

**USA Gymnastics**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2015 Pan American Games**  
**TRAMPOLINE**  
**December 4, 2014**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the 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 U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), and/or Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Pan American Games 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).

1.1.3. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and/or Pan American Gymnastics Union (PAGU) standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age by December 31, 2015.
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2015 Pan American Games accreditation.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

1. Designated Elite Mobility Meets
  - 2015 Dallas Cup – January 23-24, 2015 – Allen, TX
  - 2015 Lincoln Cup – February 6-8, 2015 – Springfield, IL
  - 2015 Kalon Ludvigson Invitational – March 20-21, 2015 – Salt Lake City, UT
2. 2015 Elite Challenge – April 24-26, 2015 – Colorado Springs, CO

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

To be eligible to compete at any of the events listed in 1.2.1. above, athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a Senior Elite. (see Trampoline and Tumbling Rules & Policies)

[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/rules\\_policies.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/rules_policies.html)

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

1. Four athletes, two male and two female, will be selected for the 2015 Pan American Games Team.
2. One athlete in each gender with the highest total score – preliminaries (compulsory and optional routines) plus finals (optional routine) - at the 2015 Elite Challenge will be nominated to the 2015 Pan American Games Team pursuant to the following:
  - a. Athletes must earn the following minimum scores at the 2015 Elite Challenge:
    - Men: Compulsory Routine 46.0 points AND Optional Routine 54.0 points in either the preliminaries or finals
    - Women: Compulsory Routine 44.0 points AND Optional Routine 50.0 points in either preliminaries or final
  - b. In the event of a tie between two athletes with the highest total score (who met the scoring requirement stated above), the tie will be broken in the following prioritized manner:
    - i. The gymnast with the higher E (Execution) Score in the final optional routine
    - ii. The gymnast with the higher T (Time of Flight) score in the final optional routine
    - iii. If a tie still exists, the athletes in the tie will compete an additional optional routine to break the tie following the final round at the 2015 Elite Challenge.
  - c. In the event the athlete(s) who earn(s) the highest total score(s) do/does not meet the minimum scoring requirements as outlined in 1.3.2.a. above, this slot will be awarded by the selection committee using the discretionary selection criteria listed in 2.2, from among athletes who

either competed at the 2014 World Championships or those competitors who finished in the top-four places at the 2015 Elite Challenge; subject to review by the President of USA Gymnastics.

3. In addition to the athletes nominated via 1.3.2., one athlete in each gender will be chosen by the selection committee from among the following pool of athletes, using the discretionary selection criteria outlined in 2.2, and subject to review by the President of USA Gymnastics:
  - a. Prior to the 2015 Elite Challenge, athletes who have met the following minimum scoring requirements at one of the three Designated Elite Mobility meets outlined in 1.2.1. will be part of the pool of eligible athletes:
    - Men: Compulsory Routine 46.0 points AND Optional Routine 54.0 points in either the preliminaries or finals
    - Women: Compulsory Routine 44.0 points AND Optional Routine 50.0 points in either preliminaries or final
  - b. If athletes have not achieved the scores as outlined in 1.3.3.a. above, athletes who meet the following minimum scores at the 2015 Elite Challenge will also be considered part of the pool of eligible athletes:
    - Men: Compulsory Routine 46.5 points AND Optional Routine 55.0 points in either the preliminaries or finals
    - Women: Compulsory Routine 44.5 points AND Optional Routine 51.0 points in either preliminaries or final

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Trampoline and Tumbling is a subjectively judged event. It is difficult to make selection decisions based solely on the rank order. Also, athletes can be severely penalized for failing to complete their entire routine or touch anything other than the competition surface.

In addition, because of the timing of the selection event in relation to the commencement of the 2015 Pan Am Games, athletes may not be in their peak physical shape at the selection event, which is one of the first competitions of the elite season.

- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

In addition to any athlete who may have automatically qualified per 1.3.2., the Selection Committee will choose the remaining Pan American Games Team member(s), including the replacement athlete(s), from the eligible pool of athletes as described in 1.3. above and based on the following:

- Athlete's final placing in official results at the 2015 Elite Challenge

- Recent domestic and/or international performance
  - Total score potential: first routine/second routine
  - Result
  - Frequency
  - Routine “hit” percentage
  - Level/type of competition
- Athletes must have consistently demonstrated that they are highly competitive in the field with other athletes in the International or Pan American Games field.

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members’ titles currently serving on the committee:

Name	Title
TBD	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director or Selection Committee Chair
TBD	Elite Program Committee Chair
TBD	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double Mini Coaches Representative
TBD	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

In the event that a Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2015 Pan American Games Team at the conclusion of the 2015 Elite Challenge, or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, a replacement will be named by the Elite Program Committee.

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.

- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement, or Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.  
[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' Bylaws, Article 10 and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

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

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

- 4.1. Describe the 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:

One athlete in each gender will be named as a PAG replacement athlete using the discretionary procedures listed in Section 2.2.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If permitted by FIG and/or PASO Pan American Games policy, replacement athletes will be selected as outlined in 4.1.1.

#### **5. 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 Closing Ceremony of the Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2015 Pan American Games and can be found at:

[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)

USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct  
National Team Agreement  
Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual

## **7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

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

7.1. USA Gymnastics Web site: usagym.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other:

Direct distribution to age-eligible national team members and their personal coaches.

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: May 22, 2015

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

At the date of these procedures no mandatory training or competition has been determined for the 2015 Pan American Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, USA Gymnastics will immediately notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance and will post the information on the USA Gymnastics website.

## **10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC 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 USOC Rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Susan Jacobson	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director
Dr. George Drew	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

## 12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at [usagym.org](http://usagym.org).

## 13. 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, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

## 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN




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

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- E-mail at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)

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

## 15. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by FIG and/or PAGU and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Gymnastics.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
President/CEO	Steve Penny		12/9/14
Program Director	Susan Jacobson		12/9/14
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	David Durante		12/9/14

\* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.