



## 2021 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

### 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by the Women's Program Athlete Selection Committee of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2021 Junior Pan American Championships taking place June 18-20, 2021 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

### 1.1 Objectives

The objective of these processes and procedures are to nominate the best possible delegation who will be capable of achieving the following targets:

- Finish 1-8 in the team competition to qualify to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia.
- Medal potential in the Individual AA, and on each event.

### 1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is five (5), including one reserve athlete. The competition format is 4-4-3 for the team competition. Maximum of two (2) athletes per country in All Around and Apparatus Finals.

The U.S. Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) delegation will be composed of:

- 5 athletes, including one (1) replacement athlete
- 5 personal coaches, including one (1) replacement athlete's coach
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff
- 1 security officer

Participation is fully funded by USA Gymnastics/the LOC for the delegation.

### 1.3 Key Dates

June 3-6, 2021	U.S. Championships
June 13, 2021	Training Day in Indianapolis at NTC
June 14, 2021	Arrival
June 17, 2021	Podium Training
June 19, 2021	Team and AA Final
June 20, 2021	Apparatus Finals
June 21, 2021	Departure

## **2.0 Eligibility**

Athletes are eligible for selection to the Team provided that:

- they are a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Championships.
- they are 13-15 years old as of December 31 in 2021 (born between 2006-2008).
- they are a current National Team athlete and have signed the NT Agreement.
- they hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2021 Junior Pan American Championships.
- they are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics.

## **3.0 Athlete Selection**

The four (4) members of the 2021 Junior Pan Am Championships team as well as one (1) traveling replacement athlete will be named by the WAG Athlete Selection Committee as follows:

- The top two (2) age eligible junior athletes by AA rank order from combined 2-day final score at 2021 U.S. Championships.
- The remaining two team members and one (1) traveling alternate will be selected from junior athletes who competed at 2021 U.S. Championships by the discretionary criteria listed in 3.1 or accepted petitions to the Junior Pan American Championships following the petition procedures in Section 4.0.

### **3.1 Criteria, data, and results considered by the Athlete Selection Committee**

- Team needs and medal potential, any domestic and international performance and experience including type, frequency, routine hit percentage and caliber of the event(s).
- Composite strength of all the 2021 Junior Pan American Championships Team Members.
- Start values (D Score) on each apparatus of all potential team members achieved at any national competition or National Team Camp in 2021.
- Execution (E Score) on each apparatus of all potential team members achieved at any national competition or National Team Camp in 2021.
- Consistency (percentage of hit routines) shown by the gymnast achieved at any national competition or National Team Camp in 2021.
  - A hit routine is defined as a routine that does not include a large deduction or greater (as defined in the FIG Code of Points) on any single skill within the routine.
- World Class presentation – the strength, endurance, technical execution standard and artistic components commensurate with World and Olympic presentation.
- Physical capability to fulfill the training plan as directed by the High-Performance Director or Team Leader.
- Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.

Team members should expect to follow the verification plan laid out and communicated by the Women's High-Performance Director or Team Leader following U.S. Championships.

### 3.2 Coach Selection

- One (1) Head Coach and one (1) Assistant Coach for the 2021 Junior Pan American Championships Team will be selected from among the personal coaches of the team members, after the final Team Selection based upon the following criteria:
  - Proven team leadership ability
  - International experience
  - Professional membership in good standing
  - Attendance at required meetings
- Per FIG technical regulations, either the Head Coach or Assistant Coach must be female.

### 3.3 Delegation Requirements

All USA Gymnastics Staff (coaches, team leaders, medical) must adhere to the following requirements:

- Successfully pass the National Center for Safety Initiatives' (NCSI) background screen in accordance with the current USA Gymnastics Background Check Policy prior to nomination.
  - Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Championships that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform USA Gymnastics.
- Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six (6) months after the conclusion of the Championships.
- Have the ability to work effectively with the LOC (local organizing committee).
- Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills (*if applicable*).
- Be responsible for Team's adherence to all rules regarding discipline at the Championships (*if applicable*).
- Fulfill all duties and requirements of the LOC including attendance at required meetings (*if applicable*).
- Be available for entire duration of the Championships (*if applicable*).
- Have USA Gymnastics approval to make financial decisions regarding the Team (*if applicable*).
- Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport (*if applicable*).
- Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the FIG rules and regulations governing the sport (*if applicable*).
- Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- Must have successfully completed all registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Participate in USADA training as required for position (*if applicable*).
- Be a USA Gymnastics' Professional Member in good standing.
- Successfully complete and pass the U110: US Center for Safe Sport Core Course.

