



USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2013 WORLD GAMES

July 28- July 31, 2013 – Cali, Colombia

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be U.S. citizens and at the time of selection hold a current passport valid through January, 2014. Each qualifying event has its own citizenship rules which take precedence for that event. Eligibility rules may be found in the 2013 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules and Policies (www.usagym.org).

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- a. The minimum age requirement will follow FIG statutes. Athletes must be 17 years old as of Dec. 31, 2013.
- b. Athletes named to the team must hold a valid FIG license.

3. Other requirements (if any):

- a. Must be an athlete member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- b. Athletes must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a senior. Senior Elite mobility requirements are posted at www.usagym.org.

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a to the 2013 World Games Team (include maximum team size).

Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the 2013 World Games team will be comprised of a maximum of one woman and one man for the disciplines of Tumbling and Double-mini and one women's pair and one men's pair for Synchronized Trampoline.

1. Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline:

- a. The first senior woman and first senior man in rank order according to the World Games Selection Points System following the Elite Challenge will be directly qualified to the World Games Team.



2. Synchronized Trampoline:
 - a. The first senior women's pair and the first senior men's pair in rank order according to the World Games Selection Points System following the Elite Challenge will be directly qualified to the World Games Team.

C. Qualifying Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - a. World Games Selection Trial – April 4-5, 2013 – Huntsville, TX
 - b. U.S. Elite Challenge – May 2-5, 2013 Frisco, TX
2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).
 - a. To qualify to compete at the World Games Selection Trial and the U.S. Elite Challenge, athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a senior elite (see I.A.3.b.)
3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

N/A

D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become World Games team members.

1. Athletes will earn points based on their finish at the two qualifying events (see table below).
2. In order to receive World Games Selection Points at either of the two selection events, athletes must:
 - a. Synchronized Trampoline
 - i. Perform 20 skills in the preliminaries
 - ii. Men must perform a minimum of a 14.0 degree of difficulty in the optional routine in the preliminaries.
 - iii. Women must perform a minimum of a 12.0 degree of difficulty in the optional routine in the preliminaries.



- b. Tumbling
 - i. Men must perform a minimum of a 16.3 degree of difficulty over 2 passes in the preliminaries.
 - ii. Women must perform a minimum of a 10.6 degree of difficulty over 2 passes in preliminaries.
- c. Double mini-trampoline
 - i. Men must perform a minimum of a 15.6 degree of difficulty in the preliminaries.
 - iii. Women must perform a minimum of a 12.0 degree of difficulty in preliminaries.

2. World Games Selection Points System

- a. Athletes with the highest combined points total based on their finish at the two qualifying events will automatically be named to the World Games team for that discipline.
- b. In the case of a tie, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:
 - i. The highest total score from the Elite Challenge will determine the highest ranked athlete.
 - ii. If there is still a tie, the highest total degree of difficulty from the preliminaries at the Elite Challenge will determine the highest ranked athlete.

Place in Final Results	World Games Selection Trial	U.S. Elite Challenge
1	10	12
2	8	10
3	6	8
4	4	6
5	2	4
6	1	3
7		2
8		1



E. Selection Committee

Name	Title
Susan Jacobson	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director
Megan Gearhart	Elite Program Committee Chair
Justen Millerbernd	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double Mini Coaches Representative
Dmitri Poliaroush	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
Karl Heger	Athlete Representative

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):
N/A

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:
N/A

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

N/A

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

Prior to the 2013 World Games, all team members must arrive fit and demonstrate athletic proficiency and mental readiness in order to maintain their position on the 2013 World Games Team. An athlete, whose lack of competitive readiness or physical fitness, demonstrates a serious impediment to perform at the highest level may be reviewed at the camp by Selection Committee. Athletes who earned their position on the World Games team based on the World Games Selection Points system may be removed (see below).

A. An athlete who is selected to the 2013 World Games Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics.

1. Voluntary withdrawal. The athlete or coach must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
2. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance as certified by a USA

Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling, and they may be removed.

3. Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct (Attachment A), USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement (Attachment B) of the Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibility Manual. (Attachment C).
4. An athlete may be removed from the 2013 World Games Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
5. Lack of performance in training which inhibits peak performance at the 2013 World Games.
6. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Director and the athlete representative and an interview with the coach or the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures. An athlete or coach who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:
If a member of the 2013 World Games Team is unable to travel to Cali for any reason, the Selection Committee will determine if an additional athlete will be invited.

See Section II.B.
- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
After appointment to the 2013 World Games Team:

See Section II.B.
- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
 1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

Selection Committee
 2. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:
After appointment to the 2013 World Games Team:

Selection Committee



V. SELECTION OF COACHES

- A. The minimum eligibility requirements for a coach to be considered for selection to the 2013 World Games team are:
- USA Gymnastics Professional member in good standing
 - Attendance at required meetings.
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- B. Based on the number of credentials available to the team, coaches will be selected as follows:
1. Synchronized Trampoline: 2
 2. Tumbling: 1
 3. Double Mini-Trampoline: 1
- C. The Selection Committee will select the World Games coaches following the determination of the World Games team at the conclusion of the Elite Challenge
- D. Criteria to be considered in selecting the World Games coaches include:
1. International Experience
 2. Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.
 3. Proven leadership ability
 4. Rapport with athletes
 5. Technical knowledge
- E. A coach may be removed from the 2013 World Games Team delegation if he/ she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct or the Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual. Any coach who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision is subject to review per the USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Gymnastics will retain 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 2013 World Games.

VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection on the 2013 World Games Team and are included as attachments:

USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct (Attachment A)

National Team Agreement (Attachment B)

Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual (Attachment C)



VII. DATE OF ATHLETE SELECTION

The World Games team will be named at the conclusion of the Elite Challenge in May, 2013.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

N/A

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, IF, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the WADA, IF, and USADA Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and recommended by the Elite Program Committee.

Name	Title
Megan Gearhart	Elite Program Committee Chair
Justen Millerbernd	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double Mini Coaches Representative
Dmitri Poliaroush	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
Karl Heger	Athlete Representative

XII. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found:

www.usagym.org

XIII. 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.

XIV. SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2013 World Games Team.

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

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2013 World Games 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 member Date

Parent signature if athlete is 18 years or younger Date

Coach Date

