

**2017 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING  
WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION  
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**

November 16-20, 2017 Sofia, Bulgaria

Amended 2-20-2017

**I. Overview**

1. The World Age Group Competition Team (WAGC Team) is the team that will officially represent the United States at the 2017 World Age Group Competition in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2017 World Age-Group Competition will be comprised of a maximum of 80 athletes; up to four women and four men for each age-group (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21 based on their age on December 31, 2017) in individual trampoline, tumbling, double-mini trampoline and synchronized trampoline.

2. Eligibility

- Must be a United States citizen and hold a current passport valid through June 2018.
- Must be 11 – 21 years of age in 2017.
- Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.
- Must compete as Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open Elite or Senior Elite at time of selection events noted in II.
  - 11-14 years of age: Youth Elite
  - 15-16 years of age: Junior Elite
  - 17-21 years of age: Senior Elite, Open Elite
- Must have a valid FIG license at the time of accreditation

3. Athletes will use the FIG Code of Points and U.S. Elite T&T Special Requirements.

4. 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. Tryout Events:**

- 2017 Winter Classic, February 24-26, 2017: Battle Creek, MI
- 2017 Elite Challenge, May 18 – 21, 2017: Colorado Springs, CO
- 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships, June 25 – July 2, 2017: Milwaukee, WI

- 2017 World Age Group Competition Final Selection Event, September 7-10, 2017: Huntsville, TX

### III. Selection

#### 1. World Age Group Selection Points

World Age Group Selection Points may be earned based on the athlete's finish at the 2017 Winter Classic, the 2017 U.S. Elite Challenge and the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships

World Age Group Selection Points					
	Winter Classic		Elite Challenge		USA Gymnastics Championships
1 <sup>st</sup>	1.5		3.0		4.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.0		2.0		3.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0.5		1.0		2.0

A. Winter Classic Minimum Scores - Trampoline scores listed (chart III.1.A) are for both a) horizontal displacement judged routines and b) routines judged as per 2016 rules without horizontal displacement. Judging system used will be contingent upon available equipment at time of meet.

Trampoline with Horizontal Displacement			Trampoline without Horizontal Displacement		
	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
11 – 12:	89.0	88.0	11 – 12:	85.0	84.0
13 – 14:	91.0	89.5	13 – 14:	90.9	88.8
15 – 16:	92.5	91.0	15 – 16:	92.3	90.1
17 – 21:	96.5	92.0	17 – 21:	92.7	89.9

Tumbling			Double Mini		
	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
11 – 12:	56.0	57.0	11 – 12:	62.5	61.0
13 – 14:	61.0	58.0	13 – 14:	66.0	64.0
15 – 16:	61.5	59.0	15 – 16:	68.0	64.5
17 – 21:	64.0	60.0	17 – 21:	69.0	64.5

- At the 2017 Winter Classic athletes must finish in the top 3 overall and hit the minimum score in the preliminary round to receive bonus points.

B. 2017 Elite Challenge & 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships Minimum Scores

Trampoline with Horizontal Displacement			Trampoline without Horizontal Displacement		
	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
11-12:	138.0	136.0	11-12:	132.3	131.3
13-14:	140.5	138.0	13-14:	140.5	137.3
15-16:	144.0	141.0	15-16:	143.7	139.4
17-21:	150.5	142.5	17-21:	145.0	139.5
Tumbling			Double Mini		
	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE
11-12:	112.0	114.0	11-12:	125.0	122.0
13-14:	122.0	116.0	13-14:	132.0	128.0
15-16:	123.0	118.0	15-16:	136.0	129.0
17-21:	128.0	120.0	17-21:	138.0	129.0

- At the 2017 Elite Challenge and USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must finish in the top 3 overall and hit the minimum combined preliminary and finals total score to receive bonus points.
    - a. World Age Group Selection Bonus Points earned from III.1.A and III.1.B above will be added to the total score achieved by the athlete at the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships.
    - b. Top 6 athletes per gender, per discipline, and per age group will be invited to the 2017 World Age Group Final Selection Event.
    - c. Athletes must compete in the same division at all competitions.
      - 11-12 & 13-14 must compete Youth Elite
      - 15-16 must compete Junior Elite
      - 17-21 must compete in Sr. Elite (Open Elite athletes may be considered for team openings at the discretion of Selection Committee.
    - d. Total points tie-breaking procedure: highest rank from the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships prevails.
- A. World Age Group Final Selection Event, Huntsville, TX, September 7 – 11, 2017.
- a. Qualified athletes will compete in a final selection competition at the 2017 World Age Group Final Selection Event, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Huntsville, TX.

