

**USA GYMNASTICS**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS**  
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Note: Following the IOC's announcement that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games have been rescheduled to take place July 23 – August 8, 2021, it was confirmed that these Games would still be referred to as the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Therefore, any references to the Olympic qualification system, Olympic Team, Olympic Trials, Olympic Team Preparation Camp and/or Olympic Games still reflect '2020' in these selection procedures.

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

- Athlete must be a national of the United States at the start of the Tryout Events (1.2.1.).
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Games.

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

Any competitor in the 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 (2) or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

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

- Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years of age by December 31, ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ (born on or before December 31, ~~2003~~ ~~2002~~).
- Hold a valid FIG License until the end of the 2020 Olympic Games Artistic Gymnastics competitions.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics at the time of nomination.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s online training.

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.

Additional information regarding the final competition dates, competition schedule and the competition format will be published via the men’s page of the USA Gymnastics website at [https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program\\_events.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program_events.html).

- a. ~~2021 U.S. Championships: June 3-6, 2021, Fort Worth, Texas~~  
~~2020 U.S. Championships: June 4-7-4-9, 2020, Fort Worth, Texas at a site to be determined and published no less than 90 days prior to the first day of scheduled competition.~~
- b. 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics: June ~~24-27, 2021~~ ~~25-28, 2020~~, St. Louis, Missouri.

2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series: Nov. 2018 – March 2019 and Nov. 2019 – ~~June 2021~~ ~~March 2020~~

- A quota place may be earned as a nominative berth (by name) based on results from the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup Series events. See 1.3.3. below and the [FIG Qualification System for Tokyo 2020](#) for details. For schedules and venues for the series of events, the FIG calendar is found at [www.gymnastics.sport/site/events/search.php?type=sport#filter](http://www.gymnastics.sport/site/events/search.php?type=sport#filter).

In addition, the 2020 Olympic Games Team Preparation Camp may also be used to determine/finalize nominations to the team [see 1.4.1.a.v. (Petition Procedures) and Section 9 (Mandatory Training)].

- 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).

- a. Athletes may qualify to compete in the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships through the following methods:
- Senior National Team members who are named following the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ Winter Cup ([Feb. 26-28, 2021, Indianapolis, IN](#)) ~~Challenge~~ ~~(Date)~~

and location TBD ~~February 19-20, 2020, Las Vegas, Nevada~~). For more information, go to [Men's Program Rules and Policies at /usagym.org/pages/men/pages/rules\\_policies.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/rules_policies.html) "National Team Program" under Rules at [/usagym.org/pages/men/pages/index.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/index.html).

- All athletes who qualify to compete at ~~the 2020~~ [Day 1 & 2 of the 2021 Winter Cup Challenge Finals](#) in the Senior Division (approximately ~~42~~ [42](#) athletes) will qualify to compete in the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) U.S. Championships. [For qualification procedures for the Winter Cup, go to https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program\\_events.html.](#)
- From the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) NCAA Championships: The 6 top-ranked athletes who are U.S. citizens in the All Around event at the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) NCAA Championships (who are not already qualified to the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) U.S. Championships through one of the methods outlined above), provided they finish in the top-12 All Around athletes.
- An athlete may petition to compete in the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) U.S. Championships using the process described in Section 1.4.

b. Athletes may qualify to compete in the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics through the following methods:

- By being named to the Senior National Team following the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) U.S. Championships.
  - ⊖ The process for earning a position on the Senior National Team at the ~~2021~~ [2020](#) U.S. Championships [is made available at usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html) and [usagym.org/pages/men/pages/overview\\_eliteprogram.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/overview_eliteprogram.html) ~~will be has been published no later than March 1, 2020 and will be is found at~~ <http://www.wintercup.com/info/> [https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program\\_events.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program_events.html).
- An athlete may petition to compete in the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics using the process described in Section 1.4.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process.

USA Gymnastics may qualify a maximum of six (6) athletes to the 2020 Olympic Games within three (3) different categories of qualification as defined in the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) document *Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020* ("FIG Qualification Document") which can be found at: <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/rules/rules.php#13>

The selection process is outlined in the following sections of the [FIG Qualification Document](#) and are dependent on the U.S. qualifying the associated quotas:

Section 1: Team Competition – Four (4) athletes

Section 2: NOC Qualified Athletes – maximum of two (2) athletes\*

### Section 3: Nominatively Qualified Athlete – maximum of one (1) athlete\*

\*Note – the maximum number of athletes who may qualify to the 2020 Olympic Games in Sections 2 and 3 combined is two (2) athletes.

