

USA Gymnastics
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 Youth Olympic Games
Men's Artistic Gymnastics
4/25/2017

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games (April 10, 2019).

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must be 16 or 17 years of age (born in 2001 or 2002)
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2018 Youth Olympic Games accreditation.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

Candidates for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games must participate in the 2018 P&G Gymnastics Championships, TBD

Or successfully petition to be selected according to the process specified in 1.3

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Qualification to the 2018 P&G Gymnastics Championships (“Selection Event”) will be through the MPC approved qualifying process to be published no less than 90 days prior to the P&G Gymnastics Championships on www.usagym.org.

Athletes may petition to participate in to the Selection Event according to the petition procedures for that specific event. Petition procedures will be published a minimum of 45 days prior to the event and will be posted at www.usagym.org.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

A maximum of one athlete will be nominated for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games provided the U.S. earns a quota place through the FIG-identified YOG qualification event (currently scheduled as the Junior Pan American Championships to be held in March 2018 in Argentina).

The YOG Selection Committee will nominate one athlete and one replacement athlete using the selection method described in section 2 below following the conclusion of the 2018 P&G Gymnastics Championships. The pool of athletes to be considered for nomination include athletes who participate in the Selection Event and those who submit petitions to be named directly to the YOG Team.

Petition Procedures

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise

deserving of a spot on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team because of his previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1. Petition Rights: USA Gymnastics will allow athletes with a specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibits the athlete from participating in the competitive process, to petition USA Gymnastics for the right to:
 - i. Enter the 2018 P&G Gymnastics Championships as determined by the Men's Program Committee (MPC).
 - ii. Be nominated to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, as determined by the YOG Selection Committee.
2. Petition Procedures and Requirements
 - i. Only athletes who meet the following criteria may submit a petition:
 - A petition to enter the 2018 P&G Championships may be submitted by any athlete who meets the age qualifications for the event Youth Olympic Games. Qualification requirements will be posted a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of the event on www.usagym.org.
 - Only an athlete who can meet the qualification requirements listed in section 1.1 of this document may submit a petition directly to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games and *the petition must be submitted by the conclusion of the 2018 P&G Championships*. The YOG Selection Committee will use the same criteria as outlined in 2.2., but will apply the criteria to the petitioner's recent competitive history.
 - ii. A petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics. Athletes must also be able to demonstrate through past competitive results from USA Gymnastics or FIG sanctioned events that they are highly competitive in the field with other athletes qualified for the 2018 P&G Championships or athletes being considered for the Youth Olympic Games.
 - iii. Petitions to be named directly to the YOG Team will be resolved after the conclusion of the 2018 P&G Championships, and the athlete nominated to the YOG Team and the replacement athlete will come from the pool of athletes who participated at the Selection Event and those who submitted petitions, if any.

- iv. An athlete who successfully petitions to the Youth Olympic Games Team will be required to demonstrate readiness at the 2018 Junior National Team Camp, date and site TBD, as noted in 2.2.3 below. The criteria for demonstrating readiness by a petitioned athlete named to the Youth Olympic Games Team are:
 - The athlete must perform full routines on all six events at the preparation camp.
 - All of the athlete's routines will be judged by a minimum of two FIG rated judges.
 - The YOG Selection Committee will use the scores from the routines the athlete performed at the preparation camp and apply the selection criteria described in 2.2. to evaluate the athlete's readiness to compete at the Youth Olympic Games.
 - If the YOG Selection Committee determines that the athlete's performance is not at the level necessary to remain on the Youth Olympic Games Team, then the athlete will not have shown readiness and will be removed from the Youth Olympic Games Team.
 - Replacement of the athlete will follow the guidelines described in Section 4.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The Youth Olympic Games present the opportunity to earn seven different medals in the All Around and Individual Event competitions. The sport of gymnastics is a subjectively judged event. In the selection of an athlete who will compete for the All Around, Individual Event awards, or both, it is difficult to make selection decisions based solely by the rank order in one category when the goal is to maximize medal potential. In addition, particularly for junior level athletes, consistency of performance over multiple events is an important success factor.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

1. The YOG Selection Committee will consider the following factors when nominating Youth Olympic Games athlete and a potential replacement athlete:

The Final Results from the 2018 P&G Championships will be used to evaluate the following:

- i. The percentage of hit routines by the gymnast in the Selection Event.

