

USA Gymnastics - Trampoline
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2014 Youth Olympic Games
December 18, 2013

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 start of the first qualifying event and hold a valid U.S. passport valid through March 2015.

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

- Athletes must be 16-17 years of age (born in 1997 or 1998).
- Athletes must hold a valid FIG Athlete license at the time of 2014 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) nomination.

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

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

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.

- 2014 Stars & Stripes Cup - May 9-11, 2014 - Daytona Beach, FL
- 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships - May 9-11, 2014 - Daytona Beach, FL
- 2014 Elite Challenge - June 12-15, 2014; TBD

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).

1. To qualify to compete at the 2014 Stars & Stripes Cup and/or the 2014 Elite Challenge, athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a Junior Elite. (see Trampoline and Tumbling Rules & Policies)

2. Four athletes in each gender will be selected to compete in the 2014 Jr. Pan Am Championships (see section 2. Discretionary Selection below). The PAGU age-requirement for the event is athletes ages 13-17 (born 1997-2001). Those athletes will be selected from among current junior national team members at the April National Team Training Camp scheduled April 3-6, 2014 in Houston, TX.
3. Following the 2014 Stars and Stripes Cup and 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships, the pool of athletes eligible for the Youth Olympic Games selection (“YOG Pool”) will be determined in one of the following ways:
 - a. Two age-eligible athletes, per gender, from among the competitors at the 2014 Stars & Stripes Cup will qualify as part of the YOG Pool. One male and one female athlete who are 16 years old (born 1998) with the highest score in finals in the 15-16 age division will be added to the YOG Pool. In addition, one male and one female athlete who are 17 years old (born 1997) with the highest score in finals in the 17-18 age division will be added to the YOG Pool.
 - b. All athletes who are YOG age-eligible (born in 1997 or 1998) who compete in the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships will be added to the YOG Pool.
 - c. Accepted petitions (see below)
4. Petitions
 - a. Athletes may only petition for consideration to be part of the YOG Pool.
 - b. Any current junior national team member who meets the minimum eligibility criteria detailed in section 1 who was either injured, ill, or unable to participate because of unforeseen circumstances at the April National Team Training Camp or the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships is eligible to submit a petition;
 - c. In order to be considered by the Selection Committee, petitions must be submitted in writing to USA Gymnastics national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the April National Team Training Camp or the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships.

- d. The petition must state the specific injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor selected by USA Gymnastics.
 - e. An athlete may not petition directly to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games Team.
 - 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).
 1. A maximum of two athletes, one male and one female, will be selected for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, provided the U.S. earned quota place(s) at the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships.
 2. Following the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships and 2014 Stars and Stripes Cup, up to six male athletes and six female athletes, in addition to accepted petitions, will be identified as the YOG Pool.
 3. Degree of Difficulty. In order for their scores to count in any phase of the selection process, athletes must meet the minimum degree of difficulty (by gender) in their optional routine(s) in preliminaries.
 - Male - 14.0
 - Female - 12.5
 4. In order to be eligible for selection to the YOG Team, an athlete in the YOG Pool must compete at the 2014 Elite Challenge. From among the athletes in the YOG Pool, one athlete in each gender with the highest total score - preliminaries (compulsory and optional routines) plus finals (optional routine) - at the Elite Challenge will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Games.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

Discretionary criteria will only be used to select athletes for the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships team.

1. The 2014 Jr. Pan Am Championships Team will be comprised of four junior athletes (born in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, or 2001). The athlete with the highest all-around score at this competition who is age-eligible for YOG (born in 1997 or 1998) will qualify their country to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.
2. At least two athletes selected for the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships will be YOG age-eligible. USA's competitive goal at the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships is two-fold: to qualify our country for the Youth Olympic Games, and to maximize medal potential. The selection committee will carefully balance this dual objective in the selection of athletes and will assess the likelihood that one of the YOG age-eligible athletes will qualify the U.S. for the YOG, as well as consider the relative strength of the team members in an effort to maximize medal potential.

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

The discretionary criteria that will be used to select the athletes for the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships team are:

- Assessment of the likelihood that one of the YOG age-eligible athletes named to the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships team will qualify the U.S. for the YOG.
- Age of the athletes
- Relative strength of the athlete, and how that will complement the other team members to maximize medal potential.
- Other criteria the selection committee may apply through an evaluation of each eligible athlete's recent performance history include the following:
 - Routine performance: "hit" percentage; and prior compulsory routine/optional routine scoring potential
 - Degree of Difficulty and Time of Flight
 - Recent domestic and international performance
 - Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions
 - Demonstrated professional attitude 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 currently serving on the committee and their titles:

Name	Title
Susan Jacobson	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director
Dr. George Drew	Elite Program Committee Chair
Justen Millerbernd	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double

	Mini Coaches Representative
Dmitri Poliaroush	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative

2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

In the event a selection committee member has a conflict, the Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Committee will select an individual who does not have a conflict of interest to serve on the Selection Committee.

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). Athletes must submit 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. 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. Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct, Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual or USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement:

http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html

- 3.1.4. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Director and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to review per USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures. An athlete who may be 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 the Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>.

- 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, FIG, 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:

From among the athletes in the YOG Pool, one athlete in each gender with the second highest total score – preliminaries (compulsory and optional routines) plus finals (optional routine) – at the Elite Challenge will be named as YOG replacement athletes.

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If permitted by FIG and/or IOC Youth Olympic Games policy, replacement athletes will be selected as outlined in 4.1.1.

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 2014 Youth Olympic 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 are included as links:

USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct, Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual, and National Team Agreement:

http://usagym.org/pages/tt/pages/selection_procedures.html

USOC Code of Conduct:

<http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>

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. Website: www.usagym.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC, at www.usagym.org.

7.2. Other: N/A

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:

June 19, 2014

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

The selected athletes will be notified of any mandatory training at least 30 days in advance. Specific dates and locations of any scheduled training camps will be posted on www.usagym.org as soon as possible and at least 30 days in advance.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, FIG, 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, FIG, 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:

Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Committee:

Name	Title
Susan Jacobson	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director
Dr. George Drew	Elite Program Committee Chair
Justen Millerbernd	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double Mini Coaches Representative
Dmitri Poliaroush	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
Karl Heger	Athlete Representative

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics' Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <http://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/usag-bylaws.pdf>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and 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, John W. Ruger, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15. 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 USA Gymnastics.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President /CEO	Steve Penny		1/13/14
Trampoline Program Director	Susan Jacobson		1/13/14
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	David Durante		1/13/14

* 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.