

**2015 World Championships**  
**Trampoline and Tumbling ATHLETE AND COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**Odense, Denmark**  
**November 28 – December 6 2015**

**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 2015 World Championships.
- 1.1.2. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) standards for participation (if any):
- Athlete must be a minimum of seventeen (17) years of age by December 31, 2015.
  - Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2015 World Championships accreditation.
- 1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):
- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
  - Athletes must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a senior elite athlete. Senior Elite Mobility requirements are posted at: USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling, Rules and Policies – Section VI: Elite Program I.C.1-5. [https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi\\_elite.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi_elite.pdf)
- 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.
- U.S. Elite Challenge, April 23-26, Colorado Springs, CO
  - USA Gymnastics Championships, June 23-28, Greensboro, NC
  - World Championships Verification/Selection Camp, September 3-6, Huntsville, TX
  - World Championships Preparation Camp, November 17-21, TBD

- 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 qualify to compete at the U.S. Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite (see 1.1.3)
  - To compete at the USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2015 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies (Sec. VI.II.A.1-9.)  
[https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi\\_elite.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi_elite.pdf)

- 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).

The 2015 Trampoline & Tumbling World Championships Team will be comprised of a maximum of five females and five males (up to four competing athletes and an alternate) in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini. Two women's pairs and two men's pairs for Synchronized Trampoline will be chosen from among Individual Trampoline members. The process for qualification/selection to the 2015 World Championships Team is a combination of results from the U.S. Elite Challenge, USA Gymnastics Championships, and the World Championships Verification/Selection Camp.

1.3.1

- A. Scores from the preliminary rounds of both the U.S. Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships will be totaled. In each gender/discipline the top eight total scores will constitute the pool of athletes who are eligible to qualify directly to the World Championship Team based on competition results detailed in 1.3.1.C.
- B. The preliminary round consists of the first two passes in DMT and Tumbling and first two routines (one compulsory and one optional) in individual Trampoline. In the final round, one optional routine is performed for Trampoline, and DMT and Tumbling compete two passes.
- C. The top three scores in rank order (prelims plus finals) from each gender/discipline at the USA Gymnastics Championships shall be named to the 2015 World Championship Team, provided the minimum total score listed below is achieved in the combined

U.S. Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships preliminary rounds.

- Trampoline: 205.0 (Men), 188.0 (Women)
- Double Mini Trampoline: 143.0 (Men), 135.0 (Women)
- Tumbling: 134.0 (Men), 124.0 (Women)

D. Qualification to the Selection/Verification camp is as follows:

- The top eight athletes identified in 1.3.1.A. will be invited to the Selection/Verification camp,
- In addition, the selection committee may also invite any other competitors from USA Gymnastics Championships, utilizing the discretionary criteria defined in 2.2.
- Successfully petitioned athletes. See 1.4..

### 1.3.2 Selection/Verification Camp

- A. The remaining athletes (see 1.3.1.D.) who are not named as per 1.3.1 A-C above will compete in a final selection competition at the 2015 World Championship Team Verification/Selection Camp, September 3-6, Huntsville, TX.
- B. The remaining positions of each gender/discipline shall be named to the 2015 World Championship Team in rank order following the finals of the Selection Camp Competition, provided the minimum total score listed below is achieved in the preliminary round. The preliminary round consists of the first two passes in DMT and Tumbling and first two routines (one compulsory and one optional) in individual Trampoline.
- Trampoline: 102.5 (Men), 94.0 (Women)
  - Double Mini Trampoline: 71.5 (Men), 67.5 (Women)
  - Tumbling: 67.0 (Men), 62.0 (Women)
- C. Athletes already named to the 2015 World Championships Team per 1.3.1 will be expected to compete in the Selection/Verification Camp competition, but those athletes scores will not be included in the rank order in the process of naming additional athletes to the World Championship Team.

1.3.3 In addition to the athletes securing a team position (as per 1.3.1 and 1.3.2), following the World Championships Selection/Verification camp, the remainder of the team members, up to the maximum team size as per 1.3, will be named by the Selection Committee using the discretionary criteria outlined in Section 2.2. For those athletes chosen by discretionary criteria, the selection committee will make the determination of whether those athletes will be

competing team members or alternates.

#### 1.3.4 Tie Breaking Procedure

##### A. Ties WILL be broken in following cases.

- The tie breaking procedure will be used in preliminary rounds and second qualification (semi-final) round in trampoline to determine which athletes will advance to the next/final round.
- In finals, ties will be broken only for the World Championship Team selection placement, i.e., for determination of the automatic qualifiers as detailed in 1.3.1 and 1.3.2.

##### B. Ties in Preliminary and Second Qualification Rounds:

In the event of a tie in the qualification or second qualification round (trampoline), the tie will be broken in the following prioritized manner for each discipline:

###### Trampoline

- i. The gymnast with the higher sum of the E (Execution) scores of both routines prevails
- ii. The gymnast with the higher sum of the T (Time of Flight) scores of both routines prevails
- iii. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken and both gymnasts will advance.

