



2021 Junior Pan American Games Selection Procedures

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by the Women's Athlete Selection Committee of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games taking place November 25 – December 5, 2021, in Cali, Colombia.

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 1-3 in the Team competition.
- Finish 1-3 in the All-Around competition, with the Individual AA winner earning a nominative quota spot to the 2023 Pan American Games.

1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is four (4). No reserve athletes are allowed. 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. WAG delegation will be composed of:

- 4 athletes
- 4 personal coaches
- 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 14-20, 2021	Junior Pan Am Championships (Qualifier to JR Pan Am Games)
Nov 15-Nov 18, 2021	Junior Pan Am Games Selection Event, Indianapolis, IN.
Nov 22, 2021	Arrival (Tentative)
November 24, 2021	Podium Training
November 27, 2021	Team and AA Final
TBD	Apparatus Finals
November 30, 2021	Departure (Tentative)

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 months after the conclusion of the Games.
- they are 14-15 years old in 2021 (born in 2006 or 2007).
- 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 Games.
- they are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics

Note: Any competitor in the Junior Pan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

3.0 Qualification System

Qualification for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games is based on the results of the 2021 Junior Pan American Championship prior to the Games (results of the Qualifying competition).

Places are awarded to National Olympic Committees, not to the gymnasts.

No of place per discipline	Place type	Qualification	No.
1 - 40	NOC with team	One team from each of the NOCs ranked from 1 to 8 in the Teams results of the Qualifying competition.	8 x 5 = 40
41 - 50	NOC with individuals	Two gymnasts from each of the NOCs ranked 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the Teams results of the Qualifying competition.	5 x 2 = 10
51 - 56	NOC with individuals	Six gymnasts, maximum one per NOC, best placed in the All Around Individual qualification of the Qualifying competition, from different NOCs to those already qualified through the above criteria.	6 x 1= 6
57	Organizing NOC with individual	1 gymnast from the host NOC, provided that the NOC has not qualified through the above criteria.	1 x 1= 1
57 gymnasts			20 NOC

In Artistic Gymnastics, the gold medalists in the Individual All Around event of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games will obtain a direct place to the Pan American Games Santiago 2023. In total 1 place for each discipline (2 in total) will be the places that will be awarded in this competition. These places obtained for the Pan American Games Santiago 2023 are nominative, not for the NOC.

4.0 Athlete Selection

The four (4) members of the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games team as well as one (1) non-traveling alternate athlete will be named by the Women's Athlete Selection Committee as follows:

- Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - Designated 2021 USA Gymnastics Elite National Qualifiers as listed below:
 - 2021 Biles Invitational National Elite Qualifier – Jan. 22-23, 2021 - Houston, TX.
 - 2021 Buckeye Classic Elite National Qualifier – Feb. 4-6, 2021 - Columbus, OH.
 - 2021 Brestyan's Invitational National Elite Qualifier – Feb. 12-13, 2021 – Scottsdale, AZ.
 - 2021 Parkettes National Elite Qualifier – April 10-11, 2021 – Allentown, PA.
 - Selected High Performance Camps listed below:
 - National Team Training Camp – March 11-13, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - National Team Training Camp – May 2-5, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - Elite Development Training Camp – Sep 16-19, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - Elite Development Invite Training Camp – Oct 27-30, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - National Team Training Camp – Nov 4-7, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - Winter Cup – February 26-28, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - American Classic – April 23-24, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - U.S GK Classic – May 21-22, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - 2021 U.S. Championships – June 3-6, 2021 - Fort Worth, TX.
 - 2021 Junior Pan American Games Selection Event – Nov. 17-21, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
- Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the selection event, events and camps listed above.

The following athletes qualify to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Selection Event:

- All age-eligible Junior Elite athletes, 14-15 years old in 2021 (born in 2006 or 2007) that qualified to the 2021 U.S. Championships, Fort Worth, TX by score or approved petition.
- All age-eligible Junior Elite athletes who achieve a minimum All-Around score of 51.00 at:
 - Winter Cup – February 26-28, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - American Classic – April 23-24, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.

OR

- All age-eligible Junior Elite athletes, 14-15 years old in 2021 (born in 2006 or 2007) who achieve a minimum All-Around score of 51.00 at any one of the selected 2021 Women's National Elite Qualifiers listed below:
 - 2021 Biles Invitational National Elite Qualifier – Jan. 22-23, 2021 - Houston, TX.
 - 2021 Buckeye Classic Elite National Qualifier – Feb. 4-6, 2021 - Columbus, OH.
 - 2021 Brestyan's Invitational National Elite Qualifier – Feb. 12-13, 2021 – Scottsdale, AZ.
 - 2021 Parkettes National Elite Qualifier – April 10-11, 2021 – Allentown, PA.

