

**USA GYMNASTICS**  
**ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2019 WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS – TOKYO, JAPAN**  
**TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING**  
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**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 2019 VIP Classic and at the time of selection hold a current U.S. Passport valid through May 18, 2020.
2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any):
  - Athlete must be 13-21 years of age at December 31, 2019.
  - Athlete must hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2019 World Age Group Competitions accreditation.
  - FIG rules limit the total team size for each country to 80 athletes.
3. Other requirements (if any):
  - Must compete as Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Open Elite or Senior Elite at time of selection events noted in I.B.1.:
    - 13-14 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.
  - Must not have been named to the 2019 World Championships team in the same 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:
    - 2019 VIP Classic, February 28-March 3, Evansville, IN
    - 2019 Elite Challenge, May 16-19, Winston-Salem, NC
    - 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, July 2-6, Des Moines, IA
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 2019 VIP Classic and 2019 Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements as a youth, junior, senior or open elite.

- To compete at the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2019 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 four males and four females plus one non-traveling alternate in each gender, in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini and the age groups 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21 will be selected into the World Age Group Competitions Team.

2. Definitions:

- Combined Score: The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two Preliminary Scores from the three Selection Events.
- Preliminary Score: The Preliminary Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Selection Event.
- Qualification Minimum Score: The Qualification Minimum Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Selection Event. The Qualification Minimum Scores are (\*note: Tumbling scores are without the US bonus awarded):

	Trampoline	Tumbling *	Double-mini
YE 13-14 G	88.500	57.000	62.500
YE 13-14 B	91.500	60.000	64.500
Junior Elite G	92.500	58.000	64.000
Junior Elite B	93.000	62.000	66.500
Open W	91.500	59.000	65.500
Open M	93.500	62.000	67.500
Senior Elite W	92.500	59.000	65.500
Senior Elite M	95.500	62.000	67.500

3. Process for World Age Group Competitions team selection:

- 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.
  - For the 17-21 age group, Senior Elite athletes meeting the Qualification Minimum Score will be selected before Open Elite athletes.
  - Preliminary Scores being used to make up a Combined Score must all have been achieved within the same division (Youth Elite, Junior Elite, Open Elite or Senior Elite).
- In addition to athletes who earn a spot on the World Age Group Competitions team (per 1.C.3.a.), the selection committee, using the discretionary selection criteria in section II, may add athletes (up to

the maximum team size of four plus non-traveling alternate) from among:

- Athlete with the next highest Combined Score, having met the Qualification Minimum Score.
  - Petitioners, as outlined in I.D.
- c. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the World Age Group Competitions Trampoline Team. The pairs will be named by the Junior National Trampoline Team Head Coach, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.
4. Athletes named to the 2019 World Age Group Competitions team must attend the World Age Group Competitions Verification Camp, and must travel to Tokyo, Japan with the delegation.
  3. The World Age Group Competitions Team will be named by the Selection Committee following the conclusion of the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.

#### 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 2019 World Age Group Competitions Team because of their previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1. Procedures for petitioning into the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies [section VI.II.B.1-6](#).
2. Athletes may petition directly to the 2019 World Age Group Competitions Team.
3. Petitions to the 2019 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 their inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of competition at the **2019 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 2018 World Age Group Competitions, in the same discipline.
6. In considering the petition, the Selection Committee will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in II.B.2.

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
Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative
Sports Science Coordinator OR High Performance Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	Sports Science Coordinator (voice, no vote) **	Sports Science 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:

- Should the Athlete Representative need to be replaced, another person eligible to represent the athletes will be named.
- 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)

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.

Should the Athletes' Representative be replaced due to a conflict of interest, another athletes' representative must fill that position.

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. The Selection Committee may choose additional team member(s), in addition to those who automatically secured a place on the team pursuant to I.C.3.a., following the conclusion of the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships.
  2. To be eligible for consideration under discretionary criteria, the athlete must be a petitioning athlete per I.D, or in the case that the Selection Committee needs to determine between a petitioning athlete and an athlete who had the next highest Combined Score per I.C.3.b
  3. Criterion used by the Selection Committee selection(s) will include:
    - USA Gymnastics Championships results
    - Physical and mental readiness
    - Routine “hit” percentage
    - Recent international performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
    - Recent domestic performance (result, type, frequency, and level)
    - 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
  4. 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 their coach.

#### IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The individuals identified in I.E.1 will identify replacement athletes, if any, for each gender/discipline, using the discretionary criteria as described in II.B.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

1. Prior to departure, if a member of the Team is unable to travel for any reason, 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 become a competing athlete. The time required to apply for travel visas will dictate the last time at which an additional athlete may join the team.
  - The Selection Committee will determine if an additional alternate will be named. If so, the Selection Committee will name that alternate utilizing the discretionary criteria outlined in section II.B.
2. After departure, if a member of the team is unable to compete due to injury, voluntary withdrawal or removal, no athlete replacement will be made.

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

See I.E.

#### V. COACH SELECTION

- A. The Coaches for the 2019 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 **2019 USA Gymnastics Championships**, based on the number of available credentials and the needs of the team.

- B. Criteria to be considered in selecting the Age Group Competitions 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 2019 World Age Group Competitions team.
  - Technical knowledge
  - Be able to attend the World Age Group Competitions Verification Camp, and all required meetings.
  - 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.
  - Injury or illness which inhibits the ability to perform coaching duties as certified by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If a coach refuses verification of their illness or injury by an approved USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), the injury will be assumed to be disabling and the coach may be removed.
  - 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.
  - Should an athlete be removed from the team pursuant to section III, the personal coach of that athlete may also be removed. Factors that may be taken into consideration when evaluating removal include timing of the removal, availability of credentials, status of a replacement athlete, or the needs of the team.
  - Failure to attend the entire World Age Group Competitions Verification Camp.

## 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 2019 World Age Group Competitions.

## VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2019 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

## 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:

- 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.

## IX. DATE OF NOMINATION

The 2019 World Age Group Competitions team for the 13-14 and 15-16 age groups will be announced on or before July 15, 2019.

The 2019 World Age Group Competitions team for the 17-21 age group will be announced on or before October 20, 2019 (following the naming of the 2019 World Championships team).

## X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

## XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee	
T&T Program Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Program Chair	Scott Lineberry
T&T JO Program Chair	Chelsea Rainer
T&T Athlete Representative	Michael Devine
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey



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

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

**XIII. 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.

**XIV. SIGNATURES**

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2019 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