



SECTION VI: ELITE PROGRAM

I. Program Description

A. Purpose

The Elite Program's purpose is to provide developmental and competitive Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini opportunities and provide a pool of talented athletes for national and international competitions. The Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Committee (EC) regulates the USA Gymnastics Elite Program.

B. Divisions

1. There are five divisions within the Elite Program: Youth 11-12, Youth 13-14, Junior, Open, and Senior.
2. Athletes must meet the age requirements on 31 December in the year of competition to compete in their respective Elite division.
3. Elite divisions:

Divisions	Ages
Youth Elite	11-12
Youth Elite	13-14
Junior Elite	15-16
Open Elite	17 & Over
Senior Elite	17 & Over

C. Mobility System

1. The term "mobility season" is defined as August 1 until December 31 of the following calendar year. (For example, an athlete who earns a mobility score in January 2020 will have until December 31 of 2021 to verify and compete at that level).
2. During the Elite mobility season, an elite athlete must verify his/her participation in the new level by competing in a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition at the newly approved level.
3. If an athlete does not verify participation in the new level within the elite mobility season, then the mobility loses its value.
4. In order to compete at the Elite level, an athlete must achieve the mobility score from Level 10 to Youth, Junior, or Open Elite.
5. Coaches must submit a Mobility Request form ([Click here for form](#)) to the Elite Program Chair at ttmobility@usagym.org in order to move an athlete up from Level 10 or within the Elite levels. The Elite Program Chair must approve mobility before the athlete is eligible to compete at the higher level.
6. Athletes may not skip levels.

7. Mobility scores

a. Trampoline

Division	R1 E Score	R2 D Score	R1+R2 Skills Completed
L10-YE 11/12 Female	15.6	8.5	20
L10-YE 11/12 Male	15.6	8.5	20
L10-YE 13/14 Female	15.6	9.0	20
L10-YE 13/14 Male	15.6	9.5	20
L10-Open Female	15.6	10.0	20
L10-Open Male	15.6	10.5	20
L10-Junior Female	15.6	10.0	20
L10-Junior Male	15.6	10.5	20
Open-Senior Female	15.6	11.5	20
Open-Senior Male	15.6	13.0	20
Junior-Senior Female	15.6	11.5	20
Junior-Senior Male	15.6	13.0	20

b. Tumbling

Division	R1 E Score	R2 E Score	R1+R2 D Score	R1+R2 Total Score	R1+R2 Skills Comp.
L10-YE 11/12 Female	25.2	25.2	7.1	57.5	16
L10-YE 11/12 Male	25.2	25.2	7.1	57.5	16
L10-YE 13/14 Female	25.2	25.2	7.2	57.6	16
L10-YE 13/14 Male	25.2	25.2	7.6	58.0	16
L10-Open Female	25.2	25.2	7.2	57.6	16
L10-Open Male	25.2	25.2	7.8	58.2	16
L10-Junior Female	25.2	25.2	7.2	57.6	16
L10-Junior Male	25.2	25.2	7.8	58.2	16
Open-Senior Female	25.2	25.2	7.8	58.2	16
Open-Senior Male	25.2	25.2	9.5	59.9	16
Junior-Senior Female	25.2	25.2	7.8	58.2	16
Junior-Senior Male	25.2	25.2	9.5	59.9	16

c. DMT

Division	R1 E Score	R2 E Score	R1+R2 D Score	R1+R2 Total Score	R1+R2 Skills Comp.
L10-YE 11/12 Female	27.3	27.3	7.6	62.2	4
L10-YE 11/12 Male	27.3	27.3	7.9	62.5	4
L10-YE 13/14 Female	27.3	27.3	8.8	63.4	4
L10-YE 13/14 Male	27.3	27.3	9.2	63.8	4
L10-Open Female	27.3	27.3	9.6	64.2	4
L10-Open Male	27.3	27.3	10.0	64.6	4
L10-Junior Female	27.3	27.3	9.6	64.2	4
L10-Junior Male	27.3	27.3	10.0	64.6	4
Open-Senior Female	27.3	27.3	10.8	65.4	4
Open-Senior Male	27.3	27.3	12.8	67.4	4
Junior-Senior Female	27.3	27.3	10.8	65.4	4
Junior-Senior Male	27.3	27.3	12.8	67.4	4

