to interruptions caused by COVID 19 restrictions)
- partner adjustments
- skill adjustments
- other special circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated training/competition restrictions.

D. Team Composition:

The composition of SNT includes both current team members and new team members that may be selected according to these procedures. The 2020-2021 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). ASC is not obligated to select pair/groups in all events or fill all available slots.

II. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Selection will be based on submitted videos, tariff sheets and request documentation of the pair/group.

A. Video Requirements

- Pair/groups requesting SNT consideration must submit videos of current training sessions. The videos must include footage of:
 - All Balance elements currently training. This includes elements in the belt, spotted, or performed onto landing mats.
 - All Dynamic elements currently training. This includes elements in the belt, spotted, or performed onto landing mats.
 - Artistry:
 - Choreography into and out of elements is encouraged when possible.
 - Choreography routines or modified routines for each exercise (e.g., dance through without skills or partial skills).
 - Due to timing of season and the competitive cycle, athletes are not expected to show full routines.
- Videos must be captured in horizontal/landscape orientation.
- Videos should be as close as possible to the subject, yet still capturing all aspects of the skill – top and bases, all flight elements, etc.
- Videos must be HD quality.

B. Tariff sheets for balance, dynamic, and combined exercises must be submitted. The tariff sheets can include skills of *anticipated* routine composition for each exercise.

C. Pair/group Information and History Form must be submitted. This form is provided as an attachment to the selection procedures document.

D. The deadline for all videos, tariff sheets, and forms to be submitted for consideration is February 1, 2021. Please submit videos and forms to: Shelby Salmon, Acrobatic Program Director, at ssalmon@usagym.org.

III. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA

Discretionary selection criteria used during video review process are defined below. Criteria are equally weighted.

- A. Elements performed
- i. Bonus' elements and other quality elements successfully performed.
 - ii. Number of elements anticipated in each exercise to reach total difficulty.
 - iii. *Anticipated* difficulty of each exercise, based on tariff sheet and video submissions, will be evaluated against defined target difficulty outlined below

	Women's Pairs	Men's Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Women's Group	Men's Group
Balance	V150	V150	V210	V180	V180
Dynamic	V130	V140	V180	V140	V140
Combined	V180	V180	V220	V180	V180

- B. International caliber, defined as strength, endurance, flexibility, grace, technical execution, and artistry standard commensurate with World-level competitors.
- C. Execution of elements performed, including completion of elements and technique.
- D. Artistry and Presentation
- i. Overall sophistication and execution of artistry and choreography will be considered.
 - ii. Partnership, Expression, Performance, Creativity, and Musicality will be considered (criteria are defined per FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points [https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_ACRO CoP 2017- 2020.pdf](https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_ACRO_CoP_2017-2020.pdf)).
- E. Overall performance
- i. Posture, presence, and poise on the floor.
 - ii. Pair/group sportsmanship.
 - iii. Mental and physical competitive readiness that allows for maximum performance.
 - iv. Demonstrated professional attitude, ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic, and adhering to national team policies.

IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee:

Elite Committee Representative, Ronda Francis
 Elite Coach, Alayna Davis
 International Expert, Nicole Barrilleaux
 Athlete Representative, Jessica Renteria
 High Performance Coordinator, Carisa Laughon (non-voting)

Any member of the Selection Committee that has a Conflict of Interest, as defined in the Conflict of Interest Policy (<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/conflictinterest.pdf>), will be recused.

V. TEAM OBLIGATIONS

- A. Pair/groups selected to SNT remain on the team until the 2021 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials (April 2021).
- B. SNT members must sign USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement.

- C. SNT athletes are invited to attend Regional and National Training Camps.
- D. SNT members may be assigned to international competition during their term. International event assignments will be designated by ASC.
 - 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 ASC), selection events, based on competitive history, and/or national/international success.
 - iv. Athletes may decline an international assignment due to funding.
 - v. Funding may be provided to SNT (in good standing) for specific events.
- E. USA warm-ups will be provided to SNT athletes prior to their first international competition assignment as Team USA.

VI. RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

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

- A. Coaches must promptly notify the High-Performance Coordinator 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.
- B. Coaches should make all attempts to notify the National Office before the information is made public. This includes social media.
- C. Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, removal, retirement or resignation of any single athlete will be effective for the entire pair/group.
- D. Violation of USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct, or National Team Agreement, which may be found online at https://usagym.org/pages/acro/pages/acro_selection_procedures.html, will result in removal from the team.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURES

These Selection Procedures have been written by the National Elite Committee and reviewed and approved by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.

National Elite Committee Chair, Ronda Francis
National Elite Committee Member, Alayna Davis
National Elite Committee Member, Gawain DuPree
National Elite Committee Member, Elena Arakelyan
Program Committee Chair, Sarah Thomas
National Development Committee Chair, Dylan Mauer
National Technical Committee Chair, Holly King
National Athlete Representative, Jessica Renteria

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ATTACHMENT A**

This form must be fully completed for a pair/group to request consideration to be added to the Senior National Team for the remainder of the 2020-21 term. A. **The deadline for all videos, tariff sheets, and forms to be submitted for consideration is January 1, 2021.** Please submit videos and forms to:

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PAIR/GROUP INFORMATION

Top's Name: _____ USAG#: _____

Middle's Name: _____ USAG#: _____

Base's Name: _____ USAG#: _____

Base's Name: _____ USAG#: _____

Pair/Group ID#: _____ Level: _____

Club Name: _____

Coach Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PAIR/GROUP HISTORY

Current Pair/Group Experience:

Please list previous experience (within the last two (2) seasons) of athletes in their current partnership and level only. List ALL National and International events attended, ranking and score.

Event/Year	Level competed at event	Rank	Total Score	Balance Score	Dynamic Score	Combined Score

Athlete Experience:

If athletes have previous experience from other partnerships within the last two (2) seasons, please list international events ONLY, including rank and scores.

Athlete Name	Event/Year	Rank	Total Score	Balance Score	Dynamic Score	Combined Score

Please submit this request form, along with videos and tariff sheets, as detailed in Section II.