

**USA Gymnastics - Trampoline**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2018 Youth Olympic Games**  
**Amended February 20, 2018**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games (October 12, 2018).

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

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) 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 41).

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

- To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002.
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2018 Youth Olympic Games accreditation.
- Athletes who have participated in FIG senior competitions or multisport games (including continental championships and world cup events) may not participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athlete must meet the Junior Elite or Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a Junior Elite or Senior Elite athlete. Mobility requirements are posted at [https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2017/vi\\_elite\\_121817.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/T&T/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2017/vi_elite_121817.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.

- 2018 Elite Challenge – May 2018 – Colorado Springs, CO
- 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships – July 2018 – Greensboro, NC

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.

- To qualify to compete at the 2018 Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a junior or senior elite as stated in the 2018 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies ([Sec. VI](#))
- To compete at the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2018 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies ([Sec. VI](#))

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).

A maximum of two athletes, one male and one female, will be selected for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), provided the U.S. earns its quota place(s) at the YOG qualification event (2018 Junior Pan American Championships). The YOG team will consist of one (1) competing athlete of each gender and one (1) replacement athlete in each gender.

1.3.1 The process for qualification to the 2018 YOG Team is:

- a. The five athletes in each gender and division (Junior Elite & Senior Elite) with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the 2018 Elite Challenge and the preliminary sessions of the

2018 USA Gymnastics Championships will qualify to compete at the 2018 YOG Selection Competition Session (to be held during the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships).

- b. Combined Score is defined as the sum of all (up to three) routines performed at the 2018 Elite Challenge plus the total score of all (up to two) preliminary routines performed at 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- c. Up to 2 additional athletes in each gender may be invited to compete at the 2018 YOG Selection Competition Session using either the petition procedures outlined in 1.4.1, or the discretionary criteria outlined in 2.2.
- d. The male and female with the highest Total Score at the YOG Selection Competition Session (two routines - compulsory and optional), using the Youth Olympic Games rules, will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Games Team.
- e. The male and female athlete with the second highest Total Score at the YOG Selection Competition Session (two routines), using the Youth Olympic Games rules, will be nominated as non-traveling replacement athletes to the Youth Olympic Games Team.

#### 1.4. Petition Procedures

1.4.1 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 Youth 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 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline & Tumbling Rules and Policies. [Section VI.II.B.1-6](#).
- b. Petitions to the 2018 YOG Selection Competition Session will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee (SC) 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 prior to the start of the first elite session at USA Gymnastics Championships.
- c. Any athlete who meets the criteria in 1 is eligible to submit a petition to the YOG Selection Competition Session.
- d. 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.

- e. Athletes may not petition directly to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team.
- f. In considering the petition, the Selection Committee will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in section 2.2.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

- 2.1. 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.

Discretionary criteria may be used

- a) By the selection committee to invite up to two additional athletes per gender to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Selection Session who did not qualify per 1.3, or
  - b) To approve petitions to the YOG Selection Competition per 1.4.1.f.
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):
    - 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 and final routine score
      - Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic
    - Discretionary selections to the Youth Olympic Games Selection Session, if necessary, will take place immediately following the conclusion of the final elite prelim session at 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships and after the final scores have been certified and officially posted.

- Athletes who may or may not have competed at the USA Gymnastics Championships, may be considered in the discretionary process.

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:

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>
Elite Committee Chair *	Scott Lineberry
National Trampoline Head Coach OR Junior National Trampoline Coach	Nuno Merino OR Steven Gluckstein
	TBD
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\* The Elite Committee Chair will serve as the SC Chair.

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

### 2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

In the event that a Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue 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.

## 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 which inhibits peak performance as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/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.
- 3.1.3. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the Youth Olympic Games.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct, National Team Agreement, or Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual, which can be found [here](#).

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/>  
<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:
  - See 1.3.1.
- 4.1.2. Prior to departure, if an athlete nominated to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team is unable to travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina for any reason, the replacement athlete will fill the vacancy.
- 4.1.3. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:
  - Prior to departure, see above.
  - After arrival at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, if the nominated athlete is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal, the replacement athlete that had previously been named during the selection process in the gender where the vacancy occurred will be nominated. The replacement athlete must have sufficient time to be entered into and travel to the competition.

## **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 conclusion of the Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and can be found online:

USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy

Code of Ethical Conduct

National Team Agreement

Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual

[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html)

## **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. USA Gymnastics Website:

[https://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection\\_procedures.html](https://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 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:

July 9, 2018

**9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, 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, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

**10. 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 &amp; Trampoline &amp; Tumbling Elite Committee</b>	
T&T Program Director	Dr. George Drew (until Oct 2017) Jacqui Godfrey (from Oct 2017)
T&T Program Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Chair	Scott Lineberry
T&T JO Program Chair	Peter Dodd
T&T Trampoline Coach Representative	Dmitri Poliaroush
T&T DM/TU Coach Representative	Sergio Galvez
T&T Athlete Representative	Austin White

**11. 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>

## 12. 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.

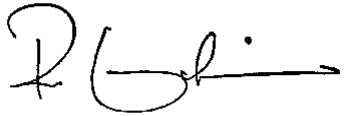

## 13. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN


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](mailto:Kacie.wallace@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

## 14. NGB SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF 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 NGB.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics Chief Operating Officer	Ron Galimore		2/20/18
USA Gymnastics T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey		2/20/18

USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Nastia Liukin		2/20/18
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\* 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.