



## 2022 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

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#### 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by the Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2022 Junior Pan American Championships taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**\*At the time of creation of this document, FIG has not confirmed this event's directives, including dates, location, and registration deadlines. 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 for these championships who will be capable of achieving the following target:

- Win the team competition
- Win the all-around competition
- Win at least five (5) individual medals

#### 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.

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

- Maximum of 5 athletes (Included is 1 designated traveling reserve)
- 2 team coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

A minimum of two (2) judges will be assigned to the 2022 Junior Pan Am Championships.

Participation in this event is fully funded by USA Gymnastics for the delegation.

### 1.3 Key Dates

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| May 11-15  | Men's Program Development National Championships                     |
| June 4-8   | Sr. Pan American Selection and NT Camp                               |
| July 10    | Tentative departure date   |
| July 11-17 | Tentative Dates for Jr. Pan Am Championships, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil |

## 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 between the ages of 15-18 years old by December 31, 2022
- They must compete in at least one day of the all-around optional routine competition at the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships, unless a petition is accepted
- They are a current National Team athlete competing in 2022 and have signed the NT Agreement
  - Athletes in the FIG 15-year age group will be named to the 2022-2023 Junior National Team at the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships
- They hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2022 Pan American Championships
- They are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics
- They have not competed as Senior FIG at any international competition before the 2022 Jr. Pan American Championships takes place

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 Process

The Men's Program Committee (MPC) will name up to six (6) age eligible athletes to the Jr. Pan Am Team following the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships, including one traveling reserve and one non-traveling reserve athlete. Athletes will be named by rank order using all-around scores from the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships using 2D+E calculation. (For information on 2D+E, see section 3.5 below)

### 3.1 Team Composition

- The team format for Junior Pan Am Championships is 4-4-3

- Team composition for the U.S will be from the FIG 15-18 year-old age groups only

### 3.2 FIG 15-18 Year Age Group

- Four (4) spots will be awarded to athletes in the FIG 15-18 year age group
- Two (2) reserve athletes will be awarded in the FIG 15-18 year age group
- To be considered for the Jr. Pan American Championships Team, athletes must achieve a benchmark D-score of 25.0 or higher from at least one day of optional routine competition at the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships
- The athletes who meet the eligibility criteria and the benchmark D-score of 25.0 will be ranked using 2D+E from their optional routines at the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships. After the 2D+E tabulation is completed, the top four (4) ranked athletes will be named to the Jr. Pan American Championships Team
  - If fewer than four (4) athletes achieve a benchmark D-score of 25.0, athletes who achieved the benchmark will be awarded spots first, and any remaining spots will be awarded to the next highest-ranking athlete using 2D+E
- Athletes in the FIG 18-year age group will use their highest complete set of all-around scores from either Day 1 or Day 2 of competition at the 2022 Men's Development Program National Championships

### 3.3 Age Group Competition Bonus

- U.S. Age group competition event bonuses will be included in all tabulations. If the athlete's final score includes event bonuses, those bonuses will remain when determining team selection

### 3.4 Reserve Athletes

- After the process in section 3.2 has taken place, the athlete with the next highest AA score from optional routines using 2D+E will be named as the traveling reserve athlete
- The athlete with the second highest AA score from optional routines using 2D+E will be the non-traveling reserve athlete
- Reserve athletes must be members of the Junior National Team
- Reserve athletes must achieve a benchmark D-score of 25.0
  - If fewer than six (6) athletes achieve a benchmark D-score of 25.0, athletes who achieved the benchmark will be awarded reserve spots first, and any remaining spots will be awarded to the next highest-ranking athlete using 2D+E

### 3.5 2D+E Calculation

- 2D+E means an athlete's AA D-score is doubled and added to the athlete's AA E-score

## 4.0 Determination of Athletes' Competitive Apparatus and Start Order

The competitive order and strategy for this competition will be determined by the Jr. High Performance Coordinator (JHPC), team coaches, and 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 Petitions

Only National Team athletes, with a specific injury, illness, or unusual circumstance, will be permitted to submit a petition to the MPC for the right to be named to the 2022 Jr. Pan Am Championships Team.

Petitions are due to the Chair of the MPC by May 15, 2022, and must include the following:

- Completed petition form found here:  
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
- Medical report from USAG medical staff, if applicable
- Return to play schedule/timeline, if applicable
- 1 set of all-around scores from either 2022 Winter Cup, 2022 Elite Team Cup, or any international Junior FIG Competition in 2022.
  - The submitted all-around score will be re-calculated using 2D+E and event bonuses (if applicable) and tabulated with athletes who meet the criteria in section 3.2
- Athletes competing in the 2022 Berlin Junior Team Cup may petition to the team by completing the petition form and submitting 1 set of all-around scores from either 2022 Winter Cup, 2022 Elite Team Cup, or 2022 Berlin Junior Team Cup.
  - The submitted all-around score will be re-calculated using 2D+E and event bonuses (if applicable) and tabulated with athletes who meet the criteria in section 3.2

An athlete who successfully petitions to the 2022 Jr. Pan Am Championships Team will be required to demonstrate readiness at least three (3) weeks (June 18) prior to our team departure date. The criteria for demonstrating readiness are as follows:

- The athlete(s) must perform full routines on all six events in one day and be filmed for MPC review
  - The filmed routines will be sent to the NGJA for official evaluation
  - MPC review means at least 1 member of the MPC (voting or non-voting) can watch the routines live using zoom, facetime, or other live video systems
- If the athlete(s) is currently on the Sr. Development Team, the athlete(s) may choose to use the Senior National Team camp June 4-8<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs, CO in place of using video submission process
- The athlete's performance must show competitiveness with other athletes named to the team

- If the MPC determines that the athlete's performances are not at the level necessary to remain on the Jr. Pan Am Championships Team, then the athlete will be removed from the team and the traveling reserve athlete will be named as the replacement

## 5.1 Equipment Specifications for Video Submission

Equipment and landing surfaces will meet FIG standards with Winter Cup matting regulations allowed. No deviations from these specifications will be permitted. Landings must be on hard surfaces.

Equipment Standards as follows:

- **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
- **PH:** 105cm from top of mat, 115cm from the floor
- **SR:** 280cm from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required
- **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

Competition uniforms must be worn. No dark pants may be worn per FIG regulations

## 6.0 Athlete Substitution

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the Pan Am Championships starting order:

- The athlete is still eligible; and
- The athlete is healthy and able to compete as verified by a member of the USAG medical team, and
- The athlete is performing at the level that warranted their nomination to the team

If an athlete does not meet the criteria above or they cannot participate in the competition due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance, then the Men's Program Committee will determine if a substitute or replacement member of the team should replace that athlete. If time permits, and it is deemed to be beneficial for the team, a change will be made to the official coaching staff for the team as well.

### 6.1 Removal of Athletes

USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential team members. 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’ Opportunity to Participate grievance process 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, FISU, PASO, IPC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

## 7.0 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.

## 8.0 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.

## 9.0 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>

## 10.0 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.

## 11.0 Athlete Ombudsman

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

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