

**USA GYMNASTICS**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES**  
**GYMNASTICS – TRAMPOLINE**  
**January 7, 2019**  
**Amended May 29, 2019**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the start of the 2019 Selection Events and at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Pan American 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 (2) or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and Pan American Gymnastics Union (PAGU) standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must be a minimum of 17 years of age by December 31, 2019.
- Athlete must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form and hold a valid FIG Athlete License that is valid through the end of the 2019 Pan American Games.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline. Online registration is slated to be

open Jan-March, 2019 (exact date TBD). Registration information will be communicated to athletes via the USAG website:

[www.usagym.org/](http://www.usagym.org/)

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics from the start of the 2019 Selection Events through the end of the 2019 Pan American Games.
- Athlete must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a Senior Elite athlete. Mobility requirements are posted in the [Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI).

## 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.

- 2019 VIP Classic – March 1-3, Evansville IN
- 2019 Elite Challenge – May 17-19, location TBD
- 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, July 2-6, Des Moines, IA
- Final dates and locations of all tryout events will be published on the [2019 USA Gymnastics T&T calendar](#), a minimum of 45 days prior to the start of each.

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):

- To qualify to compete at the 2019 VIP Classic and 2019 Elite Challenge, athletes must meet mobility requirements as a senior elite as stated in the [Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI).
- To compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the [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 (include maximum Team size).

1.3.1. Up to two (2) males and two (2) females in the discipline of Individual Trampoline may be selected to compete at the 2019 Pan American Games, provided the U.S. earns its quota place(s) at the qualification event (2018 Pan American Gymnastics Championship). In addition, a replacement athlete in each gender may be named.

### 1.3.2. Definitions:

- Combined Score: The Combined Score is the total of the highest two Preliminary Scores from the three Selection Events.
- Preliminary Score: The Preliminary Score is the total of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Selection Event.

### 1.3.3. Process for selection:

1.3.3.1. The athlete with the highest Combined Score per 1.3.2. will be named to 2019 Pan American Games.

1.3.3.2. In addition to the named athlete (per 1.3.3.1), the Selection Committee (SC), per the petition procedures in Section 1.4 and using the discretionary selection criteria in section 2, may add athletes (up to the maximum team size of two plus non-travelling replacement athlete) from among:

- Athletes with the next highest Combined Score Petitioners, as outlined in 1.4.
- Competing athletes named to the 2019 Pan American Games must travel to Lima, Peru with the USA delegation.

### 1.4. 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 2019 Pan American Games Team because of their previous competition results to be unable to participate in one (1) or more steps in that process.

1.4.1. Athletes may petition directly to the 2019 Pan American Games Team.

1.4.2. Petitions to the 2019 Pan American Games Team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received in writing 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 2019 Elite Challenge.

1.4.3. 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 **approved** by USA Gymnastics.

- 1.4.4. To be eligible to petition, the athlete must have been an individual semi-finalist (top 16) at the 2018 World Championships, or the 2018 or 2019 U.S. National Champion (awarded at the USA Gymnastics Championships).
- 1.4.5. In considering the petition, the SC will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in section 2.

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

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.

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

- 2.2.1. The SC may choose the second team member(s) or the non-traveling replacement athlete following the conclusion of the 2019 Elite Challenge.
- 2.2.2. To be eligible for consideration under discretionary criteria, the athlete must be a petitioning athlete per clause 1.4. Discretionary criteria will also be used by the SC when deciding between a petitioning athlete and the athlete who had the next highest Combined Score per 1.3.3.
- 2.2.3. Criterion used by the SC will include (in no priority order):
  - Routine “hit” percentage, with priority placed on the three (3) tryout events, and including recent international performance from events held in 2018-2019, where USA Gymnastics has selected athletes (these events can be found on the [2018](#) and [2019](#) T&T calendars).
  - 2018-2019 international performance (result, type, frequency, and level) from events held in 2018-2019, where USA Gymnastics has selected athletes (these events can be found on the [2018](#) and [2019](#) T&T calendars).
  - 2018-2019 domestic performance (result, type, frequency, and level) including 2018 Winter Classic, 2019 VIP Classic, 2018/2019 Elite Challenge and 2018/2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.

- 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:

The Selection Committee is a three-member voting body:

- Elite Committee Chair \*
- National Trampoline Head Coach
- Athlete Selection Representative
- High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) \*\*
- Junior National Trampoline 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.

**Note: An Independent Observer of Procedure appointed by a sub-committee of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors will be present at the final selection meeting (no voice, no vote).**

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 SC member is currently affiliated with any athlete or coach 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:

- Should the Athlete Representative need to be replaced, another person eligible to represent the athletes will be named.
- **Should the National Head Coach need to be replaced, the Junior National Trampoline Coach will be named. The National Head Coach 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.**
- Chair of the Program Committee.

- 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).

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee 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 for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Gymnastics President/CEO.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Gymnastics [Safe Sport Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), [2018-19 National Team Agreement](#), or [Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibility Manual](#).
- 3.1.5. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the 2019 Pan American Games.

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.

Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee 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

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

- 3.2. 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 Section 1.3.

- 4.1.2. Prior to departure:

If an athlete nominated to the 2019 Pan American Games Team is unable to travel to Lima, Peru for any reason, the alternate athlete will fill the vacancy and a new alternate will be named per Section 1.3, so long as the Organizing Committee allows for this depending on their deadlines and process.

- 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 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, if the competing athlete is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal, the alternate athlete that had previously been named during the selection process in the gender where the vacancy occurred will be nominated so long as the Organizing Committee allows for this depending on their deadlines and process. The alternate athlete must have sufficient time to be entered into and travel to the competition.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A Pan American Games Athlete Selection Committee Report, outlining the work and decisions of the SC, will be made available for distribution to all athletes and coaches who participated in the selection events within a reasonable amount of time after the conclusion of the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships. The report will be made public on the USA Gymnastics website. USA Gymnastics retains the sole discretion to determine the contents and timing of the report.

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 (6) months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Pan American Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed (if applicable) and adhered to by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games and (except for the National Team Agreement) can be found online:

- [USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#)
- [USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
- [Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual](#)
- [2018-19 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. USA Gymnastics website: [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org)  
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five (5) business days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- 7.2. Other: Direct distribution via e-mail 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: July 7, 2019

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:  
N/A.

## **10. 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.



**11. 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 Director	Jacqui Godfrey
T&T Program Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Chair	Scott Lineberry
T&T Technical Chair	Deanna Hanford
T&T JO Program Chair	Chelsea Rainer
T&T Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert & Michael Devine

**12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

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

**13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, 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, IPC, 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.



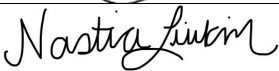
**14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Gymnastics may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.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 PAGU 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.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
USA Gymnastics Board Chair	Li Li Leung		6/18/19
National T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey		6/4/19
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Nastia Liukin		6/13/19

- \* 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/HPMO, 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/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics Board Chair	Kathryn Carson		1/7/19
National T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey		1/7/19
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Nastia Liukin		01/30/2019

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