



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 Men's Program Committee (MPC) of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games taking place September 9-19, 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 first in the team competition
- Finish first in the All-Around competition to earn 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 five (5). No reserve athletes are allowed. The competition format is 5-4-3 for the team competition. Maximum of two (2) athletes per country in All Around and Apparatus Finals.

The U.S. MAG delegation will be composed of:

- 5 athletes
- 2 team coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

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

1.3 Key Dates

June 3-6	U.S. Championships
June 14-20, 2021	Junior Pan Am Championships (Qualifier to JR Pan Am Games)
Sept. 5, 2021	Arrival
Sept. 7, 2021	Podium Training
Sept. 10, 2021	Team and AA Final
Sept. 12/13, 2021	Apparatus Finals
Sept. 14, 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 months after the conclusion of the Games;
- they are 16-18 years old in 2021 (born between 2003-2005). Note: 18 year-old athletes who choose to participate in these Games will not be eligible to participate in any international event in the Senior category in 2021;
- 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 five (5) members of the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games team as well as two (2) non-travelling alternate athletes will be named by the Men's Program Committee as follows:

- The top three (3) age eligible junior athletes by AA rank order from combined 2-day final score at 2021 U.S. Championships
- Accepted petitions to the Junior Pan Am Games following the petition procedures in Section 5.0
- The next up to two (2) age eligible junior athletes by rank order from combining AA final results and D scores from both days of competition (Final AA + Day 1 D score + Day 2 D score)
- The two non-traveling reserve athletes will be the next two age eligible junior athletes by AA rank order from combined 2-day final score at 2021 U.S. Championships, not already named to the team

Team members should expect to follow the verification plan laid out and communicated by the Men's Development Program Coordinator following U.S. Championships.

4.1 Coach Selection

The MPC will name the two (2) team coaches for the 2021 Junior Pan American Games. All USA Gymnastics Games 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 USOPC Games 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 and/or USOPC.
- 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 USOPC.
- 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 USOPC including attendance at USOPC Games related 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 IF 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.
- Be listed on USA Gymnastics' Long List and must have successfully completed all Games 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 addition, Coaches must:

- Possess a high level of specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport.
- Be a current High Performance Leader (HP Director, Program Coordinator or Assistant, National Team coach) or personal coach of an athlete nominated to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games team.
- Meet the following criteria:
 - Proven team leadership
 - Ability to communicate to athletes, coaches and judges
 - Attend all required meetings and training camps

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

4.2 Determination of athletes' competitive apparatus and start order

The competitive order and strategy will be determined by the team coaches with input from the team athletes. 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 onto the 2021 Junior Pan Am Games team may be submitted to the MPC 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/pages/home/pages/forms.html?#mens>
- 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 Games team

The following factors may be reviewed by the MPC when considering submitted petitions:

- D scores, E scores, and overall performance from major domestic and international competitions from 2019-2021 as well as routine videos submitted to the Development Program Coordinator in 2021
- Contributions to the team score potential based off of final scores from major domestic and international competitions from 2019-2021 and routine videos submitted to the Development Program Coordinator 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 Men's Program of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness as certified by a member of the USAG medical staff
- Violation of Men'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 USOC 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 Men's Development Program Coordinator, in consultation

with the team coach(es), the personal coaches, the USAG medical staff, and the Men's Program Vice President, will determine if a substitute or reserve member of the team should replace that athlete. If time permits, and it is deemed to be beneficial for the team a change will be made to the official coaching staff for the team.

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.

8.0 Anti-Doping Requirements

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

9.0 Announcement of Selection of Athletes and Coaches

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of USA Gymnastics. 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/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/usag-bylaws.pdf>

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 Men's Program Committee.

12.0 Athlete Ombudsman

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

- Telephone at 719-866-5000
- Email at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>