OR

- All age-eligible Junior Elite athletes, 14-15 years old in 2021 (born in 2006 or 2007) who achieve a minimum All-Around score of 51.00 at any one of the selected 2021 High Performance Camps, listed below (full routines on competition surfaces):
 - National Team Training Camp – March 11-13, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - National Team Training Camp – May 2-5, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - National Team Training Camp – Nov 4-7, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN.
 - Elite Development Training Camp – Sep 16-19, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN. (judged utilizing Junior Elite International rules, full routines on competitive surfaces.)
 - Elite Development Invite Training Camp – Oct 27-30, 2021 – Indianapolis, IN. (judged utilizing Junior Elite International rules, full routines on competitive surfaces.)
- Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).
 - The Junior Pan American Games Selection Event will be used to select team members for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team.
 - The Junior Pan American Games Selection Event will have two-day competition. Day one, athletes compete in the AA and day two, athletes compete on a minimum of one event.
 - The highest scoring All-Around gymnast at the conclusion of Day 1 of the Junior Pan American Games Selection Event will automatically qualify to the four (4) member Pan American Games team.
 - Using the discretionary selection criteria listed in 4.1, the Athlete Selection Committee will name the remaining three (3) members of the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team at the conclusion of Day 2 of the Junior Pan American Games Selection Event.
 - The Athlete Selection Committee may also name at least one (1) non-traveling replacement athlete using the discretionary selection criteria listed in 4.1.
 - The final line-up determination will be announced a minimum of 24 hours prior to Qualifications (Competition I). This determination will be made by the High-Performance Director or Team Leader, in consultation with credentialed coaching staff.
 - If there is not a High-Performance Director, a Team Leader will be named by the International Elite Committee and perform this function.

4.1 Criteria, data, and results considered by the Athlete Selection Committee

- Team needs and medal potential, any domestic and international performance and experience from 2019-2021 including type, frequency, routine hit percentage and caliber of the event(s).
- Composite strength of all the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Team Members.
- Start values (D Score) on each apparatus of all potential team members achieved at any national competition or High-Performance Camp in 2021 listed in 4.0.
- Execution (E Score) on each apparatus of all potential team members achieved at any national competition or High-Performance Camp in 2021 listed in 4.0.
- Consistency (percentage of hit routines) shown by the gymnast at any national competition or High-Performance Camp in 2021 listed in 4.0.
 - 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 the Junior Pan American Games Selection Event.

4.2 Coach Selection

- One (1) Head Coach and one (1) Assistant Coach for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games 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.

4.3 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 Games 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 months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 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 Games (*if applicable*).
- Fulfill all duties and requirements of the LOC including attendance at required meetings (*if applicable*).
- Be available for entire duration of the Games (*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 the USOPC's Safe Sport awareness training and education program.

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

4.4 Determination of athletes' competitive apparatus and start order

The competitive order and strategy will be determined by the Women's High-Performance Director or 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.

5.0 Petition Procedures and Requirements

Petitions to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games Selection Event may be submitted to the Women's Athlete Selection Committee by any-eligible current junior elite athlete who was 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 by midnight EST, November 6, 2021, 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 American Games team.

The following factors may be reviewed by the 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.

6.0 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 which inhibits peak performance as certified by a physician's statement, subject to verification by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff. If a team member refuses verification of his/her illness or injury, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 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.

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Games Forms apply. The USOPC's Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

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.

7.0 Athlete Replacement

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the Pan Am Games 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 Women's High-Performance Director or Team Leader, in consultation with the personal coaches, the USAG medical staff, and the Women's Vice President of Program, will determine if a substitute or reserve member of the team should replace that athlete.

7.1 Coach Replacement

In the event that the Nominated Games 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 4.1 above.

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

8.0 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.

9.0 Announcement of Selection of Athletes and Coaches

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of USA Gymnastics and will be announced at the conclusion of the Junior Pan American Games Selection Event. 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.

10.0 NGB/HPMO Bylaws and Grievance Procedures

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/governance.html>

11.0 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.




12.0 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

13.0 USA Gymnastics Signatures

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2021 JR Pan American Games Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		Sep 22, 2021
USA Gymnastics VP of Women’s Program	Annie Heffernon	 <small>Annie Heffernon (Sep 22, 2021 08:48 EDT)</small>	Sep 22, 2021
Athlete Representative	Jessie DeZiel	 <small>Jessie DeZiel (Sep 21, 2021 19:03 CDT)</small>	Sep 21, 2021

14.0 Signatures

- A. Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2021 Junior Pan American Games 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











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