

**USA GYMNASTICS  
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2018 WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS – ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA  
TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING**

**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 2018 Winter Classic and at the time of selection hold a current U.S. Passport valid through May 18, 2019.
  2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any):
    - Athlete must be 11-21 years of age at December 31, 2018.
    - Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2018 World Age Group Competitions accreditation.
  3. Other requirements (if any):
    - Must compete as Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open Elite or Senior Elite at time of selection events noted in I.B.1.:
      - 11-14 years of age: Youth Elite
      - 15-16 years of age: Junior Elite
      - 17-21 years of age: Senior Elite, Open Elite
    - Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
    - FIG rules limit the total team size for each country to 80 athletes; therefore, the Selection Committee may not be able to fill all four positions in each age-group/gender/discipline.
- 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.
    - Selection Events:
      - 2018 Winter Classic, February 23-25, Battlecreek, MI
      - 2018 Elite Challenge, May 18-20, Colorado Springs, CO
      - 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships, July 3-8, Greensboro, NC
  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 in I.B.1.
    - To qualify to compete at the 2018 Winter Classic and 2018 Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a youth, junior, senior or open elite.

- To compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2018 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies ([Sec. VI](#))
- 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. Up to 80 athletes total will be selected into the World Age Group Competitions Team.
  2. Up to four athletes per category, in the Disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini and the age groups 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21 will be selected into the World Age Group Competitions Team. Priority for filling team positions will be as follows:
    - 13-14 and 15-16 age groups
    - 11-12 and 17-21 age groups
  3. The Selection Committee will consider all petitions and announce the World Age Group Competitions Team following the conclusion of the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
  4. Process for World Age Group Competitions Team selection:
    - a. Up to three athletes with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the three Selection Events (clause I.B.1) will be selected into the World Age Group Competitions Team, provided they have met the Qualification Minimum Score requirement at least once in the selection process.
      - Combined Score is defined as the highest two Total Scores at the conclusion of the 2018 Winter Classic, 2018 Elite Challenge, and 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
      - Total score is defined as the total of both the preliminary and final round, from each Selection Event.
      - For the 17-21 age group, Senior Elite athletes meeting the Qualification Minimum Score will be selected before Open Elite athletes.
      - Total Scores being used to make up a Combined Score must both have been achieved within the same division (Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open Elite or Senior Elite).
    - b. Qualification Minimum Scores  
The Qualification Minimum Score (3-routine score for Trampoline, 4-routine score from Tumbling and Double-mini trampoline) must be met at least once in the selection process to be eligible to earn a place on the World Age Group Competitions team pursuant to I.C.3.a. above. Tumbling and Double-mini Qualification Minimum Scores were set using the 66<sup>th</sup> percentile at the 2017 World Age Group Competitions. Trampoline is based on a formula of an average execution score, TOF, HD, and Difficulty.

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double-Mini</b>
YE 11-12 Male	133.2	106.6	126.2
YE 13-14 Male	140.8	112.6	133.8
JE 15-16 Male	144.7	123.2	137.2
OE 17-21 Male	147.5	123.8	136.4
SE 17+ Male	154.8	134.8	137.0
YE 11-12 Female	132.4	110.8	122.8
YE 13-14 Female	139.0	113.4	126.4
JE 15-16 Female	142.5	115.8	129.2
OE 17-21 Female	141.7	116.6	131.6
SE 17+ Female	146.0	124.4	131.4

- c. Additional athletes (up to the maximum team size of four plus a non-travelling alternate) may be named to the World Age Group Competitions Team using the petition procedures as listed in section D below, or the next ranked athlete using Combined Score (per 1.C.4.a).
  - d. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be named following the USA Gymnastics Championships by the Junior National Trampoline Team Head Coach, subject to the approval of the of the Selection Committee, utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in II.B.3-4.
5. Athletes named to the 2018 World Age Group Competitions team must travel to St Petersburg, Russia 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 2018 World Age Group Competitions Team because of his/her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1. Procedures for petitioning into the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies [section VI.II.B.1-6](#).
2. Athletes may petition directly to the 2018 World Age Group Competitions Team.
3. Petitions to the 2018 World Age Group Competitions Team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received by the Trampoline & 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 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
4. 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.

