



Clarification: Foreign Athlete Participation in Elite-Level Events

Only athletes eligible to represent the United States in the Olympic Games are permitted to compete in Qualifying or Selection events for the U.S. Olympic Team. Athletes must be declared eligible based on USA Gymnastics and FIG regulations prior to any Qualifying events. Specifically, athletes who have represented another country in international competition, regardless of citizenship (Foreign Athletes), who are ineligible to represent the United States at the Olympic Games may not compete in Qualifying or Selection events for the team.

Qualifying events include Selection event(s) for the Olympic Games, as well as preceding events that serve as the qualification pathway. Qualification events are detailed more specifically in section 1.2.2 of the athlete selection procedures for the Olympic Games in each discipline (World Championships for Acro).

Women: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/w_16olympics.pdf

Men: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/m_16olympics.pdf

Trampoline: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/t_16olympics.pdf

Rhythmic: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/r_16olympics.pdf

Acro: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/a_16worlds.pdf

Exceptions *may* be granted for Foreign Athletes to participate in Pre-Qualifying events, provided ALL of the following stipulations are met:

- a) Must be a current USA Gymnastics athlete member.
- b) Event registration is open; i.e., not restricted to current national team members or other defined group of participants, and/or does not have a set number of participants.
- c) Participation does not displace a spot that would otherwise have been allocated to a U.S. athlete.
- d) The event does not serve as a ranking/re-ranking event for the national team, and is not a selection event for international assignments.
- e) Participation is approved in writing by the appropriate Program Vice President/Director prior to the close of the meet's entry deadline.
- f) If granted, the participating athlete is not eligible to qualify to the next level of Qualification/Selection event pursuant to 'b-d' above.