

USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – KITAKYUSHU, JAPAN
MEN’S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
MAY 24, 2021

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1 Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1 Nationality/Passport Requirements:

- Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection
- Athlete must hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of World Championships

1.1.2 Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must be a minimum of 18 years of age by December 31, 2021
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2021 World Championships accreditation

1.1.3 Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics for all qualification events and the entirety of World Championships.
- Any athlete age 18 years or older will be required to undergo a background screen and complete a Safe Sport course.

1.2 Tryout Events:

1.2.1 Event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process (selection events).

Additional information regarding the final competition dates, competition schedule, the competition format, points program etc. will be published via the men’s page of the USA Gymnastics website at https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program_events.html.

- U.S. Olympic Team Trials (June 24-27 in St. Louis, MO)
- 2021 World Team Trials (Sept. 14-19 in TBD)

1.2.2 Event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events, and camps listed in 1.2.1

a. Athletes may qualify to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials through the following methods:

- By being named to the Senior National Team following the 2021 U.S. Championships and 2021 Continental Championships (Senior Pan American Championships)

- MPC approved petitions following the process outlined in the Tokyo Olympic Procedures, Section 1.4:
https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html
- b. Athletes will be invited to the 2021 World Championships Trials through the processes below:
- By being a member of the 2020 Olympic Team (as either a member of the 4-man team or individual athlete). This does not include Tokyo reserve athletes.
 - By being an Individual Event winner at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials from combined 2-day results who achieve a final score on both Day 1 and Day 2 that would have placed within the top eight (8) event qualifiers from the 2019 World Championships Qualifications, not already named to the team. Vault must include a two-score average from Day 1 and Day 2.
 - Any athlete who achieves a final score on an event from either Day 1 or Day 2 at U.S. Olympic Team Trials, that would have placed within the top three (3) on an event at the 2019 World Championships Apparatus Finals, not already named to the team. Vault must include two-score average from either Day 1 or Day 2.
 - By submitting a petition that is accepted by the Olympic Selection Committee per Section 1.4.2, which outlines the injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance that prohibited an athlete from participating at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, to include the following:
 - Completed petition form found here:
<https://usagym.org/pages/home/pages/forms.html?#mens>
 - Medical report/letter subject to verification by USAG medical staff
 - Statement of support from athlete's named coach
 - By being selected by the Olympic Selection Committee through Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2.

The Olympic Selection Committee may select a replacement athlete (up to three (3)) from results at 2021 Olympic Trials. Athletes who have been invited to the World Championship Trials must accept the invitation by **August 14, 2021**.

- 1.3 Comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team members (including maximum team size):
- 1.3.1 A maximum of six (6) athletes will be named to the 2021 World Championships Team, with a maximum of three (3) athletes competing on each apparatus, from among the 2021 World Championships Trials competitors as decided upon by the Men's World Championship Team Selection Committee. The Committee will also identify potential replacement athletes to the Worlds Team.
- 1.3.2 The 2021 World Championship Team Selection Committee will name the Worlds Team members in the following priority order:
- a. The top ranked all-around athlete from the World Team Trials by final results from combined 2-days of competition will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team.
 - b. Individual event winners from the World Team Trials final results from combined 2-days of competition whose scores on Day 1 and Day 2 would have placed within the top eight (8) event qualifiers from the 2020 Olympic Games Qualifications will earn

an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from Day 1 and Day 2.

- c. Any athlete(s) with an IE final score from either Day 1 or Day 2 that would have placed within the top three (3) places on an event in Apparatus Finals at the 2020 Olympic Games will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from either day.
- d. In the event that more than five (5) athletes have achieved the above criteria in 1.3.2.b and 1.3.2.c, the process will be as follows:
 - i. The athlete(s) that would have ranked the highest in Apparatus Finals at the Tokyo Olympic Games based off of the athlete'(s) final scores from Day 1 or Day 2 at the 2021 Worlds Trials will be nominated for the team. For example, if one athlete would have ranked 2nd on Pommel Horse and another athlete would have ranked 4th on High Bar, the Pommel Horse athlete will be nominated.
 - ii. If athletes achieve the same ranking, then the Selection Committee will review the Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2 to nominate the final team members and replacement athletes.
- e. If less than six (6) athletes have been named to the team by the above criteria, then the remaining team members and replacement athletes will be nominated by the World Team Selection Committee based on Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2.

1.3.4 Timeline for nomination to the 2021 World Championship Team:

- a. The six (6) athletes who will be nominated to the 2021 World Championships Team will be identified within five (5) business days following the conclusion of the World Championship Team Trials. USAG may be required to submit a nominative registration prior to the announcement of the Team. This registration is not binding and may be amended following the Team announcement.
- b. Replacement athletes (at least one (1) and up to three (3)) will be determined by the same process (Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2) and within the same timeline as above.

1.4 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 2021 World Championships Team because of his previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1.4.1. 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:

- a. Enter the 2020 Olympic Team Trials following the process stated in the Tokyo Olympic Selection Procedures found here:

https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/m_20olympics_0125.pdf

- b. Enter the 2021 World Championship Team Trials
- c. Petitions directly on to the 2021 World Championship Team will not be considered

1.4.2. Petition Procedures and Requirements: Only athletes who meet the following criteria may submit a petition:

- a. A petition to enter the 2020 Olympic Team Trials may only be submitted by an athlete who is or has been a Senior National Team Member in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021.
- b. A petition to enter the 2021 World Championships Team Trials may only be submitted by an athlete who participated in the Senior division at the 2021 U.S. Championships, 2021 Senior Pan American Championships, or 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials.
- c. Petitions to the 2020 Olympic Trials will be considered for approval by the Men's Program Committee and must be received by the MPC Chairperson no later than **June 5, 2021**.
- d. Petitions to the 2021 World Championship Team Trials will be considered for approval by the Olympic Selection Committee and must be received by the Committee no later than **June 26, 2021**.
- e. To be considered, petitions must include the following:
 - Petition form to be completed found here:
<https://usagym.org/pages/home/pages/forms.html?#mens>
 - Medical report/letter subject to verification by USAG medical staff
 - Statement of support from athlete's named coach
- f. When reviewing petitions, the MPC (for Olympic Team Trials) and Olympic Selection Committee (for World Championship Trials) will consider athletes who are able to demonstrate through past competitive results from USA Gymnastics senior national or FIG sanctioned events that they are highly competitive in the field with other athletes selected to the Olympic Team Trials and/or World Championship Trials.