5. To be eligible to petition, the athlete must have been a medalist at the 2017 World Age Group Competitions.
6. In considering the petition, the Selection Committee will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in II.B.3.

E. Selection Committee Members

1. The Selection Committee (SC) is a three-member voting body:

<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini Trampoline</b>
Elite Committee Chair *	Elite Committee Chair *	Elite Committee Chair *
National TRA Head Coach OR Junior National TRA Coach	National TUM Head Coach	National DMT Head Coach
Athletes' Representative	Athletes' Representative	Athletes' Representative
High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **
National TRA Head Coach OR Junior National TRA Coach (voice, no vote) ***		

\* The Elite Committee Chair will serve as the SC Chair.

\*\* The High Performance Coordinator will present any background information relevant to selection (verbal or written report).

\*\*\* The Trampoline National Coaches will work together as part of the Selection Committee, but will only have 1 vote between them.

2. Conflict of Interest

In the event that an SC member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for a Team, or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the SC for any reason, a replacement will be named in the following order:

- Chair of the Program Committee
- Program Director
- Additional replacement member(s) named by the SC Chair, with preference given to:
  - Members of the SC for other T&T disciplines
  - International experts (athlete / coach / judge with world-level competition or judging experience)

Should the National Head Coach be replaced due to a conflict of interest, they will retain the right to present a selection recommendation (complete with reasoning), and answer questions from the SC, after which time they will be required to leave the selection meeting.

## II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):
1. Trampoline & 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 touching anything other than the competition surface.
- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):
1. To be eligible for consideration under discretionary criteria, the athlete must be a petitioning athlete per I.D.
  2. Criterion used by the Selection Committee selection(s) will include:
    - USA Gymnastics Championships results
    - Physical and mental readiness
    - Recent international performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
    - Recent domestic performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
    - Routine "hit" percentage, including recent national and international performance
    - 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
  3. Synchronized trampoline pairs will 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. Criterion used by the Selection Committee to approve the Junior 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 Age Group Competitions 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:
1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the T&T Program Director.
  2. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance. 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).

3. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the World Age Group Competitions.
4. Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct or the Trampoline & Tumbling [Responsibilities Manual](#).
5. Removal may only occur by action of the T&T Program Director after consultation with the President of USA Gymnastics, and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach.

#### IV. COACH SELECTION

- A. The Coaches for the 2018 World Age Group Competitions Team will be selected from among the national team head coaches as well as the personal coaches of the team members. The Selection Committee will name the World Age Group Competitions coaches following the determination of the World Age Group Competitions team at the conclusion of the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships. Based on the number of available credentials.
- B. Criteria to be considered in selecting the Age Group Competitions coaches include:
  - USA Gymnastics Professional Member in good standing
  - International experience
  - Personal coach of an athlete named to the 2018 World Age Group Competitions team.
  - Proven leadership ability
  - Rapport with athletes
  - Technical knowledge
  - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.
- C. Removal of Coach
  - Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the T&T Program Director.
  - Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct or Trampoline & Tumbling [Responsibilities Manual](#).
  - A coach shall automatically be deemed removed if the individual becomes ineligible for leadership pursuant to Section 2.4 of USA Gymnastics Bylaws, or fails to meet the affirmative duty required by Section 2.4 of the Bylaws.

## **V. 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 2018 World Age Group Competitions.

## **VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2018 World Age Group Competitions Team and can be found online at [http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html).

- USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy
- USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
- Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibility Manual

## **VII. 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:

- USA Gymnastics website: [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org)  
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.

## **VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The 2018 World Age Group Competitions team will be announced on or before July 13, 2018.

## **IX. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable.

## **X. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

<b>Trampoline &amp; Tumbling Program Committee</b>	
T&T Program Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Program Chair	Scott Lineberry
T&T JO Program Chair	Peter Dodd
T&T Athlete Representative	Austin White
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey

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

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
[www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org).

**XII. 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.

**XIII. SIGNATURES**

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2018 World Age Group Competitions 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.

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Athlete

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Date

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Parent (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

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Date

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Coach

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Date