



2021 U.S. Championships Qualifications and Junior National Team Selection
March 29, 2021

I. Junior Qualifications to U.S. Championships

Level 10 Junior Elite qualifiers from Development National Championships by final rank order based on combined results from optional routines and technical sequences as follows:

- Top 11 athletes age 15
- Top 11 athletes age 16
- Top 12 athletes age 17
- Top 8 athletes age 18
- MPC approved petitions, which must include:
 - Completed petition form found here:
<https://usagym.org/pages/home/pages/forms.html?#mens>
 - Documentation from medical staff in the event of injury/illness or documentation from the athlete/coach outlining why the athlete should be accepted to U.S. Championships in the event of extenuating circumstance
 - Letter of recommendation from the athlete's coach

Ages are determined by an athlete's age as of May 31, 2021 as published in the Men's Rules and Policies.

II. U.S. Championships - Junior National Team Selection Criteria

Athletes in both Level 10 JE age groups (15-16 & 17-18) may be named to the Junior National Team based on their combined 2-day results at US Championships as follows:

- 15 year old – Top 3 AA rank order
- 16 year old – Top 3 AA rank order
- 17 year old – Top 3 AA rank order
- Five (5) open spots from any age (15, 16, or 17) as follows below, with no more than two (2) athletes being named to open spots from any one of the single age years. Submitted petitions may also be considered in place of one of the open spots listed below, if approved by the MPC:
 - Three (3) athletes from any age year based on rank order using the metric of combining an athlete's final AA score and D score from both days of competition (Final AA score + Day 1 D score + Day 2 D score)
 - The two (2) athletes with the highest combined D scores from Day 1 and Day 2 from the entire field of eligible athletes. If those athletes are already named to the team, then the remaining spots will be determined using the metric outlined above (Final AA score + Day 1 D score + Day 2 D score)
 - Discretionary criteria may be considered in Open selection using the following:
 - Strength/competitiveness of the field in each age group
 - D score benchmarks as established by the National Team mission statements for each age group

III. Petitions for Junior National Team Selection

Petitions for injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance that prevented an athlete from participating in the National Team selection events may be submitted to the MPC for selection to the Junior National Team by athletes who have been a member of the most recent Junior NT (2020-2021). Petitions must include the following to be eligible for approval:

- Completed petition form found here:
<https://usagym.org/pages/home/pages/forms.html?#mens>
- Documentation from medical staff in the event of injury/illness or documentation from the athlete/coach outlining why the athlete was unable to compete at U.S. Championships in the event of extenuating circumstance
- Letter of recommendation from the athlete's coach
- Recent results from major domestic and/or international events

IV. Senior Development Team

A maximum of four (4) athletes, FIG aged 18-20, who are not currently named to the Senior National Team, will be named to the Senior Development Team following U.S. Championships as follows:

- The top one (1) 18 or 19 year old athlete from the Junior division by AA rank order from combined 2-day results
- Three (3) open spots from any age (18, 19, or 20) who achieve the D score benchmark of 92.0 for the Senior division or 90.5 for the Junior division

The Senior Development Team will not be designated as National Team members in 2021, but will be invited to all Senior NT camps and included in Senior NT communications.

The official announcement of the complete Men's National Teams will be made by USAG following all necessary MPC National Team selection meetings. Official minutes from MPC meetings and Independent Observer report must be published on the USAG website prior to the National Team announcement.