2021 World Championships Team Selection Committee (To be confirmed)

Name	Title
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
Brett McClure	High Performance Director
Jason Woodnick	VP Men's Program (voice, no vote)

Note: An Independent Observer of Procedure appointed by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors will be present at the final selection meeting (no voice, no vote)

1.5.1 Conflict of Interest

If a Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2021 World Championship Team or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee, they may not serve on the 2021 World Championship Selection Committee.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1 Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The sport of gymnastics is a subjectively judged event. The number of athletes allowed to participate at the Individual Event World Championships is limited and therefore an assessment must be made of an athlete's ability to be competitive for individual event medals against the anticipated field in order to determine which combination of athletes maximizes the potential for individual event medals.

2.2 Discretionary criteria and how they will be used (if any):

Athletes who do not automatically qualify to the World Championship Team Trials through the process listed in Section 1.2.2.b, will be considered by the Olympic Selection Committee using the factors outlined below in 2.2.a

Athletes who do not automatically qualify to the World Championship Team through the process listed in Section 1.3.2, will be considered by the World Championships Selection Committee by the factors outlined below in 2.2.a.

- a. Performances at domestic championship events and FIG international events from 2017-2021, including:
 - Start values (D Score) on each apparatus – Competitive D scores with finalists from major FIG international events from 2017-2021
 - Execution (E Score) on each apparatus - Competitive E scores with finalists from major FIG international events from 2017-2021
 - Consistency across competitions – The ability to maintain consistent performances from one event to the next without significant decrease in performance
 - Overall competitiveness with top international athletes based on scores from FIG international events

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

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

- a. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Chief Programs Officer of USA Gymnastics.

- b. statement, subject to verification by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff. If an athlete refuses verification of her illness or injury, her injury will be assumed to be disabling and she may be removed.
 - c. Violation of the USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement or Code of Ethical Conduct: https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/code_of_ethics.html
 - d. An athlete who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics [Grievance Process](#) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9
- 3.2 An athlete may be removed from the team at any time for violation of 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 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 World Championship Team Selection Committee will identify which of the replacement athletes (as defined in 1.3) 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:
 - a. After acceptance by the FIG/LOC, but prior to departure to the World Championships, the World Championship Team 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.
 - b. After arrival at the World Championships and until the start of participation, the USA Gymnastics High Performance Director, the team coaches, the named Selection Committee athlete representative, and USAG medical staff (if applicable) 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. COACH SELECTION

5.1 A maximum of six (6) coaches may be named to the 2021 World Championships Team. The number of coach accreditations may not exceed the number of athletes named to the team. The Team

coaches will be selected from among the personal coaches of the team members and will be limited to one (1) coach per athlete.

a. Removal of Coach

- Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the Chief Programs Officer of USA Gymnastics.
- Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct or Men's National Team Program Manual, which can be found online at:
http://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html.
- Any ineligibility to hold a USAG leadership role per the USA Gymnastics Leadership Eligibility and Service Policy, which can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/governance.html>
- Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics [Grievance Process](#).

6. 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 the conclusion of the 2021 World Championships.

A World Championship 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 event. 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.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be reviewed and signed (if applicable) by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2021 World Championships Team:

- USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
(https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/code_of_ethics.html)
- National Team Agreement

8. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

- A. USA Gymnastics Web site: www.usagym.org
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five (5) business days following the approval by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.
- B. Directly distributed to the age eligible National Team Members.

9. DATE OF NOMINATION

The athletes who are nominated to the 2021 World Championships Team will be announced no more than five (5) business days following the conclusion of the 2021 World Championship Team Trials.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all 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, 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. These procedures were drafted by members of the Men's Program Committee without a conflict of interest:

Men's Program Committee

Name	Title
Mike Serra	Chairman & Junior Representative
Sergei Pakanich	Junior Representative
Paul Ruggeri	Athlete Representative
Kip Simons	Athlete Representative
Dusty Ritter	Men's Development Program Coordinator, voice - no vote
Raj Bhavsar	Men's Development Program Assistant, voice – no vote
Brett McClure	Men's High-Performance Director, voice – no vote
Jason Woodnick	Men's Program Vice President, voice – no vote
David Klein	MDPC Chairman, voice – no vote
Mike Juszczuk	NGJA Representative, voice – no vote

12. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.usagym.org

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

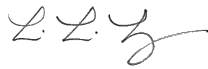



These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest 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 president of USA Gymnastics.

14. SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2021 World Championships Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Li Li Leung		Jun 1, 2021
Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		Jun 1, 2021
Vice President of Men's Program	Jason Woodnick	 <small>Jason Woodnick (Jun 1, 2021 14:01 ADT)</small>	Jun 1, 2021
Athlete Representative	Paul Ruggeri	 <small>Paul Ruggeri (Jun 1, 2021 13:00 EDT)</small>	Jun 1, 2021

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2021 World Championships Team as outlined in these selection procedures has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of the selection procedures. That understanding and agreement is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach below.

Athlete

Date

Parent (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

Date

Coach

Date











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