

USA Gymnastics
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2016 Olympic Games
Trampoline
September 4, 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 the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) 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), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

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

- Athlete must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age by December 31, 2016.
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2016 Olympic Games nomination.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- Athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite. See T&T Rules and Policies: Section VI: Elite Program: Rule 1.C.1-6. (https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/rules_policies.html)

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.

Athletes are eligible to earn Olympic Selection Points (see 1.3.1) at the following two events; however, participation in these events is not mandatory:

- 2016 Winter Classic: February 19-21, 2016 in Kalamazoo, MI
- 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge: May 4-8, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO

For consideration for team nomination, athletes must participate in:

- 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships: June 8-13, 2016 in Providence, RI

- 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).

- Athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite (see 1.1.4) to compete at the 2016 Winter Classic and the 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge.
- Athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2016 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies (Sec. VI.II.A.1-9.) to compete at the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.

- 1.2.3. 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 2016 Olympic Games Team because of his or her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

- a. Procedures for petitioning into the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in "Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies" Sec. VI: Elite Program, II.B.1-6.
- b. Only athletes who competed as a Senior Elite in the same event at the 2015 USA Gymnastics Championships will be allowed to petition to participate as a Senior Elite in the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- c. Petitions for entry to the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships will be evaluated by the Chair of the Elite Program Committee (TEPC) and the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director (See Sec. VI.II.4).

- d. In order to be considered, petitions must be submitted in writing to the USA Gymnastics T&T national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of his or her inability to participate in the process described above, but no later than the published registration date for the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - e. The 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 injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor selected by USA Gymnastics.
 - f. Athletes may not petition directly to the 2016 Olympic Games Team.
- 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 2016 Olympic Team for Trampoline will be comprised of a maximum of four individuals; up to two male and up to two female, provided all quota places are earned.

The top male and top female with the highest combined total (Total Score plus Olympic Selection Points) will be nominated to the Olympic Team at the conclusion of the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships. If applicable, a second male and/or second female will be nominated based on their highest three routine Total Score in either the 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge or the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships events. Olympic replacement athletes will also be selected based on Discretionary Selection Procedure outlined in Section 2 below.

1.3.1. Olympic Selection Points

Olympic Selection Points may be earned based on the athlete's finish at the 2016 Winter Classic (2 routines) and 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge (3 routines).

- a. 2016 Winter Classic
 - 1st place finish = 1.5 points
 - 2nd place finish = 1 point
 - 3rd place = 0.5 points

To earn points, a combined score of 103.0 (male) and 95.0 (female) must be achieved in the preliminary round of two routines: 1st voluntary (preliminary compulsory) and 2nd Voluntary (preliminary optional).

- b. 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge
 - 1st place = 3.0 points
 - 2nd place = 2.0 points
 - 3rd place = 1.0 point

To earn points, a combined score of 159.0 (male) and 147.0 (female) must be achieved in the 3 routine total competition. This consists of a preliminary round of two routines: 1st voluntary (preliminary compulsory) and 2nd voluntary (preliminary optional) and 3rd voluntary (finals optional).

- c. Points earned as outlined in 1.3.1 a. and b. above will be added to the total score achieved by the athlete at the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.

- 1.3.2. 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships - Total Score
Athletes will perform three routines at USA Gymnastics Championships; 1st voluntary (preliminary compulsory), 2nd Voluntary (preliminary optional) and 3rd voluntary (finals optional), which will comprise the athlete's Total Score.
- 1.3.3. The athlete's Total Score from the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships will be added to any Olympic Selection Points that have been earned pursuant to 1.3.1.a. and 1.3.1.b. The male and female with the highest combined total (Total Score plus Olympic Selection Points) will be nominated to the Olympic Team at the conclusion of the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- 1.3.4. The second male and/or second female in each gender will be the athlete(s) with the highest three routine Total Score (1st voluntary (preliminary compulsory), 2nd voluntary (preliminary optional) and 3rd voluntary (finals optional) from either the 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge or the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships. If the first qualified athlete(s) per 1.3.3. above has the highest three routine Total Score from either the 2016 U.S. Elite Challenge or from the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships, the athlete in each gender with the next highest Total Score will be nominated as the second athlete(s) in their gender, provided two quota places were earned for that gender.

- 1.3.5. One replacement athlete in each gender will be determined by the Selection Committee using the criteria outlined in 2.2.

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. 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 (if any):

In addition to the athletes who qualify by competition results (as per 1.3.) to the 2016 Olympic Team, the Selection Committee will choose the replacement athletes following the conclusion of the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships. Criterion used by the Selection Committee will include:

- Recent international performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
- Rank order finish at the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships
- 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

- 2.3. 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:

Selection Committee Members

High Performance Coordinator (Chair): Catherine Cabral-Marotta

Program Director: Dr. George R. Drew

Elite Committee Chair: Scott Lineberry

Elite Trampoline Coaches’ Representative: TBD

Elite Committee Athlete Representative: TBD

- 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 2016 Olympic Games Team that individual must recuse himself or herself in all

votes concerning selection of athletes of the conflicted gender. For example, if a Selection Committee member has a conflict in the selection of a male athlete, he/she must recuse himself/herself for all votes regarding the selection of male athletes, but may still participate in the selection of female athletes.

In the event a Selection Committee member recuses himself or herself from the immediate vote due to conflict of interest, is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee, or continue for any reason, the Chair of the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee will name a replacement.

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 and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual which can be found here:
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/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>

<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 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, IF, 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:

The Selection Committee will identify one replacement athlete in each gender using the discretionary criteria as described in section 2.2.

If a member of the 2016 Trampoline Olympic Team is unable to travel to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for any reason, the replacement athlete in that gender will fill the vacancy.

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

Refer to 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 2016 Olympic Games and can be found online at:

https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html

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

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. NGB Web site: www.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:

June 24, 2016

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

There will be a mandatory Olympic Team Training Camp for the Olympic Team Members and replacement athletes to be held in Houston, Texas, prior to departure to Rio de Janeiro. Date TBD (late July/early August) and will be announced no less than 45 days in advance of the start of the camp.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, IF, 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, IF, 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:

USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Committee

T&T Program Director: Dr. George Drew

T&T Elite Committee Chair: Scott Lineberry

T&T Elite Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative: Dmitri Poliroush

T&T Elite Committee Tumbling & DMT Coaches Representative: Chauncy Haydon

T&T Elite Committee Athlete Representative: Kalon Ludvigson

12. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/usag-bylaws.pdf>

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, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

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 Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Gymnastics.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Steve Penny		10/6/15

Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director	George R. Drew		10/6/15
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	David Durante		10/6/15

* 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.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.