



USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2021 WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS – BAKU, AZERBAIJAN
TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
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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 13-21 years of age at December 31, 2021.
 - Athlete must hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of event accreditation.
3. Other requirements (if any)
 - Athlete must compete as Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Senior Elite or Open Elite at time of the Tryout 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.
 - Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to complete SafeSport training.

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:

- 2021 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, Saint 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).

To be eligible for selection, athletes must compete full preliminary routines or passes at two (2) of the ~~three (3)~~ Tryout Events (i.e.: 20 skills in Individual Trampoline, 16 skills in Tumbling, and 4 skills in Double-Mini, or until interruption; saluting does not fulfill this requirement).

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 Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Senior Elite or Open 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 four (4) males and four (4) females plus one (1) non-traveling alternate in each gender, in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini and the divisions 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21 will be selected for the 2021 World Age Group Competitions 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.
 - Preliminary Scores being used to make up a Combined Score must all have been achieved within the same division (Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Senior Elite or Open Elite).
- c. Preferential Qualification Score: The Preferential Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Tryout Event. The Preferential Qualification Scores are:

U.S. Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double mini
YE 13-14 Girls	90.000	60.000	62.500
YE 13-14 Boys	91.000	60.000	64.500
Junior Elite Girls	92.500	61.000	64.000
Junior Elite Boys	93.000	62.500	66.500
Open Elite Women	92.000	61.000	65.500
Open Elite Men	93.500	62.500	67.500
Senior Elite Women	92.500	62.000	65.500
Senior Elite Men	95.000	65.000	67.000

- d. Minimum Qualification Score: The Minimum Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from the preliminary round at a single Tryout Event. The Minimum Qualification Scores are:

U.S. Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double mini
YE 13-14 Girls	86.000	59.100	61.000
YE 13-14 Boys	87.000	59.100	62.500
Junior Elite Girls	88.500	60.100	62.500
Junior Elite Boys	89.000	61.600	64.500
Open Elite Women	88.000	60.100	64.000
Open Elite Men	89.500	61.600	65.500
Senior Elite Women	88.500	61.100	64.000
Senior Elite Men	91.000	63.800	65.000

3. Process for selection

- a. Up to three (3) athletes with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the three (3) Tryout Events (I.B.1.) will be selected for the 2021 World Age Group Competitions team, provided they have met the Preferential Qualification Score at least once in the selection process.
 - For the 17-21 age group, Senior Elite athletes will be selected before Open Elite athletes.
 - Where there is a tie in Combined Score by athletes in the same division, the athlete with the highest Preliminary Score will be ranked higher.
 - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and highest Preliminary Score by athletes in the same division, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section II).
- b. In addition to athletes who earn a spot on the 2021 World Age Group Competitions team per I.C.3.a, the selection committee, using the discretionary selection criteria in II., may add athletes (up to the

maximum team size of four (4) plus one (1) non-traveling alternate) from among:

- Athletes with the next highest Combined Score, provided they have met the Minimum Qualification Score at least once in the selection process.
 - For the 17-21 age group, Senior Elite athletes will be selected before Open Elite athletes.
 - Where there is a tie in Combined Score by athletes in the same division, the athlete with the highest Preliminary Score will be ranked higher.
 - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and highest Preliminary Score by athletes in the same division, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section II).
 - Petitioners, as outlined in I.D.
- c. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the 2021 World Age Group Competitions Trampoline team. The pairs will be named by the Trampoline Junior National Team Coordinator, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.
- d. The 2021 World Age Group Competitions team will be named by the Selection Committee following the conclusion of the 2021 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 team to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

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 petition directly to the 2021 World Age Group Competitions team.
3. Petitions to the 2021 World Age Group Competitions team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received by the T&T 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 2021 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 approved by USA Gymnastics.

5. To be eligible to petition, the athlete must have been a medalist at the 2019 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:

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini Trampoline
Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)	Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)	Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)
Elite Committee Trampoline Representative	Elite Committee Tumbling Representative	Elite Committee DMT Representative
Trampoline Junior National Team Coordinator	Tumbling National Team Coordinator	DMT National Team Coordinator
Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative
Program Director (process voice, no vote)	Program Director (process voice, no vote)	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 [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the SC for any reason, a replacement will be named by the Selection Committee Chair 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 are two scenarios where discretionary selection criteria will be evaluated: through the petition process, and 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 2019-2020, 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 World Age Group Competitions.
- Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility 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.

3. Criteria used for selection of synchronized trampoline pairs includes:

- Existing pair with prior successful results.
- Identification of a new pairing with possible medal potential.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is to be selected to the 2021 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions.
 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 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions coaches following the determination of the 2021 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions team.
 - Available to attend the 2021 World Age Group Competitions Preparation Camp.
 - [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 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions.

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 World Age Group Competitions 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 World Age Group Competitions Preparation camp – October 15-18, Mountain Lakes NJ (mandatory for competing athletes, optional for alternates).
 - 2021 World Age Group Competitions – November 23-29, Baku, Azerbaijan.

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	Recused
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 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.

Athlete

Date

Parent (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

Date

Coach

Date