###### Double Mini Trampoline

- i. The gymnast with the higher sum of the E (Execution) scores of both passes prevails
- ii. The gymnast with the higher E score of the second pass prevails
- iii. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken and both gymnasts will advance.

###### Tumbling

- i. The gymnast with the higher sum of the E (Execution) scores of both passes prevails
- ii. The gymnast with the higher E score of the second pass prevails
- iii. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken and both gymnasts will advance.

##### C. Ties in the Final Round

In the event of a tie between two athletes with the highest total score (who met the minimum score requirement), the tie will be broken in the following prioritized manner for each discipline:

Trampoline

- 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, USA Gymnastics Championships or Selection/Verification camp.

Double Mini Trampoline

- i. The gymnast with the higher sum of the E (Execution) scores of both final passes
- ii. The gymnast with the higher E Score of final pass (pass 4)
- iii. The gymnast with the higher E Score of all four (qualification and final) passes

Tumbling

- i. The gymnast with the higher sum of the E (Execution) scores of both final passes
- ii. The gymnast with the higher E Score of final pass (pass 4)
- iii. The gymnast with the higher E Score of all four (qualification and final) passes

D. Ties will NOT be broken for awards placement, i.e., if two gymnasts achieve identical scores in finals, they will remain tied for the purposes of published results and the awarding of medals.

1.3.5 Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the individual trampoline team. The pairs will be named at the conclusion of the World Championships Team Preparation camp by the World Championship Team Coaches for Trampoline (see 5.1.1.a.), subject to the approval of the of the Selection Committee.

1.3.6. All athletes named to the 2015 World Championship Team (and alternates, if any) must attend the World Championships

Selection/Verification Camp, Sept. 3-6, Huntsville, TX, the World Championships Preparation Camp, November 17-21, TBD, and travel to Odense, Denmark as a member of the World Championships team.

#### 1.4 Petition Procedures

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2015 World Championships Team because of his/her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

- 1.4.1 Procedures for petitioning into USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies. Section VIII.B.1-6.

[https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi\\_elite.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2015/vi_elite.pdf)

- 1.4.2 Athletes who are unable to compete in the U.S. Elite Challenge and/or USA Gymnastics Championships may petition directly to the World Championships Selection/Verification camp.
- A. To be eligible to petition, athletes must have placed in the top 3 at the U.S. Elite Challenge, the top 3 at USA Gymnastics Championships, or have been a National Team Member in 2014 or 2015.
  - B. Petitions to the Selection/Verification camp will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received by the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of his/her inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of competition at the USA Gymnastics Championships.
  - C. A petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor selected by USA Gymnastics. Athletes must also be able to demonstrate through past competitive results from USA Gymnastics or FIG sanctioned

events that they are highly competitive in the field with other athletes qualified for the World Championships Selection/Verification Camp.

- 1.4.3 Athletes may not petition directly to the 2015 World Championships Team.

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

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

- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used:

In addition to the athletes who automatically qualify to the 2015 World Championships Team per 1.3.1 and 1.3.2., the Selection Committee will choose the remaining team member(s), if any, following the conclusion of the 2015 Verification/Selection Camp, September 3-6, Huntsville, TX.

- 2.2.1 Criterion used by the Selection Committee for individual athlete selection(s) will include:

- Recent international performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
- Recent domestic performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
- Routine “hit” percentage
- Total score potential: prior qualification total score or final pass score
- Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic

- 2.2.2 Criterion used by the Selection Committee to approve the World Championships Team Coaches’ recommendation for synchronized trampoline pair include:

- Existing pair with prior successful results
- Recommendation of World Championships Team Coaches for Trampoline (see 5.1.1.a.)
- New pairing that will contribute to medal potential based on each

individual's recent performance

- 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:

<b>Selection Committee Members</b>	
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

2.3.1 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 in 2.3.2 below.

2.3.2 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 World Championships 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.

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1 An athlete who selected for the 2015 World Championships Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the 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 **which inhibits peak performance** 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 and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual. [https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)
- 3.1.4. Failure to meet training requirements.
  - Lack of performance in training which inhibits peak performance at the 2015 World Championships.
  - Failure to attend the World Championships Selection/Verification Camp September 3-6.
  - Failure to attend the World Championships Preparation Camp November 17-21.
- 3.1.5. 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 may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures. An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

3.2. An athlete may be removed from the team at any time for violation of WADA, FIG, and/or USADA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

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

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
  - 4.1.1. Describe the process by which the replacement pool or athletes will be identified:
    - The Selection Committee will identify alternate athletes, if any, for each gender/discipline, using the discretionary criteria as described in section 2.2.

