



SA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2021 JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES – CALI, COLOMBIA
TRAMPOLINE
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I. SELECTION SYSTEM

- A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team
1. Citizenship
 - Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the start of the selection process and at the time of selection hold a current U.S. Passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the event.
 2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any)
 - Athlete must be 17-21 years of age at December 31, 2021 (born between 2000-2004).
 - Athlete must hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of event accreditation.
 3. Other requirements (if any)
 - Athlete must compete in Senior Elite Trampoline at time of the Tryout Events noted in I.B.1.
 - Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
 - Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to complete SafeSport training.
 - Athletes that have participated in the Olympic Games are not eligible to participate in the 2021 Junior Pan American Games.
- B. Tryout Events
1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - Event Group 1:**
 - **2021 Elite Challenge – May 13-16, Birmingham, AL**
 - Event Group 2:**
 - **VIP Classic – June 3-6, Marion, OH**
 - OR**
 - **2021 Brescia World Cup – June 2-5, Brescia, ITA**
 - Event Group 3:**
 - **2021 USA Gymnastics Championships – June 22-27, St. Louis, MO**
 - OR**

- 2021 Pan American Age Group Competition – June 8-13, Rio de Janeiro, BRA *
- * Scores may only be used from the 2021 Pan American Age Group Competition if the athlete is unable to compete at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships due to complications arising from competing internationally (for example, quarantine restrictions or testing positive for COVID).

Additional information regarding the final competition dates, competition schedule and the competition format will be published on the [USA Gymnastics website](#) prior to the start of each of the Tryout Events.

2. Event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any Tryout Events, or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the Tryout Events.
 - To qualify to compete at the Tryout Events, athletes must meet mobility requirements as a Senior Elite as stated in the 2021 [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI).
 - To compete at the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2021 [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI).
 - To be eligible to use scores from the 2021 Brescia World Cup as part of the process for selection, an athlete must be mathematically able to secure the USA a quota place to the Olympic Games, based on the current FIG qualification procedures, points earned to-date and remaining opportunities, defined as any athlete with world ranking points prior to Brescia World Cup per the FIG World Rankings list found at www.gymnastics.sport/site/rankings/ranking_tra.php.
 - To compete at the 2021 Pan American Age Group Competition, athletes must be assigned by the Selection Committee.

C. Comprehensive, step-by-step description of how athletes will go through the selection process (including maximum team size)

1. Maximum team size
 - Up to two (2) males and two (2) females plus one (1) non-traveling alternate in each gender, in the discipline of Individual Trampoline, will be selected for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team.
2. Definitions
 - a. Preliminary Score: The Preliminary Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Tryout Event.
 - b. Combined Score: The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two (2) Preliminary Scores from the ~~three (3)~~ Tryout Events.
3. Process for selection

Depending on the number of quota place(s) earned by the U.S., for each gender:

- a. The athlete with the highest Combined Score will be named to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team.
- b. The athlete with the second highest Combined Score will be named to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team (if two (2) quota places are earned per gender), or the replacement athlete (if one (1) quota place is earned).
- c. The athlete with the third highest Combined Score will be the replacement athlete to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team (if two quota places are earned).
- d. Where there is a tie in Combined Score at any point in I.C.3.a-c, the athlete with the highest Preliminary Score will be ranked higher.
- e. Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and highest Preliminary Score at any point in I.C.3.a-c, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section II).
- f. The 2021 Junior Pan American Games team will be named by the Selection Committee following the conclusion of the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- g. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the 2021 World Championships Trampoline team (if two (2) quota places are earned).

D. Petition Procedures

1. Procedures for petitioning into the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2021 [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Section VI.II.B.1-6).
2. Athletes may not petition directly to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team.

E. Selection Committee Members

1. The Selection Committee (SC) is a three-member voting body:
 - Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)
 - Elite Committee Trampoline Representative
 - Trampoline Junior National Team Coordinator
 - Athlete Selection Representative
 - Program Director (process voice, no vote)

* The Elite Committee Chair will serve as the SC Chair.
2. Conflict of Interest
 In the event that an SC member has a conflict of interest as defined in the USA Gymnastics [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), 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 Junior National Trampoline Coordinator need to be replaced, the Senior National Trampoline Coordinator will be named.
 - Should any other member of the SC need to be replaced (including the Senior National Trampoline Coach) replacements will be named

in the following order:

- Chair of the Elite Committee
- Chair of the Program Committee
- Members of the SC for other T&T disciplines
- International experts (athlete / coach / judge with world-level competition or judging experience)
- Should the Junior National Coordinator 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.
- The [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) is published on the USA Gymnastics website.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

A. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any)

While Trampoline & Tumbling is a subjectively judged event, these procedures primarily rely on objective criteria for selecting athletes to the team through rankings and results at the Tryout Events. However, there is one scenario where discretionary selection criteria will be evaluated: in the unlikely case of a tie.