8. Elite mobility requirements
 - a. Athletes who wish to mobilize to the Elite division or within the Elite divisions must achieve the mobility requirements at the following meets in order to mobilize:
 - i. An invitational meet approved by the national office as an Elite Mobility meet – this may be in-person or virtual ([click here for application](#))
 - ii. Regional Championships
 - iii. Elite Challenge
 - iv. USA Gymnastics Championships
 - b. Movement from Youth Elite to Junior Elite, and from Junior Elite to Open Elite is based on athlete age and does not have a mobility requirement.
 - c. Mobility request must be submitted a minimum of 72 hours prior to beginning of competition at the next competitive event for athletes who have obtained a new mobility score within the elite levels and wish to move to the next level.
9. Downward mobility
 - a. Under certain circumstances, an athlete may move down a level from SE to OE.
 - i. Downward mobility may only occur through the invitational season, not during championship season.
 - ii. Coach must submit a formal written request to the Elite Committee Chair.
 - iii. The Elite Committee Chair must approve the request.
 - iv. Downward mobility will only be granted for extenuating circumstances, for example significant injury or hardship. This must be addressed in the application.
 - v. Should an athlete wish to return to their original level after competing in the lower level, they are required to re-mobilize.
 - vi. Athletes that compete at a new level and then drop down to a previous level without the permission of the State chair or Elite Chair will have to remobilize and all previous results at the higher level will be null and void.
 - b. For movement from Elite to Level 10, see Section V, I.D.11.
 - c. Results will be nullified for any athlete who competes at a lower level without approval.

D. Rules for Competition

The rules used in the Elite Competition are the FIG rules with special requirements based on the developmental needs of the USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling Program. The current FIG Code of Points and the U.S. Elite T&T Special Requirements may be found online at their respective sites: <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com> and <https://usagym.org>.

II. Elite Qualification to USA Gymnastics Championships

A. Qualification Procedures

- Senior National Team refers to Senior National Team members only.
- Junior National Team refers to Junior National Team members only.
- National Team refers to both Senior and Junior National Team members.

All athletes competing at the Elite level are eligible to enter USA Gymnastics Championships provided they have met the following criteria:

1. Competitors must compete in at least two (2) USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling sanctioned eligibility competitions, in addition to the qualifiers designated by the Program Committee, during the current competition season, which begins on August 1 of each year.
2. Athletes who are injured or unable to compete may salute in order to gain eligibility at the sanction competitions prior to USA Gymnastics Championships. All competition fees must be paid, the athlete is not eligible for awards, but should show in the competition results.
3. State Championships may be used as an eligibility competition for all Elite level athletes. Athletes who use State Championships as an eligibility competition may not also have their scores used as qualification scores to the USA Gymnastics Championships. An elite athlete must use State Championships solely as an eligibility competition or a qualification competition.
4. Regional Championships may be used as an eligibility competition for all Elite level athletes. Athletes who use Regional Championships as an eligibility competition may not also have their scores used as qualification scores to the USA Gymnastics Championships. An elite athlete must use Regional Championships solely as an eligibility competition or a qualification competition.
5. The athlete's personal coach must submit competition results to the State Chairman to determine eligibility for qualification to USA Gymnastics Championships or Stars & Stripes Championships.
6. Competitors must compete in only one (1) division per discipline. For example, an athlete can compete as a Senior Elite in Trampoline and an Open Elite in Tumbling but never as a Senior Elite AND an Open Elite in Tumbling.
7. Entries to USA Gymnastics Championships must be at the same level at which the athlete qualified at the last competition he/she attended. For example, if an athlete qualified as a Junior Elite in the first competition, but competed as a Senior Elite in the next competition and did not reach the total score, the athlete is not qualified to enter the USA Gymnastics Championships as a Senior Elite.
8. Athletes must compete at two (2) of the three (3) qualification competitions as determined by the Elite Committee.
 - a. State Championships
 - b. Regional Championships
 - c. Elite Challenge
9. The competitors must qualify at the State Championships or Regional Championships for the state/region in which the competitor's club is a member. Athletes with extenuating circumstances may apply to compete in another state

or region. The petition must be sent to the Regional Chair, and will be voted upon by the Regional Chair, Relevant Committee (Development or Elite) Chair and USA Gymnastics Athlete Representative. All rules and/or directives of the replacement competition must be abided by.

10. Athletes must meet the requirements in the qualification round at one of the qualification competitions as follows:

a. Trampoline

Division	R1+R2 Total Score (excl. ToF)	Skills Completed
YE 11/12 Female	56.5	20
YE 11/12 Male	56.5	20
YE 13/14 Female	57.0	20
YE 13/14 Male	57.5	20
Open Female	58.0	20
Open Male	58.5	20
Junior Female	58.0	20
Junior Male	58.5	20
Senior Female	59.5	20
Senior Male	61.0	20

b. Tumbling

Division	R1+R2 Total Score	Skills Completed
YE 11/12 Female	57.5	16
YE 11/12 Male	57.5	16
YE 13/14 Female	57.6	16
YE 13/14 Male	58.0	16
Open Female	57.6	16
Open Male	58.2	16
Junior Female	57.6	16
Junior Male	58.2	16
Senior Female	58.2	16
Senior Male	59.9	16

c. DMT

Division	R1+R2 Total Score	Skills Completed
YE 11/12 Female	62.2	4
YE 11/12 Male	62.5	4
YE 13/14 Female	63.4	4
YE 13/14 Male	63.8	4
Open Female	64.2	4
Open Male	64.6	4
Junior Female	64.2	4
Junior Male	64.6	4
Senior Female	65.4	4
Senior Male	67.4	4

11. Elite Synchronized pairs must qualify as individual trampoline athletes and declare themselves as a synchronized pair by the USA Gymnastics Championships entry deadline.