- 4.1.2. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
- a. Prior to departure, if a member of the 2015 World Championships Team is unable to travel to Odense, Denmark for any reason the alternate athlete (if one had previously been identified) will fill the vacancy. If no alternate was previously selected, the Selection Committee will determine if an additional athlete will be invited to fill the vacancy. If so, the Selection Committee will name that replacement utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in 2.2. The Selection Committee will also determine if an additional athlete will be invited to replace an alternate who fills a vacancy. If so the Selection Committee will name a new alternate, utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in 2.2.
  - b. After arrival at the 2015 World Championships in Odense, Denmark, if a member of the team is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal as per 3., the following process will be used to determine a replacement.
    - If an alternate had previously been named during the selection process, the alternate, in the gender/discipline where the vacancy occurred will automatically become a competing athlete.
    - If a vacancy occurs in Synchronized Trampoline, the World Championships Team Coaches for Trampoline will determine if one of the remaining trampoline team members (including the alternate if one is present), not currently part of a synchronized pair, will fill the vacancy in synchronized trampoline using the criteria in 2.2.2.
    - The alternate athlete must have traveled to Odense, Denmark as part of the official delegation to be considered for replacement.

- 4.1.3. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

Selection Committee (see 2.3)

## 5. COACH SELECTION

5.1. Describe the process by which the World Championships Team Coaches will be identified, including criteria used in the selection process:

5.1.1 Based on the number of credentials available to the team, coaches will be selected as follows:

a. Individual Trampoline/Synchronized Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.

b. Tumbling: One Head Coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.

c. Double Mini-Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.

5.1.2 The Head Coach of each discipline shall be responsible for the line-up in Team Finals, including determination of the three competing athletes and the order in which they will compete.

5.1.3 Criteria to be considered in selecting the World Championships coaches include:

- USA Gymnastics Professional Member in good standing
- International experience
- Proven leadership ability
- Rapport with athletes
- Personal coach of an athlete named to the 2015 World Championships team
- Technical knowledge
- Must be able to attend the World Championships Selection/Verification camp, World Championships Preparation Camp, and other required team meetings
- Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual  
[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)

5.1.4 Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for selection of the World Championships Team coaches:

The Selection Committee will name the World Championships coaches following the determination of the World Championships team at the conclusion of the World Championships

Selection/Verification camp. The number of additional coaches will be determined by the Selection Committee based on the number of available coaches' credentials at the 2015 World Championships, available funding for the event, and subject to the approval of the President of USA Gymnastics.

#### 5.2 Removal of Coach

- Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
- Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct or Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibility Manual.  
[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)
- Failure to attend the World Championships Selection/Verification Camp, World Championships Preparation Camp and required team meetings.
- Any decision to remove a coach is may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures per the USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

### **6. 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 conclusion of the 2015 World Championships.

### **7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2015 World Championships Team 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 and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual

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

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

- 8.1. USA Gymnastics Web site: [usagym.org](http://usagym.org)

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

8.2. Other:

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

**9. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The 2015 World Championships Team will be announced at the conclusion of the World Championships Selection/Verification camp.

**10. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

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

- World Championships Selection/Verification Camp, Sept. 3-6, Huntsville, TX
- World Championships Preparation Camp, November 17-21, TBD

**11. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

**12. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Committee	
T&T Program Director	Dr. George R. Drew
T&T Elite Chair	Megan Gearhart
T&T Trampoline Coach Representative	Dmitri Poliaroush
T&T DMT/TU Coach Representative	Zac Lawson
T&T Athlete Representative	Karl Heger

**13. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

[usagym.org](http://usagym.org)



#### **14. 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.

**15. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES**

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
President/CEO	Steve Penny		4/7/15
Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director	Dr. George R. Drew		4/7/15
Athlete Representative	Karl Heger	Per email	4/7/15

**Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2015 World Championships 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 18 years of age)	Date
_____	_____
Coach	Date

## Funding Addendum

The chart below outlines USA Gymnastics' funding schedule for athlete participation in the World Championships and affiliated training camps.

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Athlete Status</b>	<b>Funding to Selection/Verification (S/V) Camp</b>	<b>Funding to Preparation Camp and World Championships</b>
<b>Trampoline</b>	Qualified directly to WC team based on Competition results at Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships (see 1.3.1.C.)	100%	100%
	Attend S/V camp per 1.3.1.D	self-funded	n/a
	Named to WC team following S/V camp	n/a	100%
	Alternate to WC Team	n/a	100%
<b>DMT/TU</b>	National Champion, if that athlete qualifies directly to the WC team based on competition results at Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships	100%	100%
	Attend S/V camp; may or may not be directly qualified to the WC team.	self-funded	n/a
	Named to WC team following S/V camp; medaled at 2014 WC	self-funded	75%
	Named to WC team following S/V camp; finalist at 2014 WC OR 2014 World Cup Champion	self-funded	50%
	Named to WC team following S/V camp	self-funded	25%
	Alternate to WC Team	self-funded	self-funded