#### 1.3.1. Section 1: Team Competition

For team competition, the U.S. Olympic Team will be comprised of four (4) athletes who will be nominated to the USOPC. At least one (1) and up to three (3) replacement athletes will also be determined.

The results from the Selection Events (see a. below) will be used to identify the team which will produce the highest medal potential for the four-man team. Because there are two competition formats that will be contested in Tokyo at the 2020 Olympic Games (three (3) athletes compete, three (3) scores count AND four (4) athletes compete and three (3) scores count), as well as All Around and individual event medal considerations, a variety of scenarios need to be evaluated by the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee.

The process for selection of the four (4) team members and replacement gymnasts for the team competition at the 2020 Olympic Games is a combination of the following:

- a. Final Results: The Final Results will be determined using combined results from the All Around event at both the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships (2 days of competition) and the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics (2 days of competition). The ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships and 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics are the Selection Events.
- b. Automatic Selection:
  - i. Place first in the Final Results (as defined in a.) at the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics.
  - ii. Place second in the Final Results (as defined in a.) at the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics. In addition, to be eligible for automatic selection, the second place athlete must have placed in the top three on a minimum of three of the six individual events using the Final Results (as defined in a.). An athlete who places second in the Final Results but does not place in the top three on three different events may be selected to the team as provided for in items 1.3.1.c.i. through ii. (below Team Score Scenarios).
- c. Discretionary Selection:

Athletes who do not automatically qualify to the team as noted in b. above will be considered by the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee through an evaluation of the factors outlined below. The pool of competitors to be considered for selection under this method consists of athletes who competed in the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics or from submitted petitions to qualify directly to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team following the process outlined in 1.4. Up to three (3) athletes may be selected if the second place athlete does not meet the automatic qualification criteria as noted in b.ii. At least one (1) and up to three (3) replacement athletes will also be selected from this pool of competitors.

Factors to be considered for Discretionary Selection:

In addition to any athlete(s) who may qualify to the team per 1.3.1.b., the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee will consider the factors noted in 1.3.1.c.i. and 1.3.1.c.ii. when selecting the remaining Olympic Team members and potential replacement athletes (at least one (1) and up to three (3)).

Team Score Scenarios using the final results: as defined in 1.3.1.a – The top 10 team score scenarios will be created from the final results using

- the top three (3) scores for each athlete and
- the top two (2) scores for each athlete for both team qualification and team finals formats.

The team score scenarios and factors listed below will be evaluated using the criteria as noted:

- i. The team score scenarios using the top three (3) scores in the team finals format will be given precedence when evaluating the team using all of the following criteria:
  - Team medal potential (as perceived based on the final results compared to available results from the top five countries in the world from FIG Sanctioned competitions held in 2019, ~~and~~ 2020 ~~and~~ 2021).
  - Ability of team to successfully qualify to the team finals (as perceived based on the team scores scenarios compared to available results for the 12 countries with teams qualified to the Olympic Games from FIG Sanctioned competitions held in 2019, ~~and~~ 2020 ~~and~~ 2021).
  - Medal potential for All Around and Individual Event competition (as perceived based on the available results for the top six (6) athletes in the All Around and the top six (6) athletes for each

individual event from FIG Sanctioned competitions held in 2019, ~~and 2020~~ and 2021).

- ii. All of the following information will only be used to provide additional information in the event that the committee cannot come to a final decision using the criteria noted in 1.3.1.c.i.
  - The team scenarios using the top two (2) scores per athlete may be used for further evaluation in the case of a petitioned athlete or an athlete who may not be able to complete all events in all sessions of the selection events due to sickness or injury.
  - The percentage of hit routines by the gymnast in the Selection Events.
    - A hit routine is defined as a routine that does not include a large deduction or greater (as defined in the FIG Code of Points) on any single skill within the routine.
  - Start values (D Score) on each apparatus from the Selection Events (average of all routines performed).
  - Execution (E Score) on each apparatus from the Selection Events (average of all routines performed).
  - All scores from the Selection Events to be used for evaluating consistency.
  - Domestic and international performance and experience from 2016 to 2021 ~~2020~~, including type, frequency, routine hit percentage and caliber of the event(s).
  - Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.
  - Any physical, training or performance factor, which might inhibit peak performance at the 2020 Olympic Games.

The four (4) members who will be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Team will be identified at the conclusion of the men's competition at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics.

Replacement athletes (at least one (1) and up to three (3)) will be determined within 24 hours after the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics.

