

**USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
November 7-9, 2014
Daytona Beach, FL USA**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be U.S. citizens and at the time of selection hold a current passport valid through June, 2015. Each Qualifying Event has its own citizenship rules that take precedence for that event. Eligibility rules may be found in the 2014 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules and Policies (www.usagym.org).

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

- Athlete must be a minimum of seventeen (17) years of age by December 31, 2014
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2014 World Championships accreditation.

3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- Athletes must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a senior. Senior Elite mobility requirements are posted at www.usagym.org.

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.

- Stars & Stripes Cup, May 7-11, Daytona Beach, FL
- Elite Challenge, June 12-15, Spokane, WA
- USA Gymnastics Championships, July 15-19, Louisville, KY

- World Championships Team Selection Camp, September 6-9, Huntsville, TX
- World Championships Team Preparation Camp, October 29- Nov 2, Huntsville, TX

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 above in Section B. 1.

- a. To qualify to compete at the Stars & Stripes Cup and Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a senior elite as stated in Section I.A.3
- b. To compete at the USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the 2014 Trampoline & Tumbling Rules & Policies. www.usagym.org.
- c. The three events detailed above will be referred to as ‘Qualifying Events.’

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees (including maximum team size).

The 2014 Trampoline & Tumbling World Championships Team will be comprised of a maximum of five females and five males (up to four competing athletes and one alternate) in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini. Up to two women’s pairs and up to two men’s pairs for Synchronized Trampoline will be chosen from among Individual Trampoline members. The process for qualification/selection to the 2014 World Championships Team is a combination of the athletes’ Final Results at the three Qualifying Events, their performances at the World Championships Team Selection and Preparation camps and discretionary selection criteria.

1. Athletes must finish in the top three places among USA athletes in the Final Results at any of the Qualifying Events named in Section B.1 to automatically receive an invitation to the World Championships Selection Camp, provided the athlete meets the minimum criteria as stated below. Note: Tabulation of Final Results

varies for each Qualifying Event as stated in USA Gymnastics Elite Code of Points.

- a. Individual Trampoline
 - i. In the preliminaries, men must perform 10 skills in the first routine, and 10 skills with a minimum of a 15.4 degree of difficulty in the second routine.
 - ii. In the preliminaries, women must perform 10 skills in the first routine, and 10 skills with a minimum of a 13.3 degree of difficulty in the second routine.
 - b. Tumbling
 - i. In the preliminaries, men must perform 2 passes, which combined, have a minimum of a 16.3 degree of difficulty.
 - ii. In the preliminaries, women must perform 2 passes, which combined, have a minimum of a 10.6 degree of difficulty.
 - c. Double mini-trampoline
 - i. In the preliminaries, men must perform 2 passes, which combined, have a minimum of a 15.6 degree of difficulty.
 - ii. In the preliminaries, women must perform 2 passes, which combined, have a minimum of a 12.0 degree of difficulty.
2. In addition to the athletes finishing in the top three places for each gender and discipline in the Final Results at the Qualifying Events named in B.1, additional athletes may be invited by the Selection Committee to the World Championships Team Selection Camp provided the maximum total number of athletes does not exceed nine in each gender and discipline. Athletes may also petition to be included in the selection camp in accordance with I. D.
 3. At the World Championships Team Selection Camp, the World Championships team member(s), up to five athletes in each gender and discipline, will be determined as follows:
 - a. A competition will be held during the World Championships Team Selection Camp. Based on the Final Results of this competition a definitive number of athletes will be automatically qualified to the

World Championships team via the competitive format outlined below:

- i. Trampoline
 - Three men and three women
 - Competition format will be 3 routines; compulsory and optional in the preliminaries and an optional in the finals.
 - Final Results will be the cumulative total of all routines combined. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum outlined in Section I.C.1 a for both the preliminary and the final round.
 - ii. Tumbling
 - One man and one woman
 - Competition format will be 4 passes; 2 passes in the preliminaries, and 2 passes in the finals.
 - Final Results will be the cumulative total of all passes combined. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum outlined in Section I.C.1 b.
 - iii. Double Mini
 - Three men and three women
 - Competition format will be 4 routines; 2 passes in the preliminaries, and 2 passes in the finals.
 - Final Results will be the cumulative total of all passes combined. Additionally, athletes must meet the minimum outlined in Section I.C.1 c
- b. The remaining team member(s), if any, will be chosen by the Selection Committee from among the participants at the World Championships Team Selection Camp based on the discretionary criteria outlined in Section II.B.
4. The Selection Committee will make final line-up determinations, including designation of the alternate(s) and synchronized trampoline pair(s), at the World Championships Team Preparation Camp, which takes place immediately before departure to the World Championships.
- a. Individual athletes will be evaluated on the discretionary criteria outlined in Section II.B.

- b. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pair(s) will be comprised of athletes named to the individual trampoline team based on the discretionary criteria outlined in Section II.B.

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 2014 World Championships Team because of his/her previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process.

1. Petitioning procedures into the 2014 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2014 Trampoline and Tumbling Rules and Policies.
2. Petitions to the World Championships Team Selection Camp
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
3. An athlete may not petition directly to the 2014 World Championships Team.