In the event the Coach role is combined with the Team Leader function, that individual must fulfill the Team Leader responsibilities, as applicable.

### **3.4 Determination of athletes' competitive apparatus and start order**

The competitive order and strategy will be determined by the Team Leader, in cooperation with the personal coaches. As per FIG regulations, the order of competition on each event shall be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the competition.

### **4.0 Petition Procedures and Requirements**

Petitions onto the 2021 Junior Pan Am Championships team may be submitted to the Women's Athlete Selection Committee by any eligible current Junior National Team member who is unable to attend 2021 U.S. Championships due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance. In order for petitions to be considered they must be submitted prior to the end of the Day 2 Junior session at U.S. Championships, and the following must be included:

- Completed petition form found here: <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2019.pdf>
- Documentation from medical staff in the event of injury/illness or documentation from the athlete/coach outlining why the athlete was unable to compete at U.S. Championships in the event of extenuating circumstance.
- Letter of recommendation from the athlete's coach, which includes past results or data to support naming the athlete to the Junior Pan Am Championships team.

The following factors may be reviewed by the Women's Athlete Selection Committee when considering submitted petitions:

- D scores, E scores, and overall performance from major domestic and international competitions from 2021 as well as routine videos submitted to the Elite Development Program Coordinator or High Performance Director in 2021.
- Contributions to the team score potential based off of final scores from major domestic and international competitions from 2021 and routine videos submitted to the Elite Development Program Coordinator or High Performance Director in 2021.

### **5.0 Removal of Athletes and Staff**

USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete or staff member 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:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Team member must submit a written letter to the Vice President of Women's Program of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness with medical report/letter subject to review by USAG medical staff
- Violation of Women's Program National Team Agreement
- Inability to perform the duties required (staff)
- Violation of USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy:  
<https://www.usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/policy.html>

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 USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

A team member who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' [grievance process](#) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

## **6.0 Athlete Replacement**

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the Pan Am Championships starting order:

- the athlete is still eligible; and
- the athlete is healthy and able to compete as verified by a member of the USAG medical team, and
- the athlete is performing at the level that warranted their nomination to the team.

If based on the above, an athlete cannot participate in a competition due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance then the Team Leader, in consultation with the personal coaches, the USAG medical staff (if applicable), the Athlete Representative and the Women's High-Performance Director, will determine if a substitute or reserve member of the team should replace that athlete.

## **6.1 Coach Replacement**

In the event that the Nominated Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed Section 3.1 above.

- If time permits, and it is deemed to be beneficial for the team, a change will be made to the official coaching staff.

## **7.0 Anti-Doping Requirements**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, 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 IOC, PASO, WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

## **8.0 Announcement of Selection of Athletes and Coaches**

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of USA Gymnastics and will occur the Monday after 2021 U.S. Championships. Selected athletes will be notified at the National Team Meeting. All internal verbal or written communication to athletes, coaches, or member associations regarding team selection is considered an *"unofficial notice"* and is NOT for public distribution. Official notice of team selection occurs when USAG provides a formal public "release" announcing the team selection, or when USAG partners with a multi-sport organization to formally announce a team.

## **9.0 NGB/HPMO Bylaws and Grievance Procedures**

USA Gymnastics' [grievance process](#) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

## **10.0 International Disclaimer**

These procedures are based on IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, PASO, as applicable, 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 by the International Elite Committee.

#### **11.0 Athlete Ombudsman**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Gymnastics may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman's office by:

- Telephone at 719-866-5000
- Email at [athlete.ombudsman@usopc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usopc.org)  
<https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombuds>