

**2015 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**
November 28-December 6, 2015 Odense, Denmark

I. Overview

- A. The World Age Group Competition Team (WAGC Team) is the team that will officially represent the United States at the 2015 World Age Group Competition in Odense, Denmark.
- B. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2015 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 based on their age on December 31, 2015) in individual trampoline, tumbling and double-mini trampoline and two women's pairs and two men's pairs for synchronized trampoline.
- C. Eligibility
- Must be a United States citizen and hold a current passport valid through June, 2016.
 - Must be 11 – 18 years of age in 2015.
 - Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.
 - Must compete as Youth Elite, Junior Elite or Senior Elite at time of selection events noted II.A.
 - 11-14 years of age: Youth Elite
 - 15-16 years of age: Junior Elite
 - 17-18 years of age: Senior Elite
 - Must have a valid FIG license at the time of accreditation
- D. International Gymnastics Federation rules limit the total team size for each country to 80 athletes; therefore, the Selection Committee will not be able to fill all four positions in each age-group/gender/discipline.

II. Selection

- A. Athletes will be selected for the 2015 WAGC Team from among the participants at two competitions:
- 1) 2015 Elite Challenge, April 23-26, Colorado Springs, CO.
 - 2) 2015 USA Gymnastics Championships, June 23-28, Greensboro, NC.
- B. Automatic Qualification to the World Age Group Competition Team
- 1) Points will be given for top 8 finishes at the Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships as outlined in the chart below.
 - 2) The three athletes in each age-group/gender/discipline with the most combined total points from both competitions will be named to the WAGC Team.
 - 3) Points are assigned from the final ranking.
 - 4) Total points tie-breaking procedure: highest rank from USA Gymnastics Championships prevails.
 - 5) Athletes must compete in same division for both competitions.
 - 11-12 & 13-14 must compete Youth Elite
 - 15-16 must compete Junior Elite
 - 17-18 must compete in Sr. Elite (Open Elite athletes may be considered for team openings at the discretion of Selection Committee.
 - All Youth Elite (YE) athletes will compete at Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships for rank order and awards as Youth Elite 11-14 years old. Selection points (as per II.B.6) for WAGC Team will be awarded separately for the WAGC age groups of 11-12 and 13-14. Athletes selected to age groups 11-12 and 13-14 will be named as per II A, B, and C.

- 6) Ranking points will only be awarded for completing full routines/all passes at both Elite Challenge and USA National Championships

Ranking	Elite Challenge	USA Gymnastics Championships
1	10	12
2	8	10
3	6	8
4	4	6
5	2	4
6	1	3
7	0	2
8	0	1

- C. Discretionary selection to the World Age Group Competition Team
- 1) National Team Members who do not automatically qualify to the WAGC Team pursuant to II.B.1. and II.B.2. above, will also be added to the WAGC Team, provided a position in that age-group/gender/discipline has an available spot to be filled. The National Team members will be named by the Elite Committee immediately following USA Gymnastics Championships, and prior to the selection of the WAGC Team, which will be done by the Selection Committee.
 - 2) Any remaining available team spots or alternate positions may be filled by the Selection Committee, utilizing the criteria outlined in II.D. Athletes must compete in both competitions listed in II.A. to be eligible for consideration under this provision. It is not mandatory that the Selection Committee fill all available team spots.

- 3) Discretionary Criteria includes:
- Physical and mental readiness
 - Recent international performance (Result, type, frequency, and level)
 - Recent domestic performance (Result, type, frequency, and level)
 - Routine “hit” percentage
 - Total score potential: prior first routine or pass/second routine or pass
 - Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic

E. Synchronized Trampoline

Synchronized trampoline pairs may be named by the Selection Committee from among the athletes named to the WAGC Team for individual trampoline. In the event the total team size is less than 80 athletes, the Selection Committee may add additional synchronized pairs based on the following criteria:

- Existing pair with prior successful results
- New pairing that will contribute to medal potential based on each individual’s recent performance

III. Petition Procedures

- A. Petitioning procedures into the 2015 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2015 Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies.
- B. An athlete may not petition directly to the 2015 WAGC Team.

IV. Selection of the 2015 WAGC Team Coaches

- A. The Selection Committee will select the coaches for the 2015 WAGC after the team has been named, at the conclusion of USA Gymnastics Championships.
- B. A Head Coach will be named from among the current members of the National Coaching staff for trampoline, tumbling and double mini trampoline. Additional coaches may be named in each discipline, as determined by the Selection Committee, based on the needs of the team and the number of available credentials.
- C. To be eligible, coaches must be current Professional Members in good standing. Additional criteria for consideration includes:
- International Experience
 - Personal Coach of an athlete named to the WAGC Team
 - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
 - Proven leadership ability

- Rapport with athletes
- Technical knowledge

V. Selection Committee

Selection Committee Members	
Title	Name
High Performance Director (Chair)	Catherine Cabral-Marotta, voice, no vote
Program Director	Dr. George R. Drew
Elite Committee Chair	TBD
Elite DMT/TU Coaches' Representative	TBD
Elite Trampoline Coaches' Representative	TBD
Elite Committee Athlete Representative	Karl Heger

- A. The Selection Committee is five-member voting body. The Chair will cast a vote only in the event that another voting member has to recuse himself/herself pursuant to the conflict of interest clause outlined below.
- B. 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 WAGC Team, that committee member must recuse himself or herself from the immediate vote in question (specific to each gender/discipline) and the Chair of the Selection Committee will replace that individual.
 - If more than one member must recuse himself or herself from the immediate vote, the Chair of the Selection Committee will replace the first member and the Chair of the Program Committee will name the additional replacement member(s).
 - If a committee member is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Chair of the Program Committee will name his/her replacement.
- C. Selection Committee Duties
- Determination of WAGC Team, alternates and Synchronized Trampoline pairs pursuant to section II, including the evaluation of which age-group/gender/discipline spots to fill in consideration of the maximum team size of 80 athletes.
 - Determination of WAGC Team Coaches

VI. Removal

- A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2015 WAGC Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2015 WAGC Team if he/she:
1. Violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
 2. An athlete may also be removed from the 2015 WAGC Team in the event of injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance at the 2015 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.
- B. Removal may only occur by action of the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director after consultation with the President of USA Gymnastics and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach.

VII. Signatures

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2015 WAGC 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

Date

Parent, if athlete is under age 18

Date

Coach

Date