12. Current Senior National and Junior National Team members do not have to qualify to the USA Gymnastics Championships in the event(s) in which they were

named to the team providing they comply with the eligibility requirements above. In other events, they must qualify using the established procedures.

- a. Junior National Team members who age out of Junior Elite in the year they are on the Junior National Team must qualify for USA Gymnastics Championships by one of the following methods:
 - i. Aging up to Open Elite and qualifying as an Open Elite
 - ii. Aging up to Open Elite, mobilizing to Senior Elite, and qualifying as a Senior Elite
 - iii. Mobilizing to Senior Elite and qualifying as a Senior Elite
 - b. Senior athletes having been named to the previous year's Junior National team must qualify through the established procedures.
13. National Team member qualification
- a. Current National Team members or invited non-National Team athletes who are participating at a National Team training camp, which conflicts with a USA Gymnastics Championships eligibility or qualification competition, may use their attendance at that National Team camp as substitution for the missed eligibility or qualification competition.
 - b. Current National Team members who are competing at a National Team assigned competition/event, which conflicts with a USA Gymnastics Championships eligibility or qualification competition, may use their attendance at that National Team assignment as substitution for the missed eligibility or qualification competition.
 - c. In all cases, this substitution must be approved by the Program Director prior to the National Team training camp or assigned event.

B. Petitions to USA Gymnastics Championships

1. Senior Elite: Only athletes who competed as a Senior Elite in the same event at the previous USA Gymnastics Championships will be allowed to petition to participate in the USA Gymnastics Championships.
2. Youth, Junior, Open Elite: Only athletes who competed in the same event at the previous USA Gymnastics Championships will be allowed to petition to participate in the current USA Gymnastics Championships. Athletes who competed as Youth Elite last year can petition into Junior Elite if they have aged out of Youth Elite. Athletes who competed as Junior Elite last year can petition into Open Elite if they have aged out of Junior Elite.
3. Senior, Open, Junior and Youth Elite athletes are required to have placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd, or the top fifty (50) percent, in the same discipline at the previous USA Gymnastics Championships, to be allowed to petition to participate in the current USA Gymnastics Championships.
4. The petition must be submitted electronically to the Program Director prior to the entry deadline. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibits the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, a signed and dated letter must accompany the petition from a physician on physician's letterhead that states the diagnosis, previous limitations, and clearance to compete in the USA Gymnastics Championships.

5. The Elite Committee Chair, Program Director and Athlete Selection Representative will decide petitions. Petitions will be considered as expeditiously as possible. The decision of the Elite Committee Chair, Program Director and Athlete Selection Representative is final.
6. Qualification events and trial events may have different petition requirements. Please refer to the event selection procedures for exact requirements.
7. The petitioner and his/her coach will be immediately notified, once a decision has been reached.

III. National Team Program

1. The National Team program seeks to create a year-round competitive and educational support system for coaches and athletes. [Click here](#) for the National Team Selection procedures.

IV. Reinstatement

Former USA Gymnastics athletes may be reinstated to the Elite Level.

1. Reinstatement to the Elite levels for athletes that have been out for less than two full competitive cycles:
 - a. Athletes do not need to reinstate. They may enter the competition at the level previously competed prior to the injury or time off.
2. Reinstatement to the Elite levels for athletes that have been out for more than two full competitive cycles:
 - a. The athlete must submit an [Elite Athlete Reinstatement form](#) with all requested documentation to the current Elite Committee Chair.
 - b. After receiving acknowledgement that the current Elite Committee Chair has received the Elite Athlete Reinstatement form, the athlete may register to participate in a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event at one level lower than their previous level
 - c. The athlete must perform, be scored, and demonstrate readiness on routines that meet the current minimum requirements to mobilize to the Youth, Junior, Open, or Senior Elite level at a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event.

V. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee (SC) is a three-member voting body.