- ii. Start values (D Score) on each apparatus from the Selection Event.
 - iii. Execution (E Score) on each apparatus from the Selection Event.
 - iv. Medal potential when compared to the meet results of likely YOG participants from other countries.
 - v. Past domestic and international performance and experience including type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions and routine hit percentage in those events.
 - vi. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the event dynamic.
 - vii. Any physical, training or performance factor that might inhibit peak performance at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.
2. The YOG Selection Committee will consider the information noted in 2.2.1 above in the following prioritized manner.
- i. Hit routine percentage at the Selection Event.
 - ii. The start values (D Score) of the potential team member will be factored into the selection process
 - iii. The execution (E Score) of the potential team member will be factored into the selection process.
 - iv. Maximizing medal potential
 - v. The remaining factors, past domestic and international experience and other factors as listed above will be considered by the committee only in the event that a final decision identifying the Youth Olympic Games athlete cannot be reached using the competition results, start values, execution factors and medal potential review.
3. The athlete nominated to the Youth Olympic Games and the replacement athlete must:
- i. Attend the Junior National Team/YOG preparation camp to be held at the USOTC, TBD, for the full duration of the camp.
 - a. The athlete must demonstrate readiness by performing routines on all six events at a level demonstrated in the Selection Event to the satisfaction of the National Team Coordinator (see 2.3.2.iii. below).
 - b. An athlete who is unable to demonstrate readiness could be removed from the team for failure to fulfill team responsibilities as outlined in the National Team Agreement:
http://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

2018 Youth Olympic Games Selection Committee

Name	Title
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
TBD	At large Representative (coach, athlete or administrator)
TBD	High Performance Director
Dennis McIntyre	Men's Program Director: Voice – No Vote, ex-officio

2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

In the event that a Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, a replacement will be named by the Men's Program Committee.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics' President.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), his injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement, or the Men's National Team Responsibility Manual, which can be found online at:
http://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html
- 3.1.4. Lack of performance in training which inhibits peak performance at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

- 3.1.5 Failure to attend the entire the Junior National Team/YOG preparation camp.
- 3.1.6 Failure to show readiness as described in 1.3.2.iv and 2.2.3.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' Bylaws, Article 10 and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The YOG Selection Committee will identify a replacement athlete as specified in Section 2 above.

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The YOG Selection Committee will identify a replacement athlete as permitted by FIG and/or IOC Youth Olympic Games policy.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Gymnastics will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of conclusion of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and can be found online at:
https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html

Code of Ethical Conduct
National Team Agreement
Men's National Team Responsibility Manual

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics in the following locations:

7.1. USA Gymnastics Website:

https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other:

Direct distribution to age-eligible national team members and their personal coaches.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

The athlete selected for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games will be announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of the 2018 P&G Championships, but no later than August 10, 2018.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Participation in the Junior National Team/YOG preparation camp required. Date and location of camp will be published a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the 2018 P&G Gymnastics Championships at www.usagym.org.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Men's Program Committee

Name	Title
Yoichi Tomita	Chairman
Brett McClure	Senior Representative
Kip Simons	Senior Representative
Sergei Pakanich	Junior Representative
Mike Serra	Junior Representative
David Durante	Athlete Representative
Sho Nakamori	Athlete Representative
Steve Butcher	FIG Representative
Dennis McIntyre	Men's Program Director, voice - no vote
TBD	High Performance Director, voice - no vote
Mike Juszcyk	NGJA Representative, voice - no vote

12. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/usag-bylaws.pdf>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or FIG rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Gymnastics. However, the selections are always subject

to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Gymnastics may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by NGB.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics Chief Operating Officer	Ron Galimore		4/27/17
Vice President of Men's Program	Dennis McIntyre		4/27/17
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Nastia Liukin		4/27/17

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.