

**2014 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES**
November 14-16, 2014 Daytona Beach, FL USA

I. Overview

- A. The World Age Group Competition Team (WAGC Team) is the team that will officially represent the United States at the 2014 World Age Group Competition in Daytona Beach, FL USA November 14-16, 2014.
- B. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2014 World Age-Group Competition will be comprised of a maximum of four women and four men for each age-group (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 based on their age on December 31, 2014) in individual trampoline, tumbling and double-mini trampoline and two women's pairs and two men's pairs for synchronized trampoline.
- C. Eligibility
- Must be a United States citizen and hold a current passport valid through June, 2015.
 - Must be 11 – 18 years of age in 2014.
 - Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.
 - Must be currently competing as Youth Elite, Junior Elite or Senior Elite.
 - 11-13 years of age: Youth Elite
 - 14-17 years of age: Junior Elite
 - 17-18 years of age: Senior Elite
 - Must have a valid FIG license
- D. International Gymnastics Federation rules limit the total team size for each country to 80 athletes. Consequently, if these selection procedures cause more than 80 athletes to be named to the team, the Selection Committee will narrow the field to 80 athletes using discretionary procedures see II.D.b.

II. Selection

- A. Athletes will be selected for the 2014 WAGC Team from among the participants at the 2014 World Age Group Competition Team Selection Camp (Selection Camp), which will be held September 4 – 7, 2014 at the National Team Training Center in Houston, TX. Athletes can earn an invitation to the Selection Camp based on their results in the Qualifying Events and the criteria outlined below.
- 1) Stars & Stripes Cup, May 7-11, 2014, Daytona Beach, FL
 - 2) Elite Challenge, June 12-15, 2014 Spokane, WA
 - 3) USA Gymnastics Championships, July 15-19, 2014 Louisville, KY

B. Automatic Qualification to the Selection Camp

- 1) Athletes must meet the minimum Degree of Difficulty (DD) as outlined below, AND
- 2) Must finish in the top two places among USA athletes in the Final Results at any of the Qualifying Events named in Section II.A, OR
- 3) Be a member of the 2014 Jr. Pan American Championships Team

Note: Tabulation of Final Results varies for each Qualifying Event as stated in USA Gymnastics Elite Code of Points.

TRAMPOLINE			TUMBLING			DMT		
Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS	Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS	Age Group	GIRLS	BOYS
11 - 12	9.5	10.5	11 - 12	8.4	8.6	11 - 12	7.0	8.2
13 - 14	10.5	11.1	13 - 14	8.8	9.2	13 - 14	9.6	10.4
15 - 16	11.1	12.1	15 - 16	9.2	12.9	15 - 16	10.4	12.4
17 - 18	12.5	14.5	17 - 18	9.2	13.2	17 - 18	10.4	14.0

C. Additional athletes may be invited by the Selection Committee to the Selection Camp provided the maximum total number of athletes does not exceed ten in trampoline and six in tumbling and double mini respectively in each gender, age group, and discipline. Athletes may also petition to be included in the selection camp in accordance with III.B.

D. At the Selection Camp, the WAGC Team member(s), up to four athletes in each gender, age group, and discipline, will be determined as follows:

a. A competition will be held during the Selection Camp. Based on the Final Results of this competition a definitive number of athletes will be automatically qualified to the WAGC Team as detailed below:

i. Trampoline

- Two men and two women
- Competition format will be 3 routines; compulsory and optional in the preliminaries and an optional in the finals. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum DD outlined in Section II.B. for both the preliminary and the final round.
- Final Results will be the cumulative total of all routines combined.

ii. Tumbling

- One man and one woman
- Competition format will be 3 passes; 2 passes in the preliminaries, and 1 pass in the finals. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum DD outlined in Section II.B.
- Final Results will be the cumulative total of all passes combined.

- iii. Double Mini
 - Two men and two women
 - Competition format will be 4 routines; 2 passes in the preliminaries, and 2 passes in the finals. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum DD outlined in Section II.B.
 - Final Results will be the cumulative total of all passes combined.

- b. The remaining team member(s), if any, will be chosen by the Selection Committee from among the participants at the Selection Camp based on the discretionary criteria outlined below.
 1. Selection Camp evaluation:
 - Overall camp performance
 - Selection Camp competitive results
 - Completion of the daily training plan
 - Hit/miss ratio
 - Total score potential
 - Physical and mental readiness

 2. Additional Evaluative Criteria:
 - Recent international performance (Result, type, frequency, and level)
 - Recent domestic performance (Result, type, frequency, and level)
 - Routine "hit" percentage
 - Total score potential: prior first routine or pass/second routine or pass
 - Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic

- c. Total team size may not exceed 80 athletes.

- d. Synchronized Trampoline

Synchronized trampoline pairs may be named by the Selection Committee from among the members named to the 2014 WAGC Team for individual trampoline. In the event the total team size is less than 80 athletes, the Selection Committee may add additional synchronized pairs based on the following criteria:

 - Existing pair with prior successful results
 - Recommendation of National Coaching Staff
 - New pairing that will contribute to medal potential based on each individual's recent performance

III. Petition Procedures

- A. Petitioning procedures into the 2014 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2014 Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies.

- B. Petitions to the Selection Camp

- 1) Any other athlete who was either injured, ill, or unable to participate because of unforeseen circumstances at the 2014 USA Gymnastics Championships is eligible to submit a petition; provided that they have competed at either the 2014 Stars & Stripes Cup or Elite Challenge or on an international assignment in the fall of 2013 or in the year 2014.
- 2) 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 process described above.
- 3) 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.

C. An athlete may not petition directly to the 2014 WAGC Team.

IV. Selection of the 2014 WAGC Team Coaches

- A. The Elite Program Committee will select the coaches for the 2014 WAGC after the team has been named, at the conclusion of the Selection Camp.
- B. A Head Coach will be named from the National Coaching staff for trampoline, tumbling and double mini trampoline. Additional coaches may be named in each discipline, as determined by the Elite Program Committee, based on the needs of the team and the number of available credentials.
- C. To be eligible, coaches must be current Professional Members in good standing. Additional criteria for consideration includes:
 - International Experience
 - Personal Coach of an athlete named to the WAGC Team
 - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibility Manual.
 - Proven leadership ability
 - Rapport with athletes
 - Technical knowledge

V. Selection Committee

Program Director
Elite Program Committee Chair

Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches' Representative
Elite Program Committee Double Mini/Tumbling Coaches' Representative
Athlete Representative

VI. Removal

- A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2014 WAGC Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2014 WAGC Team if he/she:
 - 1. Violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and/or the Responsibility Manual.
 - 2. An athlete may also be removed from the 2014 WAGC Team in the event of injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance at the 2014 World Age-Group Games. 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 two doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.

- B. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Committee and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

VII. Signatures

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2014 WAGC 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 age 18

Date

Coach

Date