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini Trampoline
Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)	Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)	Elite Committee Chair * (voice, no vote)
Elite Committee Trampoline Representative	Elite Committee Tumbling Representative	Elite Committee Double Mini Representative
Trampoline National Coordinator OR Trampoline Junior National Coordinator (dependent on Junior or Senior selection)	Tumbling National Coordinator	DMT National Coordinator
Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative
Program Director (process voice, no vote)	Program Director (process voice, no vote)	Program Director (process voice, no vote)
Independent observer appointed by the USA Gymnastics BoD (where applicable per specific selection procedure) (voice, no vote)	Independent observer appointed by the USA Gymnastics BoD (where applicable per specific selection procedure) (voice, no vote)	Independent observer appointed by the USA Gymnastics BoD (where applicable per specific selection procedure) (voice, no vote)

* The Elite Committee Chair will serve as the SC Chair.

1. Conflict of interest

- a. In the event that a SC member is currently affiliated with any athlete or coach in consideration for a Team, or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the SC for any reason, a replacement will be named in the following order:
- b. Should the Athlete Representative need to be replaced, another person eligible to represent the athletes will be named.
- c. Should the National Trampoline Coordinator need to be replaced, the Junior National Trampoline Coordinator will be named
- d. Should any other member of the SC need to be replaced (including the Junior National Trampoline Coordinator) replacements will be named in the following order:
 - i. Chair of the Elite Committee
 - ii. Chair of the Program Committee
 - iii. Members of the SC for other T&T disciplines
 - iv. International experts (athlete / coach / judge with world-level competition or judging experience)
- e. Should the National Coordinator be replaced due to a conflict of interest, they will retain the right to present a selection recommendation (complete with reasoning), and answer questions from the SC, after which time they will be required to leave the selection meeting.
- f. The USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest policy can be found [on the USA Gymnastics website.](#)

2. Responsibilities

- a. The SC shall:

- i. Make athlete and coach selections for Team USA international competitions, as detailed in specific selection procedures.
- ii. Make athlete selections for U.S. national teams.
- iii. Review judge selections for Team USA international competitions.
- iv. Work within the relevant approved selection procedures.
- v. Report to the T&T Program Director.
- vi. Meet in person where possible. Where this is not possible (due to budget, time or availability constraints), audio or video conferencing technology may be utilized.

VI. Elite Program Awards

Awarded annually at the USA Gymnastics Championships.

1. Trampoline & Tumbling Coach of the Year
 - a. This award is decided upon by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season, across Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini disciplines.
 - b. This award will be presented at the USA Gymnastics Championships Senior Elite session.
2. Milton B. Davis & George Nissen: Trampoline Coach of the Year
 - a. This award is presented to the elite trampoline coach of the year. This award is named in honor of Coach Milton B. Davis & Trampoline Pioneer George Nissen.
 - b. Trampoline Coach of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
3. James A. Rozanas Tumbling Coach of the Year
 - a. This award is presented to the elite tumbling coach of the year. This award is named in honor of James A. Rozanas, whose outstanding principles of competition, good sportsmanship and high morals set the standard and expectation of excellence for the tumbling community.
 - b. Tumbling Coach of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
4. Bob Bollinger Double Mini Coach of the Year
 - a. The award is presented to the Double Mini Coach of the year. This award is named in honor of Bob Bollinger, whose career was defined by performance and demeanor of outstanding principles.
 - b. Double Mini Coach of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
5. Trampoline Athlete of the Year
 - a. Trampoline Athlete of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
 - b. This award will be presented at the USA Gymnastics Championships Senior Elite Session.

6. Tumbling Athlete of the Year
 - a. Tumbling Athlete of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
 - b. This award will be presented at the USA Gymnastics Championships Senior Elite Session.
7. Double Mini Athlete of the Year
 - a. Double Mini Athlete of the Year will be decided on by athlete achievements throughout the competitive season.
 - b. This award will be presented at the USA Gymnastics Championships Senior Elite Session.
8. Star Service Award
 - a. This award is given **annually** by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee
 - b. It is given in recognition to the individual whose selfless dedication to the sport and community of Trampoline & Tumbling creates the environment of growth and excellence. His or her service and stewardship exemplifies the volunteerism that is indispensable to the USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling membership.
 - c. This is awarded at the USA Gymnastics Championships or the Stars and Stripes Championships; whichever is most appropriate for the individual named.
9. Sportsperson of the Year
 - a. The Sportsperson of the Year awards is given to the athlete whose performance that year most embodies the spirit of sportsmanship and achievement – an athlete exhibiting the strongest positive voice of the discipline.
 - b. All senior elite T&T athletes competing at that year's USA Gymnastics Championships will be eligible to cast a ballot for this award.
 - c. The national office will solicit nominations with a deadline identified prior to USA Gymnastics Championships each year.
 - d. This award will be presented at the USA Gymnastics Championships Senior Elite Session.