### 1.3.2. Section 2: NOC Qualified Athletes

As defined in the [FIG Qualification Document](#), a maximum of two (2) NOC Qualified Athlete quotas may be awarded to a country based on results at either the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series ~~in 2020~~ concluding in 2021 and/or results in the All-Around event at the ~~2020~~ Senior Pan American

Championships [held in 2021](#) (referred to as “Continental Championships” in the [FIG Qualification Document](#)).

a. The Men’s Program Committee (MPC) will make competitive assignments to the events detailed in the FIG qualification system. Eligibility and assignment criteria to NOC qualifying competitions (World Cup events/Senior Pan American Championships) are as follows:

- i. Must be a current FIG age eligible National Team Member.
- ii. MPC will make national team international competitive assignments based on athlete competitive results, performance and perceived ability to be highly competitive in the field for:
  - Top three (3) All Around points at 2020 World Cup All Around Series events ([concluding in 2021](#)) or
  - Top three (3) All Around in [2020 Senior Pan-Am Continental Championships \(held in 2021\)](#) results (considering FIG restrictions noted in the [FIG Qualification Document](#))

The MPC will use the criteria referenced in Section 2.2. as applied to the results from all USA Gymnastics senior national competitions and FIG Sanctioned events from 2019, ~~and~~ 2020 ~~and~~ [2021](#).

b. Process for the selection of up to two (2) athletes to fill the NOC Qualified Athlete quota place(s) and participate in the 2020 Olympic Games is as follows:

- i. The same methods outlined in Section 1.2.1. and 1.2.2. will establish the pool of athletes eligible to be selected to an NOC Qualified Athlete quota place(s).
- ii. The 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee will select up to two (2) athletes, provided those quota spots are qualified, based on the goal of maximizing medal potential in individual event competition at the 2020 Olympic Games using all of the criteria referenced in 1.3.1.c.ii., outside of the team scenarios.

### 1.3.3. Section 3: Nominative Qualified Athlete

A maximum of one (1) position will be awarded to an athlete by name to the 2020 Olympic Games based on the final results of the 2018-2019/2019-2020 FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup Series events ([concluding in 2021](#)) as defined in the [FIG Qualification Document](#).

a. The Men’s Program Committee will make national team international competitive assignments to the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series events detailed in the [FIG Qualification Document](#). Eligibility and

assignment criteria for the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series events are as follows:

- i. Must be a current National Team Member.
  - ii. MPC will make national team international competitive assignments based on the athlete's competitive results, performance and perceived ability to be highly competitive in the field for a number one world ranking in individual event points in the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series as defined in the [FIG Qualification Document](#). The MPC will evaluate event assignment based on perceived ability to be highly competitive using the criteria referenced in 1.3.1.c.ii. as applied to all USA Gymnastics senior national competitions and FIG-sanctioned events from 2018, 2019, ~~and 2020~~ or 2021.
  - iii. An athlete may maintain his competition assignment based on ability to place in the top three (3) at assigned events on any individual event in order to stay competitive for the number one (1) points ranking, on a single event, in Individual Apparatus World Cup Series points as evaluated by the MPC following each World Cup event.
- b. An athlete who is ranked number one (1) on an individual event at the conclusion of the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series, according to the rules detailed in the [FIG Qualification Document](#), has qualified himself by name to the 2020 Olympic Games. No replacement of this athlete is possible except as outlined in the [FIG Qualification Document](#) and there is no possibility to submit a petition for this position. In addition, an athlete who earns a nominative position to the Olympic Games must confirm their participation with the FIG as noted in the [FIG Qualification Document](#), and once confirmed, that athlete is no longer eligible for consideration for the four-man Olympic team event.

#### 1.4. Petition Procedures

- 1.4.1. 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 2020 U.S. Olympic Team because of his previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

Petition Rights: Athletes may petition to USA Gymnastics for the right to:

- Enter the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ Winter Cup [Challenge](#)
- Enter the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships
- Enter the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics [held in 2021](#)



- To be selected as a 2020 Olympic Games participating athlete

All petitions must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process (see Men's Rules and Policies at:

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>).

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 a doctor approved by USA Gymnastics.

