

**2013 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
WORLD AGE-GROUP COMPETITION
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**

November 14-17, 2013 Sofia, Bulgaria

I. OVERVIEW

- A. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2013 World Age-Group Competition will be comprised of a maximum of four women and four men for each age-group (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18) in individual trampoline, power tumbling and double-mini trampoline and two women's pairs and two men's pairs for synchronized trampoline.
- B. For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2013 World Age-Group Team must be 12 – 16 years of age in 2013 and must be currently competing as a Junior Elite or 17-18 years of age in 2013 and must be currently competing as a Senior Elite. All members of the team must have a valid FIG License.
- C. A Head Coach may be named from the National Coaching staff for each discipline. Additional coaches may be named as needed for trampoline, tumbling, and double mini trampoline.
- D. International Gymnastics Federation rules limit the total team size for each country to 80 athletes. Consequently, if these selection procedures cause 81 or more athletes to be named to the team, the Selection Committee will narrow the field to 80 athletes.

II. 2013 WORLD AGE-GROUP TEAM

- A. The U.S.A. World Age-Group Team is the team that will officially represent the United States at the 2013 World Age-Group Competition in Sofia, Bulgaria, November, 2013. The following sets forth the procedures for the selection of the team:
 - 1. Eligibility
 - a. Must be a United States citizen and hold a current passport valid through June, 2014.
 - b. Must be 12 – 18 years of age in 2013.
 - c. Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.
 - d. Must be currently competing as Junior Elite or Senior Elite.
 - e. Must have a valid FIG License.
 - 2. Selection
 - a. Members of the World Age Group Team for all age divisions will be the first and second ranked athletes, male and female, in each age group according to the World Age Group Competition Selection Ranking System from the following three selection events.
 - 1) U.S. Elite Challenge in May, 2013
 - 2) U.S. Elite Championships in July, 2013
 - 3) Stars & Stripes Cup, August, 2013
 - b. Athletes will earn points based on their highest finish at two of the three selection events. See Table II.A.2.c
 - c. In order to receive World Age Group Championship Team Selection Points at any of the three events, an athlete must meet the following minimum difficulty in the preliminary round as set forth below:

TRAMPOLINE			TUMBLING			DMT		
Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS	Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS	Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS
11 - 12	9.5	10.5	11 - 12	8.4	8.6	11 - 12	7.0	8.2
13 - 14	10.5	11.1	13 - 14	8.8	9.2	13 - 14	9.6	10.4
15 - 16	11.1	12.1	15 - 16	9.2	12.9	15 - 16	10.4	12.4
17 - 18	12.5	14.5	17 - 18	9.7	13.2	17 - 18	10.4	14.0

d. In addition to the two athletes automatically qualified via their ranking according to the World Age Group Competition Team Selection Ranking System, the Selection Committee may add two athletes for each age-group, discipline and gender to the World Age-Group Team.

1) Criterion used by the Selection Committee listed by order of importance:

- First Routine/Pass Second Routine/Pass prior score totals
- Rank in the World Age Group Competition Team Points System
- Experience, type, frequency, level and performance at domestic and international competitions
- Routine performance "hit" percentage
- Degree of Difficulty
- Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic

e. All athletes' selected to the 2013 World Age Group Competition Team must participate at a training camp to be held September 26-29, 2013 at the USA Gymnastics National Team Training Center.

3. World Age-Group Championship Team Selection Points System:

Place in final results	U.S. Elite Challenge Points	U.S. Elite Championships Points	Stars & Stripes Cup Points
1	10	12	12
2	8	10	10
3	6	8	8
4	4	6	6
5	2	4	4
6	1	3	3
7		2	2
8		1	1

- 4. Points earned from the highest finish at two of the three competitions will be added together to determine rankings.
- 5. In case of a tie, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:
 - a. The highest total score from the Stars & Stripes Cup will determine the highest ranked athlete.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the highest total degree of difficulty from the preliminaries at the Stars & Stripes Cup will determine the highest ranked athlete.
- 6. If a member of the World Age-Group Team is unable to travel to Bulgaria for any reason, the Selection Committee will determine if an additional athlete will be invited.

III. SELECTION OF THE 2013 WORLD AGE-GROUP COMPETITION TEAM COACHES

- A. A Head Coach will be named from the National Coaching staff for each discipline. Additional coaches may be named as needed for trampoline, tumbling and double mini trampoline.
- B. The Elite Program Committee will select the coaches after determination of the World Age Group Competition Team at the conclusion of the Stars & Stripes Cup.
- C. Criterion used by the Selection Committee listed of equal importance includes:
 - International Experience
 - Professional member in compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and the Responsibilities Manual.
 - Proven leadership ability
 - Rapport with athletes
 - Technical knowledge

IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- A. Program Director
- B. Elite Program Committee Chair
- C. Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches' Representative
- D. Elite Program Committee Double Mini/Tumbling Coaches' Representative
- E. Athlete Representative

V. REMOVAL

- A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2013 World Age-Group Competition Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2013 World Age-Group Team if he/she:
 - 1. violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and/or the Responsibility Manual.
 - 2. An athlete may also be removed from the 2013 World Age-Group Competition Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2013 World Age-Group Games. Athletes must submit to any medical diagnosis that is requested by USA Gymnastics to assure that the athlete is able to compete and is not at risk for further injury. Verification of injury or illness will be by two doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.
 - 3. Fails to participate in the training camp scheduled September 26-29, 2013.
- B. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Committee and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

VI. SIGNATURES

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Steve Penny		
Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director	Susan Jacobson		
Athlete Representative	Karl Heger		

Athlete member

Date

Parent signature if athlete is 18 years or younger

Date

Coach

Date