B. Discretionary criteria and how they will be used

1. Discretionary criteria may be used in two scenarios:

- a. Reviewing and making a decision on any submitted petitions.
- b. Breaking a tie, where Combined Score and highest Preliminary Score are both the same.

2. Criteria used by the Selection Committee include (not listed in order of importance):

- 2019-2021 international performance and experience, including result, type, frequency, and caliber of the event(s) held in 2019-2021, to which USA Gymnastics assigned athletes (these events can be found on the [2019](#), [2020](#) and [2021](#) T&T calendars).
- 2019-2021 domestic performance and experience, including result, type, frequency, and caliber of the event(s) to be considered, which include the 2019 Elite Challenge, 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships, 2020 VIP Classic, 2021 VIP Classic, 2021 Elite Challenge, and 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- Total score potential: prior preliminary or final total score.
- Successful routine completion percentage at 2019-2021 international and domestic events listed in II.B.2, bullet 1-2.
- Any physical, training or performance factor, which might inhibit peak performance at the 2021 Junior Pan American Games.

- Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with Program Manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.
- The SC may request any information from any person or entity that it reasonably believes will be helpful in its decision-making process.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is to be selected to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games 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 USA Gymnastics Program Director.
 2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 3. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the 2021 Junior Pan American Games.
 4. Failure to participate in mandatory training and/or competition as defined in these procedures.
 5. Violation of USA Gymnastics [Code of Ethical Conduct](#) or National Team Agreement.
 6. Violation of WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Gymnastics policies and procedures.
- B. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Gymnastics [grievance process](#).

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur
- The replacement athlete in the gender where the vacancy occurred will fill the vacancy and a new replacement may be named per I.C.
- B. Committee responsible for making athlete replacement determinations
- See II.E.

V. COACH SELECTION

- A. The coaches for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team will be selected from among the National Team Coordinators, the personal coaches of the team members, and other experienced coaches.
1. The Selection Committee will name the 2021 Junior Pan American Games coaches following the determination of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team at the conclusion of the 2021 USA Gymnastics Championships, based on the number of available credentials and the needs of the team.
 2. Criteria to be considered in selecting the 2021 Junior Pan American Games coaches include (not listed in order of importance):
 - USA Gymnastics Professional Member in good standing
 - International experience
 - Proven leadership ability
 - Rapport with athletes
 - Technical knowledge
 - National Team Coordinator or personal coach of an athlete named to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team.
 - **Attendance at 2x mandatory Professional Coaching Alliance workshops.**
 - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.
- B. Removal of Coach
1. A coach who is to be selected to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:
 - a. Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to USA Gymnastics Program Director.
 - b. Injury or illness which inhibits the ability to perform coaching duties as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If a coach refuses verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - c. Failure to participate in mandatory training and/or competition as defined in these procedures.
 - d. Violation of USA Gymnastics [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), and National Team Agreement policies and procedures.
 - e. Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Gymnastics policies and procedures.
 - f. Should an athlete be removed from the team pursuant to 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, and the needs of the team.

- g. If the individual becomes ineligible for leadership.
- h. Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through the USA Gymnastics grievance process.

VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. 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 2021 Junior Pan American Games.

VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A. The following documents are required to be adhered to/signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games and can be found on the USA Gymnastics website:
 - [USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#)
 - [USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
 - [National Team Agreement](#)

VIII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

- A. The USA Gymnastics approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics in the following locations:
 - [USA Gymnastics website](#)
 - Direct email distribution to age-eligible national team members and their personal coaches.

IX. DATE OF NOMINATION

- A. The selection of athletes including replacements, will be announced on or before:
 - July 3, 2021

X. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

- A. Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:
 - 2021 Junior Pan American Games – **November 25-December 5**, Cali, Colombia.

XI. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A. The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Committee	
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
T&T Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Committee Chair	Chelsea Rainer
T&T Technical Committee Chair	Deanna Hanford
T&T JO Committee Chair	Recused
T&T Athlete Selection Representative	Michael Devine
Elite Committee Trampoline Representative	Recused
Elite Committee Tumbling Representative	Recused
Elite Committee DMT Representative	Recused

XIII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- A. The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and grievance procedures can be found on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).

XIV. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

- A. These procedures are based on FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in 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.

- B. If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the Tryout Events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised by the USA Gymnastics Program Director.

XV. SIGNATURES

- A. Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2021 Junior Pan American Games 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