



2022 World University Games 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 FISU World University Games in Chengdu, China.

***At the time of creation of this document, there are no official directives for this event. 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 is to nominate the best possible delegation for this event who will be capable of achieving the following target:

- Place in the top three (3) in the team competition
- Win at least three (3) individual medals

1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is five. The competition format is 5-4-3 for the Team Competition.

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

- Maximum of 5 athletes
- 2 coaches (1 coach will be designated as team leader)
- 1 medical staff

The U.S. Men are allowed a maximum of seven (7) individuals in the Village (5 athletes and 2 staff). Staff refers to coaches and medical personnel. The LOC must approve additional staff. If approved, they may be required to stay outside the Village.

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

1.3 Key Dates

April 1-2	Conference Championships
April 15-16	NCAA Championships

April 30	Virtual Competition Submission Deadline
May 7	Nominative Registration Deadline
May 24	Final deadline for changing athletes or staff
June 4-8	Team Preparation Camp
June 20	Village Opens
June 26	Opening Ceremonies
June 29	Qualifications
June 30-July 3	Team, AA, IE Finals
July 4	Depart
July 11-17	Sr Pan Am Championships

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 born between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 2004;
- they are a current National Team athlete competing in the Senior category in 2022 and have signed the NT Agreement;
- they hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2022 World University Games
- they are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics
- they are students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognized by the appropriate national/regional academic authority of their country/region; or
- they are former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the two calendar years preceding the event (i.e. 2020 and 2021).

3.0 Process

All Senior National Team athletes will be considered for both the Sr Pan American Championships and the World University Games but cannot attend both events due to timing and eligibility requirements.

Those eligible National Team athletes will participate in a virtual competition in one of two formats:

Option 1: A virtual competition schedule will be created, and each athlete will be provided with a Zoom meeting link. Members of the Men's Program Committee (MPC) will be invited to watch the routines in real time. Simultaneously with the live performance, each routine must be recorded by a coach or teammate and uploaded for evaluation to the Men's Google Drive.

Option 2: An athlete may choose to use their collegiate Conference Championships or NCAA Championships for video submission. Videos from any competition must be recorded and uploaded to the Men's Google Drive.

All videos must be uploaded to the Men's Google Drive by **April 30, 2022**. Each athlete may use only one (1) competition for video submission. **Athletes must notify the MPC as to which competition they will be using prior to those events taking place.**

Judging will take place following the deadline for video submission by the judging panels from 2022 Winter Cup who will evaluate all of their assigned routines from the qualification processes in one sitting. Athletes will be judged on each event in randomized order. Results will be compiled and distributed to the participants once all results are finalized.

The highest scoring team of eligible athletes from the virtual competition results using a 5-4-3 format will be named to the 2022 World University Games Team. In the event that multiple top scoring team scenarios are either tied or within 0.3 of each other, then the MPC will evaluate the following criteria for final selection:

- Individual Event medal potential: D scores and final scores competitive with medalists from FIG international events in 2022
- Contributions to team score: number of events an athlete may be contributing for a counting score for the team
- International experience: does an athlete have prior international competition experience that would be an asset to the team or does an athlete require international experience through this competition in preparation for future international assignments

An athlete who successfully petitions to the FISU Games Team may replace one of the athletes listed in the top scoring team scenario. That athlete must demonstrate a show of readiness through the procedures in section 5.0.

The next four (4) athletes who appear in the team score scenario rankings will be named as possible replacement athletes for the FISU Games. They may also be considered eligible for the Senior Pan Am Championships.

3.1 Equipment Specifications for Video Submission

Equipment and landing surfaces should 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. 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/ 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 for all video submissions. No dark pants may be worn per FIG regulations

3.2 Camera Positioning

Camera set up and angles **must** follow the recommendations in the MAG Virtual Playbook to ensure consistency unless prohibited by competition restrictions. In this instance, effort must be made to be as close to the recommendations as possible. The MAG Virtual Playbook can be found here:

(https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Sanction/virtualplaybook_men.pdf)

4.0 Determination of Athletes' Competitive Apparatus and Start Order

The competitive order and strategy for this competition will be determined by the High Performance Director, 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 Petition Procedures and Requirements

Only current National Team athletes, with a specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibits the athlete from participating in the competitive process, will be permitted to submit a petition to the MPC for the right to be named to the 2022 FISU Games Team.

Petitions are due to the Chair of the MPC by April 30, 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

An athlete who successfully petitions to the 2022 FISU Games Team will be required to demonstrate readiness at the National Team camp (June 4-8). The criteria for demonstrating readiness are as follows:

- The athlete must perform full routines on all required events in front of assigned judges
- The athlete's results must be competitive with other members already named to the team and will contribute to a top team score

- If the MPC determines that the athlete’s performances are not at the level necessary to remain on the FISU Games Team, then the athlete will be removed from the team and a replacement will be determined from the following factors:
 - Contribution to team score based off results from video submissions
 - The athlete is performing at an internationally competitive level
 - Overall health as determined by USAG medical staff

5.1 Athlete Substitution

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the World University Games 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.

5.2 Removal of Athletes

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the MPC 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 Men’s Program Vice President.
- Injury or illness as certified by a member of the USAG medical staff
- Violation of Men’s Program National Team Agreement, USAG Safe Sport Policy, or USAG Ethical Code of Conduct.

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.

6.0 Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, FISU, 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.

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.

8.0 Grievance Procedures

USA Gymnastics’ Opportunity to Participate Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/grievance.pdf>

9.0 International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on IOC, FISU, 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, FISU, 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.

10.0 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
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>