- b. At the conclusion of the finals competition at the 2017 World Age Group Selection Event, the top 3 athlete in rank order in each gender/discipline will be named to the 2017 World Age Group Team, provided the minimum total score listed in chart III.1.B is achieved.(Trampoline 3 routine total competition, Tumbling and Double Mini 4 pass total competition).
  - i. Unfilled team positions may be chosen by the discretionary selection as listed in section D below.

B. Discretionary selection to the World Age Group Competition Team

- a. The Selection Committee, utilizing the criteria outlined in 1.D.b, may fill the remaining available team spot(s). Athletes must compete in the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships and the 2017 World Age Group Final Selection Event to be eligible for consideration under this provision. It is not mandatory that the Selection Committee fill all available team spots.
- b. Discretionary Criteria includes:
  - World Age Group Final Selection Event results
  - 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

C. Synchronized Trampoline

- a. Synchronized trampoline pairs may be named by the Junior National Team Trampoline Team Head Coach from among the athletes named to the World Age Group Competition Team for individual trampoline. In the event the total team size is less than 80 athletes, the Selection Committee, in consultation with the Junior National Team Head coach, may add additional synchronized pairs based on the following criteria:
  - i. Existing pair with prior successful results
  - ii. New pairing that will contribute to medal potential based on each individual’s recent performance

#### **IV. Petition Procedures**

1. Petitioning procedures into the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2017 Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies. Section VI.B.1-6 ([click here](#))
2. An athlete may not petition directly to the 2017 WAGC Team.
3. Athletes who are unable to compete at the 2017 Elite Challenge and/or the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships may petition directly to the 2017 World Age Group Final Selection Camp.
  - a. To be eligible to petition, athletes must have placed in the top 3 at the 2016 Elite Challenge, the top 3 at the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships, or have been a National Team Member in 2016 or 2017.
  - b. Petitions to the World Age Group Final Selection Event 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 athletes becomes aware of his/her inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of competition at the 2017 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 physicians' statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by one or more doctors 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 Age Group Competition Final Selection Event.
4. The petitioned athletes are in addition to the top 6 athletes per gender, discipline, and per age group named in 1.3.6.

#### **V. Selection of the 2017 WAGC Team Coaches**

1. The Selection Committee will select the coaches for the 2017 WAGC after the team has been named.
2. 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.

3. 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

## VI. Selection Committee

High Performance Director	Catherine Cabral-Marotta	Voice, no vote
Program Director	Dr. George Drew	
Elite Committee Chair	Scott Lineberry	
Elite DMT/TU Coaches' representative	TBD, election 6/28/17	TU/DMT selection only
Elite Trampoline Coaches representative	TBD, election 6/28/17	TRA selection only
Junior National Trampoline Head Coach	Steven Gluckstein	TRA selection only
National Tumbling Head Coach	Sergio Galvez	TU selection only
National DMT Head Coach	Austin White	DMT selection only
Athlete representative	Austin White	

1. The Selection Committee is five-member voting body.
2. 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.
3. Selection Committee Duties
  - a. Determination of WAGC Team, alternates and Synchronized Trampoline pairs pursuant to section III, includes the evaluation of which age-group/gender/discipline spots to fill in consideration of the maximum team size of 80 athletes.
  - b. Determination of WAGC Team Coaches

**VII. Removal**

1. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2017 WAGC Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2017 WAGC Team if he/she:
  - a. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director.
  - b. Violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
  - c. An athlete may also be removed from the 2017 WAGC Team in the event of injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance at the 2017 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 an approved USA Gymnastics Physician (or medical staff).
2. 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.

**VIII. Signatures**

**Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2017 WAGC Team as outlined in these selection procedures has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of the selection procedures. The signature of the athlete and coach below reflects that understanding and agreement.**

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Athlete

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Date

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Parent, if athlete is under age 18

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Date

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Coach

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Date