

USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Sophia, Bulgaria
Trampoline, Tumbling, Double Mini Trampoline & Synchronized Trampoline
Amended August 28, 2017

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:
Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the start of the 2017 Winter Classic and at the time of selection and hold a current U.S. Passport valid through May, 2018.
2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any):
 - Athlete must be a minimum of 17 years of age by December 31, 2017.
 - Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2017 World Championships accreditation.
3. Other requirements (if any):
Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - Winter Classic, February 24-26, 2017, Battle Creek, Michigan.
 - Elite Challenge, May 18-21, 2017, Colorado Springs, CO.
 - USA Gymnastics Championships, June 25- July 2, 2017, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 - World Championships Selection Camp, September 28-October 1, Huntsville, TX.
2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in I.B.
 - To qualify to compete at the 2017 Winter Classic and 2017 U.S. Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite.

- To compete at the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2017 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies (Sec. II, found [here](#))

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team members (including maximum team size).

1. The 2017 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. Up to two women’s pairs and up to two men’s pairs for Synchronized Trampoline may be chosen from among the individual World Championship Trampoline Team Members.

The process for qualification to the 2017 World Championships Team is

- A combination of bonus points added to the total score from the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championship that qualify the athlete to the 2017 World Championships Selection Camp.
 - Final competition results and overall placement from the 2017 World Championships Selection Camp.
- a. 2017 World Championships Selection Bonus Points may be earned based on the athlete’s results at the 2017 Winter Classic, the 2017 Elite Challenge and the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - b. Trampoline scores listed (chart I.C.1.c) are for both horizontal displacement judged routines and routines judged as per 2016 rules without horizontal displacement. Judging system used will be contingent upon available equipment at time of meet.
 - c. See Bonus Points Charts below:

Trampoline – With Horizontal Displacement:

TRA	Winter Classic			Elite Challenge			USA Gymnastics Championships		
	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores
1 st	1.5	99.6	105.6	3.0	152.4	162.1	4.0	152.4	162.1
2 nd	1			2.0			3.0		
3 rd	0.5			1.0			2.0		

Trampoline – Without Horizontal Displacement:

TRA	Winter Classic			Elite Challenge			USA Gymnastics Championships		
	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores
1 st	1.5	94.8	102.6	3.0	146.1	158.4	4.0	146.1	158.4
2 nd	1			2.0			3.0		
3 rd	0.5			1.0			2.0		

Tumbling:

TU	Winter Classic			Elite Challenge			USA Gymnastics Championships		
	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores
1 st	1.5	62.0	67.0	3.0	126.0	134.0	4.0	126.0	134.0
2 nd	1			2.0			3.0		
3 rd	0.5			1.0			2.0		

Double-Mini:

DMT	Winter Classic			Elite Challenge			USA Gymnastics Championships		
	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores	Points	Female Scores	Male Scores
1 st	1.5	69.0	72.5	3.0	138.0	145.0	4.0	138.0	145.0
2 nd	1			2.0			3.0		
3 rd	0.5			1.0			2.0		

- 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.
- 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.
 - d. All bonus points will be added to the total score achieved by the athlete at the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - e. The top 6 athletes from each gender/discipline with the highest scores as detailed in I.C.1.b. above will be invited to the 2017 World Championships Selection Camp.
 - f. Qualification to the Selection Camp is as follows:

- The top six athletes identified in I.C.1.c. will be invited to the 2017 World Championships Selection Camp.
- In addition, the Selection Committee may also invite up to (3) other competitors from the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships, utilizing the discretionary criteria defined in II.B.
- Successfully petitioned athletes. See section I.D.

2. 2017 World Championships Selection Camp

- Qualified athletes will compete in a final selection competition at the 2017 World Championship Team Selection Camp, **September 28-October 1**, Huntsville, TX.
- At the conclusion of the finals competition at the 2017 World Championship Team Selection Camp, the top 3 athletes in rank order in each gender/discipline will be named to the 2017 World Championships Team, provided the minimum total score listed below is achieved. (Trampoline 3 routine total competition, Tumbling and Double Mini 4 pass total competition.)
 - Trampoline (with Horizontal Displacement): 162.1 (Men), 152.4 (Women)
 - Trampoline (without Horizontal Displacement): 158.4-Men, 146.1-Women
 - Double Mini Trampoline: 145.0 (Men), 138.0 (Women)
 - Tumbling: 134.0 (Men), 126.0 (Women)
- In addition to the athletes securing a team position (as per I.C.2.b.) following the World Championships Selection camp, the remainder of the team members, up to the maximum team size as per I.C.1., may be named by the Selection Committee using the discretionary criteria outlined in Section II. For those athletes chosen by discretionary criteria, the selection committee will make the determination of whether those athletes will be a competing team member or an alternate.

3. Tie Breaking Procedures for all competitions and selection camp.

- Ties WILL be broken in following cases.
 - The tie breaking procedure will be used in preliminary rounds to determine which athletes will advance to the final round.
 - In finals, ties will be broken only for the purpose of assigning World Championship Team selection bonus points by rank order.
- Ties in Preliminary Qualification Rounds:
 - In the event of a tie in the qualification round, the tie will be broken in the following prioritized manner for each discipline:
 - Trampoline
 - The gymnast with the higher sum of the execution (E) scores of both routines prevails

- If still tied, the gymnast with the higher sum of the time of flight (T) score of both routines prevails
- If still tied, the tie will not be broken and both gymnasts will advance.