E. 1. Selection Committee Members

Name	Title
Susan Jacobson	Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director
TBD	Elite Program Committee Chair
TBD	Elite Program Committee Tumbling/Double Mini Coaches Representative
TBD	Elite Program Committee Trampoline Coaches Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative

2. In the event that a 2014 World Championships Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2014 World Championships Team, is unable to fulfill the obligations of the 2014 World Championships Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Program Committee will name a replacement committee member.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

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

Trampoline and 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 touch anything other than the competition surface.

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

In addition to the athletes who automatically qualify to the 2014 World Championships Team per I.C.3., the Selection Committee will choose the remaining team member(s), if any, from among the participants at the World Championships Selection Camp

The Selection Committee will also make final line-up determinations, including designation of the alternate(s) and synchronized trampoline pair(s), at the World Championships Team Preparation Camp

Criterion used by the Selection Committee will include:

1. Selection Camp/Preparation 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

3. Synchronized Trampoline 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

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

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:

See I. E.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

At the World Championship Preparation Camp prior to the 2014 World Championships, all team members must arrive fit and demonstrate athletic proficiency and mental readiness in order to maintain their position on the 2014 World Championship Team. An athlete, whose lack of competitive readiness or physical fitness, demonstrates a serious impediment to perform at the highest level may be reviewed at the camp by Selection Committee.

- A. An athlete or coach who is selected to the 2014 World Championships Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics.
 - 1. Voluntary withdrawal. The athlete or coach must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
 - 2. Injury or illness, which inhibits peak performance as certified by a USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling, and they may be removed.
 - 3. Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct (Attachment A), or the Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual. (Attachment C).
 - 4. Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the 2014 World Championships.
 - 5. Failure to attend the World Championships Preparation Camp prior to the 2014 World Championships.
 - 6. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Director and the athlete representative and an interview with the coach or the athlete and his/her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete may be reviewed through 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).

- B. An athlete may be removed from the 2014 World Championships Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:
1. Prior to departure, if a member of the 2014 World Championships Team is unable to travel to Daytona Beach for any reason, the Selection Committee will determine if an additional athlete will be invited. See Section II.B.
 2. After arrival at the 2014 World Championships in Daytona Beach, if a member of the 2014 World Championships Team is unable to compete due to voluntary withdraw or removal as stated in Section III, the following process will be used to determine a replacement (if any)
 - i. In the genders/disciplines that have named an alternate to the 2014 World Championships Team during the selection process, the alternate, in the gender/discipline where the vacancy occurred will automatically become a competing athlete.
 - ii. If a vacancy occurs in Synchronized Trampoline, the 2014 World Championships Trampoline Coaching Staff will determine if the remaining member, not currently part of a synchronized pair, will compete in synchronized trampoline using the criteria in II.B.3.
- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
1. In Individual gender/disciplines: See Section II.B.
 2. In Synchronized Trampoline: See Section II.B.3
- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
1. In Individual gender/disciplines, and Synchronized Trampoline prior to arrival at the World Championships: Selection Committee
 - C. In Synchronized Trampoline (on site only): World Championships Trampoline Coaching Staff

V. COACH SELECTION

- A. The minimum eligibility requirements for a coach to be considered for selection to the 2014 World Championships team are:
- USA Gymnastics Professional member in good standing
 - Attendance at required meetings.

- B. Based on the number of credentials available to the team, coaches will be selected as follows:
1. Individual Trampoline/Synchronized Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
 2. Tumbling: One Head Coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
 3. Double Mini-Trampoline: One head coach, one assistant head coach. A third coach may be named as necessary.
 4. Coaches may be neutral (unaffiliated) or a personal coach of an athlete(s) named to the team.

- C. The Selection Committee will name the World Championships coaches following the determination of the World Championships team at the conclusion of the World Championships Selection Camp.

In the event that a 2014 World Championships Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete who has been named as a competing team member or alternate of the 2014 World Championships Team, is in contention to be named as an unaffiliated coach, is unable to fulfill the obligations of the 2014 World Championships Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Program Committee will name a replacement committee member.

- D. Criteria to be considered in selecting the World Championships coaches include:
1. International Experience
 2. Personal Coach of an athlete named to the World Championships Team
 3. Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.
 4. Proven leadership ability
 5. Rapport with athletes
 6. Technical knowledge

- E. Removal of Coach
- Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
 - Violation the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct or the Trampoline and Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.
 - Failure to attend the 2014 World Championships Team Preparation camp.

- Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures per the USA Gymnastics Bylaws (Article 10).

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 2014 World Championships.

VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to 2014 World Championships Team and are included as attachments:

- USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct (Attachment A)
- National Team Agreement (Attachment B)
- Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual (Attachment C)

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:

- A. USA Gymnastics Web site 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.
- B. Directly distributed to the age eligible National Team Members.

IX. DATE OF NOMINATION

The World Championships team will be named at the conclusion of the World Championships Team Selection Camp in September 2014. Final line-up determination will be made at the World Championships Preparation Camp immediately prior to departure for the World Championships.

X. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

World Championships Team Selection Camp
USA Gymnastics National Team Training Center, Huntsville, TX
September 2014.

World Championships Preparation Camp
USA Gymnastics National Team Training Center, Huntsville, TX
October 2014.

XI. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all 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 WADA, FIG, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and recommended by the Elite Program Committee.

Name	Title
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

XIII. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
www.usagym.org



XIV. 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.

XV. SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2014 World Championships Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Steve Penny		4/18/14
Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director	Susan Jacobson		4/18/14
Athlete Representative	Karl Heger	Via e-mail	4/18/14

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2014 World Championships 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