Athletes must also be able to demonstrate through ~~past 2019 or 2020~~ competitive results from USA Gymnastics senior national or FIG Sanctioned events that they are highly competitive in the field with other athletes qualified for the ~~2021 2020~~ Winter Cup Challenge, ~~2021 2020~~ U.S. Championships, 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics or named Olympic team members, as applicable. ~~This includes an athlete's D scores as well as overall performance in the specified events.~~

a. Petition Procedures and Requirements

- i. Only athletes who meet the following criteria may submit a petition:
  - A petition to enter the ~~2021 2020~~ Winter Cup Challenge or ~~2021 2020~~ U.S. Championships may be submitted by any athlete.
  - A petition to enter the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics may only be submitted by an athlete who is or has been a Senior National Team Member in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, ~~or 2020~~ or ~~2021~~.
  - A petition directly onto the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team may only be submitted by an athlete who was an Olympic or World Team member in 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2019 and who has participated in a minimum of one day of competition at one of the selection events as noted in 1.3.1.a, or by an athlete who has participated in a Selection Event and is in the first, second or third position in the ~~2021 2020~~ National Points Ranking System based on completed sessions of competition. Further if an athlete has completed less than three days of competition at the selection events, his average scores (final score, D Score and E score for each event) based on competition participation at any or all of the following:
    - the 2019 U.S. Championships
    - 2020 ~~and 2021~~ Winter Cup Challenge and
    - at all FIG Sanctioned events in 2019, ~~and 2020~~ ~~and 2021~~

will be used for the purpose of evaluating performance comparison for the team score scenarios noted in 1.3.1.b.

- ii. Petitions to the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ Winter Cup Challenge, ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships and 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics will be considered for approval by the Men’s Program Committee (MPC).
  - Petitions to the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ Winter Cup Challenge and ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships must be submitted in writing to the Vice President of Men’s Program no later than the published registration and/or petition deadline for the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ Winter Cup Challenge or the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships. All petitions will be resolved within fourteen days of the petition deadline.
  - Petitions to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics must be submitted in writing to the USA Gymnastics Vice President of Men’s Program no later than the published registration deadline for the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships. All petitions will be resolved within seven days of the petition deadline.
  - For those athletes who must withdraw from competition at the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships, the petition is due on the date of withdrawal from the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S Championships, or for those athletes who participated in any portion of the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships, by the conclusion of the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships. All petitions will be resolved within 48 hours of the conclusion of the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships.
- iii. The 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee will consider petitions directly onto the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team. In order to be considered by the Selection Committee, petitions onto the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team must be submitted in writing to USA Gymnastics Vice President of Men’s Program as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of his inability to participate in the applicable qualification competition(s).
  - For those athletes who must withdraw from competition at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics, the petition is due on the date of withdrawal from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics, or for those athletes who participated in any portion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics, by the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics.
- iv. An athlete who successfully petitions onto the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team will be named at the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men’s Gymnastics along with the other nominated team members.

- v. A successfully petitioned 2020 U.S. Olympic Team athlete will be required to demonstrate readiness at the 2020 Olympic Games Team Preparation Camp noted in Section 9. The criteria for demonstrating readiness are:
  - The 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee will inform the athlete on which events he must show readiness at the preparation camp. The athlete must perform full routines at the preparation camp on those events (he may also perform routines on the other events).
  - All of the athlete's routines will be judged by a minimum of two (2) judges who participated as judges at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics.
  - The Selection Committee will use the scores from the routines the athlete performed at the preparation camp and apply the selection criteria referenced in 2.2. to evaluate the athlete's performance to assess whether the athlete would have been named to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.
  - If the Selection Committee determines that the athlete's performance is not at the level necessary to have been named to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team, then the athlete will not have shown readiness and will be removed from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team.
  - Replacement of the athlete will follow the guidelines described in Section 4.
- b. There is no possibility to petition for a Nominative Olympic Games petition as described in 1.3.3.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

The sport of gymnastics is a subjectively judged event. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a team, it is difficult to make selection decisions based solely by the rank order to be competitive for both team and individual event medals. The current rules do not require athletes to compete on all events, which necessitate evaluating relative event strength and contribution to total team or event scores in order to maximize medal potential.

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

Refer to the Factors to be considered for Discretionary Selection provided in section 1.3.1.c.i-ii. for a description of the discretionary criteria and how they will be used.

- 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:

**Men's Program Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
TBD	Junior Representative
TBD	Junior Representative
TBD	Senior Representative
TBD	Senior Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
Jason Woodnick	Vice President of Men's Program, Voice – no vote
<del>Dennis McIntyre</del>	<del>ex-officio</del>
Brett McClure	High Performance Director, Voice – no vote
TBD	National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA) Representative, Voice – no vote

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
TBD	At large Representative (may be a coach, athlete or administrator)
Brett McClure	High Performance Director
Jason Woodnick	Vice President of Men's Program – Voice – no vote
<del>Dennis McIntyre</del>	
*Independent Observer of Procedure	Appointed by USA Gymnastics Board of Directors (no voice – no vote)

\* An Independent Observer of Procedure appointed by a sub-committee of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors will be present at the final selection meeting (no voice, no vote).

