



2021 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by the Men's Program Committee of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2021 Junior Pan American Championships taking place June 18-20, 2021 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

At the time of creation of this document there are no official directives for this competition. Therefore, information in this document is subject to change. All affected parties will be notified of any changes to these procedures.

1.1 Objectives

The objective of these processes and procedures are to nominate the best possible delegation who will be capable of achieving the following target:

- Qualify a team to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games by finishing in the top 8 spots in the team competition
- Perform as a team with upgraded start values for international experience

1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is five, including one reserve athlete. The competition format is 4-4-3 for the team competition. Maximum of two athletes per country in IE Finals.

The U.S. MAG delegation will be composed of:

- 5 athletes (including one reserve athlete)
- 2 team coaches
- 1 team manager
- 1 medical staff

Participation is fully funded by USA Gymnastics for the delegation.

1.3 Key Dates

March 15, 2021 Video Submission #1 Deadline

April 15, 2021 Video Submission #2 Deadline

May 1, 2021	Deadline for team nomination
June 18, 2021	Jr Pan Am Championships Team & AA Finals
June 20, 2021	Individual Event Finals

2.0 Eligibility

Athletes are eligible for selection to the Team provided that:

- they are 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 Championships;
- they are 14-18 years old in 2021. Note: 18 year-old athletes who choose to participate in these Championships will not be eligible to participate in any international event in the Senior category in 2021;
- they are a current National Team athlete and have signed the NT Agreement;
- they hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2021 Pan American Championships
- they are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics

Any competitor in the Pan American Championships 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 42), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

3.0 Qualification System to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games

Qualification for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games is based on the results of the 2021 Junior Pan American Championship prior to the Games (results of the Qualifying competition).

Places are awarded to National Olympic Committees, not to the gymnasts.

No of place per discipline	Place type	Qualification	No.
1 - 40	NOC with team	One team from each of the NOCs ranked from 1 to 8 in the Teams results of the Qualifying competition.	8 x 5 = 40
41 - 50	NOC with individuals	Two gymnasts from each of the NOCs ranked 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the Teams results of the Qualifying competition.	5 x 2 = 10
51 - 56	NOC with individuals	Six gymnasts, maximum one per NOC, best placed in the All Around Individual qualification of the Qualifying competition, from different NOCs to those already qualified through the above criteria.	6 x 1 = 6

57	Organizing NOC with individual	1 gymnast from the host NOC, provided that the NOC has not qualified through the above criteria.	1 x 1= 1
57 gymnasts			20 NOC

In Artistic Gymnastics, the gold medalists in the Individual All Around event of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games will obtain a direct place to the Pan American Games Santiago 2023. In total 1 place for each discipline (2 in total) will be the places that will be awarded in this competition. These places obtained for the Pan American Games Santiago 2023 are nominative, not for the NOC.

4.0 Process

Step 1: Eligible athletes submit routine videos from competitions (live or virtual) held up to March 15, 2021. Routines may be from one or multiple competitions and videos will be uploaded to the Junior NT Google Drive.

Step 2: Eligible athletes submit routine videos from either a competition (live or virtual) or training from between March 16 – April 15, 2021. Videos will be uploaded to the Junior NT Google Drive.

All videos require athletes to be in competition uniform and should follow the camera guidelines as stated in the Men’s Virtual Playbook. The Men’s Virtual Playbook can be found here: https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Sanction/virtualplaybook_men.pdf

Athletes are encouraged, but not required to participate in both steps of the process. Ultimately, the goal is to submit the best six routines for each athlete.

Step 3: Routine videos will be sent to JNAL led judging panels for evaluation. The same panels will be used for all video submissions to ensure consistency. Following judges’ evaluations of all video submissions, the Men’s Program Committee will take the following factors into consideration in nominating the Junior Pan Am Championships team:

- Objective 1: Top three athletes by rank order of AA Start Value with a targeted SV of 90.0 for each athlete
- Objective 2: Highest potential team score by Start Value using top three scores per event
- Objective 3: Athletes who may compliment the team’s weaker events to increase team score potential

Following the results from video submissions, the Men’s Program Committee will nominate the five team athletes (including traveling reserve athlete) who will represent the USA to the 2021 Junior Pan Am Championships no later than May 1, 2021. The MPC will also name one non-traveling reserve athlete.

4.1 Equipment Specifications for Video Submission

- **FX:** 12m x 12m w/ up to 10cm additional landing mats allowed. The mat cannot be moved once in place and may be used for landings only. Floor boundary lines must be outlined in tape and visible on video.
- **PH:** 105cm from top of mat, 115cm from the floor
- **SR:** 280cm from the floor w/ a maximum of 30cm of mats allowed
- **VT:** 135cm measured from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required and a maximum of 50cm allowed. Vault landing lines must be outlined in tape and visible on video.
- **PB:** 180cm from the top of the mat, 200cm from the floor w/ additional 10cm landing mat allowed
- **HB:** 280cm from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required and a maximum of 50cm allowed

4.2 Determination of athletes' competitive apparatus and start order

The competitive order and strategy will be determined by the Development Program Coordinator, the team coaches, and the team athletes. As per FIG regulations, the order of competition on each event shall be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the competition.

5.0 Petition Procedures and Requirements

No petitions will be accepted for this competition. Athletes must partake in the qualification process to be eligible for this event.

5.1 Removal of Athletes

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:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness as certified by a member of the USAG medical staff
- Violation of Men's Program National Team Agreement

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.

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

6.0 Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC 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 USOC Rules, as applicable.

7.0 Announcement of Selection of Athletes and Coaches

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of USA Gymnastics. All internal verbal or written communication to athletes, coaches, or member associations regarding team selection is considered an “*unofficial notice*” and is NOT for public distribution. Official notice of team selection occurs when USAG provides a formal public “release” announcing the team selection, or when USAG partners with a multi-sport organization to formally announce a team.

7.0 NGB/HPMO 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>

8.0 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 by the Men’s Program Committee.

9.0 Athlete Ombudsman

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Gymnastics may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman’s office by:

- Telephone at 719-866-5000
- Email at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>