Double Mini Trampoline and Tumbling

- The gymnast with the higher sum of the execution (E) scores of both passes prevails.
- If still tied, the gymnast with the higher execution (E) score of the second pass prevails.
- If still tied, 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

- The gymnast with the higher execution (E) score in the final optional routine prevails.
- If still tied, the gymnast with the higher time of flight (T) score in the final optional routine prevails.
- If still tied, the athletes in the tie will compete an additional optional routine to break the tie following the final round at the 2017 Winter Classic, 2017 Elite Challenge, 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships or 2017 World Championships Selection Camp.

Double Mini Trampoline and Tumbling

- The gymnast with the higher sum of the execution (E) scores of both final passes prevails.
- If still tied, the gymnast with the higher execution (E) score of final pass (pass 4) prevails.
- If still tied, the gymnast with the higher execution (E) score of all four (qualification and final) passes prevails.

- #### 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.

- #### 4. Men and women synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the individual World Championship Trampoline Team. The pairs will be named at the conclusion of the World Championships Team Selection camp by the

National Trampoline Team Head Coach, subject to the approval of the of the Selection Committee, utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in II.B.

5. Athletes named to the 2017 World Championship team (and alternates, if any) must attend the World Championships Preparation Camp, October 31- November 4, location TBD, and must travel to Sophia, Bulgaria with the delegation.

D. 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 2017 World Championships Team because of his/her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

- Procedures for petitioning into the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies. Section VI.B.1-6 [\[click here\]](#)
- Athletes who are unable to compete in the 2017 Winter Classic, 2017 Elite Challenge and/or 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships may petition directly to the World Championships Selection Camp.
 - To be eligible to petition, athletes must have placed in the top 3 at the 2017 Winter Classic, the top 3 at the 2017 Elite Challenge, the top 3 at USA Gymnastics Championships, or have been a National Team Member in 2016- 2017.
 - Petitions to the Selection 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 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - 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 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 Championships Selection Camp.

- Athletes may not petition directly to the 2017 World Championships Team.

E. Selection Committee Members

1. Names of Selection Committee Members and Titles

The Selection Committee is five-member voting body.

High Performance Director	Catherine Cabral-Marotta	Selection Committee Chair 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
National Trampoline Head Coach	Nuno Merino	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	

2. Conflict of Interest

- In the event that a Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2017 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 cast a vote for that specific selection.
- If more than one member must recuse himself or herself from the immediate vote, the Chair of the Selection Committee will cast a vote for that specific selection and the Chair of the Program Committee will name the additional replacement member(s) as needed
- 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.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- A. 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.
- Athletes who successfully petition to the selection camp, may not have had opportunity to earn bonus points.

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

- In addition to the athletes who named to the 2017 World Championships Team per I.C.1.b. and I.C.1.c., the Selection Committee will choose the remaining team member(s), if any, following the conclusion of the 2017 Selection Camp, **September 28-October 1**, Huntsville, TX.
- 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
- Criterion used by the Selection Committee to approve the National Team Trampoline Head Coaches’ recommendation for synchronized trampoline pairs include:
 - Existing pair with prior successful results
 - Based on the recent performances of the athletes named to the World Championships team for individual trampoline, identification of a new pairing with likely medal potential

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is selected to the team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.

- Injury or illness, **which inhibits peak performance** as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of her illness or injury by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement or the Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibility Manual, which can be found online at http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html. Inability to follow training plans and show competition readiness for the 2017 World Championships.
 - Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the T&T Program Director and the Athlete Representative, and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach may be reviewed through the 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).
- B. An athlete may be removed from the team at any time for violation of WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of 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 II.B.
- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
- Prior to departure, if a member of the 2017 World Championships Team is unable to travel to Sophia, Bulgaria 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 section II. 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 section II.

- After arrival at the 2017 World Championships in Sophia, Bulgaria, if a member of the team is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal, 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 National Trampoline Team Head Coach 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 section II.B.
 - The alternate athlete must travel to Sophia, Bulgaria as part of the official delegation to be considered for replacement.

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
Selection Committee (see I.E.)

V. COACH SELECTION

- A. The Coaches for the 2017 World Championships Team will be selected from among the national team head coaches as well as the personal coaches of the team members, based upon the following criteria:

The Selection Committee will name the World Championships coaches following the determination of the World Championships team at the conclusion of the 2017 World Championships Selection Camp. Based on the number of credentials available to the team, coaches will be selected as follows:

- Individual Trampoline//Synchronized Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
- Tumbling: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
- Double Mini Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.

- The head coach of each discipline shall be responsible for the line-ups, including determination of the three competing athletes in Team Finals and the order in which they will compete.

B. 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
- National Team head Coach or Personal coach of an athlete named to the 2017 World Championships team.
- Technical knowledge
- Must be able to attend the World Championships Selection Camp, World Championships Preparation Camp, and all required meetings.
- Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.

C. 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 & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual, which can be found here http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html.
- Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures per the USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

VI. 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 2017 World Championships.

VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2017 World Championships Team and can be found online at http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html

USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
National Team Agreement

Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibility Manual

VIII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

A. USA Gymnastics Web site:

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

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following the approval by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.

B. Directly distributed to the age eligible National Team Members.

IX. DATE OF NOMINATION

The 2017 World Championships team will be announced **September 30, 2017**.

X. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

World Championships Preparation Camp, October 31st, - November 4th, TBD

XI. 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 IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XII. 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	Scott Lineberry
T&T Trampoline Coach Representative	Dmitri Poliaroush
T&T DM/TU Coach Representative	Sergio Galvez
T&T Athlete Representative	Austin White

XIII. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.usagym.org

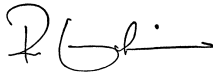

XIV. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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.

XV. SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2017 World Championships Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics Chief Operating Officer	Ron Galimore		8/28/17
TT Program Director	Dr. George Drew		8/28/17
Athlete Representative	Austin White	Per email	8/28/17

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2017 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