In the event that any Selection Committee member is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Men's Program Committee will name a replacement.

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy for Athlete Selection defines the process that is used to handle any potential conflicts of interest and ~~will be is~~ found here ~~once the document is available for 2020:~~

[https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html)

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President/CEO of USA Gymnastics.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If an athlete refuses verification of his illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his injury will be assumed to be disabling and he may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Gymnastics' Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement, or Men's ~~Artistic Program Responsibilities Manual~~ ~~National Team Responsibilities Manual~~, which may be found online at [https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html) and [https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/rules\\_policies.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/rules_policies.html).
- 3.1.4. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.5. Failure to show readiness in the case of a petitioned athlete as described in 1.4.1.a.v.

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

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found: [www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct](http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct) [www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents](http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents) [www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition](http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition)
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the Policies and Procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USAG's SafeSport policies, 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:

If necessary, the Selection Committee will identify which of the replacement athletes (as defined in 1.3.1.) will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete using the Discretionary Selection criteria referenced in Section 2.2.

4.1.2. After submission of entries by name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- After acceptance by the USOPC but prior to departure to the Olympic Games Preparation Camp, the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Committee will determine which of the replacement athletes will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete, if necessary, using the Discretionary Selection criteria referenced in Section 2.2.
- After arrival at the mandatory Olympic Games Preparation Camp and until the start of 2020 Olympic Games participation, the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Head Coach, USA Gymnastics High Performance Director, the Vice President of Men's Program, and the named Selection Committee athlete representative will determine which replacement athlete will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete, if necessary, using the Discretionary Selection criteria referenced in Section 2.2.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A 2020 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Committee Report, outlining the work and decisions of the selection committee, will be made available for distribution to all athletes and coaches who participated in the selection events within a reasonable amount of time after the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics. The report will be made public on the USA Gymnastics website. USA Gymnastics retains the sole discretion to determine the contents and timing of the report.

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 the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

#### **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be adhered to/signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and can be found online at [https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html):

USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy  
USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct  
National Team Agreement  
~~Men's Artistic Program Manual~~ ~~National Team Responsibility Manual~~  
Men's National Team Responsibilities Program Manual

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

7.1. USAG website: [https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five (5) business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7.2. Other: Direct email 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 USOPC on or before: ~~June 28, 2021~~ ~~June 28, 2020~~

## 9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

An Olympic Team preparation camp will be held following the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics. All 2020 U.S. Olympic Team members and named replacement athletes are required to attend for the duration of the camp. Olympic Team camp location, dates, schedule and requirements will be distributed by email to all participants qualified to the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Men's Gymnastics and their coaches following the ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ U.S. Championships with a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the start of the camp.

Waivers from this camp are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. In that case, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USA Gymnastics High Performance Director, Vice President of Men's Program and an athlete representative. Any unexcused absence will serve as cause for removal from the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team with the right to a hearing pursuant to the USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures or Section 9 of USOPC Bylaws.

## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Mike Serra	Chairman & Junior Representative
Randy Jepson	Senior Representative
Karl Ziehn	Senior Representative
Sergei Pakanich	Junior Representative
Steven Legendre	Athlete Representative
Sho Nakamori	Athlete Representative
Dennis McIntyre	Vice President of Men's Program, Voice – no vote ex-officio
Brett McClure	High Performance Director, Voice – no vote
Mike Juszczak	NGJA Representative, Voice – no vote

## 12. NGB 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 and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC 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 USOPC.

## 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN



The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

To contact the Athlete Ombudsman Office:




PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

## 15. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the IOC, USOPC and FIG 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 USA Gymnastics.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
President/CEO USA Gymnastics	Li Li Leung		2/20/21
Vice President of Men's Program	Jason Woodnick <del>Dennis McIntyre</del>	 <small>Jason Woodnick (Feb 20, 2021 12:58 EST)</small>	2/20/21
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Serena Lu <del>Sho Nakamuri</del> <del>Nastia Liukin</del>	 <small>Serena Lu (Feb 23, 2021 23:33 EST)</small>	2/23/21

\* If the USOPC 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 the USOPC Sport Performance Team.

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