

Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Pan American Championships Team (11-16/Elite Mixed groups)

In years during which the Pan American Championships is held, USA Gymnastics will select athletes from the National Teams (JNT, SNT) to compete at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Pan American Championships. The following procedures define additional selections to the PAGU Team for the following divisions: 11-16 WP, MP, MxP, WG, MG, MxG; 12-18 MxG, 13-19 MxG, Sr MxG.

The process for selection to the 2022 11-16/Elite MxG Pan American Championships (PAGU) Team for Acrobatic Gymnastics is a combination of the results from the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships and the following discretionary selection criteria outlined below.

I. OVERVIEW

QUALIFICATION:

Athletes will be named to the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team in one of the following ways:

- i. Automatically qualify from the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships per Section II.
- ii. Be selected using the discretionary criteria based on performances at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships as defined in Section II.
- iii. Through a successfully approved petition onto JNT through the petition process (Section III.).
- iv. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC) reserves the right to select additional pair/groups for the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team at selection events during the remainder of the 2022 competitive season.

ELIGIBILITY:

- i. Only United States citizens may be named to the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team.
- ii. All athletes in the pair/group must meet respective age criteria.
- iii. Athletes must compete at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships, unless petitioning.
 - a. USA Gymnastics Championships to be held from June 21-26, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa.
- iv. Athletes must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics.
- v. Athletes trying out for the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team must compete in that age category at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships to be considered.
- vi. An athlete may not be named to the PAGU Team in multiple disciplines (i.e., men's pairs and men's group).

SELECTION:

- i. The selection of the pair/groups to the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team will be made by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC).
- ii. Selection will be made according to the criteria outlined below (Section II).
- iii. The selection process will be consistent with the standards outlined in USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

The composition of the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team may include a maximum of three (3) pairs or groups per event (Women's Pair, Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Women's Group, Men's Group, and Mixed Group). SC is not obligated to fill all available spots.

- i. Positions on 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU team may require ranking.
- ii. The SC will determine ranking.

- iii. A maximum of two (2) alternate pair/group per event may be identified. Alternates are not members of the team.
- iv. Alternates may be named to the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team if vacancies become available in team positions. Decision to name alternates to the team will be based upon proximity to the competition and pair/group's readiness for international competition (as determined by the SC).

II. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE PAGU TEAM WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION TO PAGU TEAM:

A pair/group will automatically qualify to the 2022-2023 PAGU Team at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships, if *all* the following criteria is met:

- i. The pair/group must finish in first place in their respective event.
- ii. The pair/group must earn minimum scores in all routines, as follows:
 - 8.75 Artistry
 - 17.5 Execution
- iii. The pair/group must achieve maximum difficulty in each routine.
- iv. In the event of a tie, all first place pair/groups will be named to the PAGU Team.

B. DISCRETIONARY QUALIFICATION TO PAGU TEAM WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Pair/groups will be named to the 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team based on discretionary evaluation of performances from the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships. Evaluation criteria for selection is outlined below.

Note: Additions to 11-16/Elite MxG PAGU Team via the petition process or 2022 future selection events will use the discretionary criteria below as well. All criteria are evaluated and listed in no particular order.

- Score(s) and ranking from the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships
- Elements performed
 - Quality elements showcasing a high level of difficulty, creativity, or innovative entrance or exit performed in competition.
 - Skills are combined when logical and possible to maximize flow of routine and minimize number of skill builds.
 - Total exercise difficulty will be compared against the target difficulty. Target difficulty is the difficulty score before CJP deductions.
 - Technical performance of elements including quality of body lines, exceptional amplitude and body shapes in balance and dynamic, and overall control and ease of elements. Individual elements are performed cleanly with limited technical deductions.
- Artistry and Presentation
 - Performance, Choreography, Musicality, Expression, and Partnership will be considered by the SC (per FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points).
 - Intricacy, complexity, and creativity of choreography exhibited in exercises.
 - Effective use of music, entries/exits, or other artistry moments that create identity or memorability amongst large competitive divisions.
 - Overall sophistication and performance of artistry and choreography will be considered. Routines are expected to be performed with full amplitude, polished timing, smooth transitions with elements, and ease on the floor.
- International caliber and Overall performance
 - International Caliber defined as strength, endurance, flexibility, and grace. Standards commensurate with world-level competitors.

- Posture, presence, and poise entering and exiting the floor and during the performance of the exercise.
- Athletes' competitive experience, pair/group professionalism, and consistency will be taken into consideration.
- Mental and physical competitive readiness that allows for maximum performance.
- Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic and adhering to national team policies.

III. PETITIONS

Petition Procedures - Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary circumstances may occur which would cause a pair/group otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2022-2023 National Team, because of their previous competition results, to be unable to participate in one or more steps in that process. For a petition onto the National Team to be considered, it must be submitted in writing to the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Director and meet the following requirements:

- A. Petitioning athletes must have:
 - i. Qualified to compete at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - ii. Registered to compete at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - iii. Signed and submitted selection procedures by the deadline.
- B. Petitions must be submitted immediately following the pair/group's inability to participate in the selection event and before the conclusion of the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- C. Petitioning athletes MUST submit a video for review following guidelines listed below.
- D. Petitions will be considered in the event of an injury, illness, family death, or other extenuating circumstances.
 - i. The petition must include the date and nature of the injury and/or illness, family death, or other extenuating circumstance.
 - ii. Petitions based upon injury or illness must be accompanied by a physician's statement. The injury or illness is subject to verification by a physician approved by USA Gymnastics. Additional documentation may be requested to validate unforeseen circumstances.
- E. Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, a petition must be jointly submitted by all members of the pair/group.
- F. Petitions will be considered by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Committee (SC) based on discretionary criteria listed (II.B).
- G. Petition Video Guidelines
 - i. All competition videos should be from the judge's viewpoint, as close to a normal judge's position as possible.
 - ii. Perspective should be from the front center of the floor.
 - iii. Recording device set up on table, or on tripod (preferred) slightly above height of table.
 - iv. Camera should be a reasonable distance from the floor and athletes, so all partners are visible, yet athletes do not appear too distant in the video.
 - v. If possible, all four corners of floor should be visible in the video.
 - vi. The video should be HD quality; standard HD (720 or 1080).
 - vii. The video should be stable, without shaking or bumps. Use of a tripod is suggested.
 - viii. Video should be captured using landscape perspective.
 - ix. As much as possible, the camera should remain static. Camera should remain at a steady distance to see all athletes and skills and should only be moved from side-to-side if the entire floor is not visible. The camera should not be moved up and down to capture the routine.
 - x. All partners must be visible at all times. This includes for high skills and tosses, as well as

when the partners are spread around the floor.

- xi. Video must include the athletes' walk on at the beginning of the exercise, the complete exercise, and the walk off at the end of the exercise.
 - xii. Music should be clear and loud enough on the video. Video must consist of all competition routines with all skills, full amount of difficulty, and artistry. Performances should be of recent competition or event, ideally within 4 weeks or less of USA Gymnastics Championships. Competition attire is required. Note: Coaches are encouraged to precautionarily take videos of performances leading up to USA Gymnastics Championships in the event a petition would be required.
- H. Covid petitions: Covid petitions will be considered in the event that an athlete cannot compete due to inability to pass Covid requirement protocols designated by the event. Athletes submitting the covid petition would need to follow all requirements as outlined above. (Section III).

I. TEAM OBLIGATIONS

- A. The following documents are required to be adhered to by athletes and coaches as a condition of being named to the 2022-23 PAGU Team and can be found online at https://usagym.org/pages/acro/pages/acro_selection_procedures.html
- i. USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy
 - ii. USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct
 - iii. National Team Agreement
 - iv. Program Manual

II. RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

Resignation is required if there is a change in partnership (1 or more partners) and/or a change in competition level or if the pair/group cannot attend PAGU due to any reason.

- i. Coaches must promptly notify the High Performance Coordinator and Program Director of changes in partnership status or level which may affect the pair/group's standing and/or ability to compete at PAGU Championships. This may include, but is not limited to, the retirement of athletes, changes in partnerships, changes in competition level, injuries, etc.
- ii. Coaches should make all attempts to notify the High Performance Coordinator and Program Director before the information is made public. This includes social media.
- iii. Due to the interdependent nature of partnerships, removal, retirement, or resignation of any single athlete will be effective for the entire pair/group.

III. ACROBATICS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The following individuals serve on the Acrobatics Gymnastics Selection Committee, which is responsible for making discretionary selections:

- Elite Committee Representative, Ronda Francis
- Elite Coach, Dylan Mauer
- International Expert (non-voting), Nicole Barrilleaux
- Athlete Representative, Jessica Renteria
- Acrobatics Program Director (non-voting), Kyla Knights
- Acrobatics High-Performance Coordinator (non-voting), Lanie Davis

Note: In the event a selection committee member cannot attend the event due to extenuating circumstances, the selection committee will follow guidelines outlined in the selection committee charter.

USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection defines the process that is used to handle any potential conflicts of interest. <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/SelectionProcedures/conflictinterest.pdf>

**Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures Agreement
Pan American Championships Team
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By signing this form, each coach, athlete, and their parent/legal guardian participating in the selection process is acknowledging and agreeing that you have carefully reviewed and understand the terms of the applicable Acrobatic Gymnastics Selection Procedures for the respective team. Please note, the parent's signature is required if the athlete is under 18 years of age. A copy of birth certificate or passport (color copy, jpeg format) for each athlete must be submitted with the Selection Procedures by **June 17th, 2022** to the Acrobatics Program Director, Kyla Knights kknights@usagym.org

Selection for the teams listed will be conducted at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.

11-16/Elite MxG Pan American Championships Team

Age eligible in their respective division for the 2022 Pan American Championships? YES NO

Age eligibility is determined by the age in which the athlete will be as of December 31, 2022

Coach Name: _____ Coach Signature: _____

Club Name: _____ Abbr: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Event: _____ P/G ID: _____ Level: _____

Top's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Middle's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Base's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Base's Name: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____