



2021 Senior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

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1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by the Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program of USA Gymnastics to nominate athletes to the 2021 Senior Pan American Championships taking place June 4-6 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

At the time of creation of this document, FIG has not confirmed this event's directives. Therefore, information in this document is subject to change. All affected parties will be notified of any changes to these procedures.

1.1 Objectives

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

- Rank in the top two places in the all-around final and earn a NOC quota spot for the 2020NE Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Note: As determined by the MPC, the top ranked U.S. athlete, who finishes ranked in the top two places in the AA final and earns a NOC quota spot for the USA will earn an automatic spot on the Senior National Team to be named following the 2021 U.S. Championships.

1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is five, plus one reserve athlete. The competition format is 5-4-3 for the Team Competition. However, the USA will utilize a 4-4-3 strategy to allow for four athletes to compete in the all-around. The fifth athlete will act as the traveling reserve. The team will depart Brazil following the AA competition and will not be participating in IE finals.

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

- Maximum of 5 athletes (Included is 1 designated traveling reserve)
- 2 team coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

Participation is fully funded by USA Gymnastics for the delegation.

1.3 Key Dates

April 4-May 1	Virtual Competitions/Video Submissions
April 28-May 2	Senior NT Training Camp
May 7	Nominative Registration Deadline
May 31	Arrival
June 4	MAG Team and AA competition
June 5	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 Championships;
- they are a minimum of 18 years of age by December 31, 2021;
- they are a current National Team athlete competing in the Senior category in 2021 and have signed the NT Agreement;
- **they were NOT a member of the 2019 World Championship team (alternates are still eligible)**
- they hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2021 Pan American Championships
- they are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics

Any competitor in the Pan American Championships 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 Process

Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the 2021 Senior Pan American Championships team may participate in a live competition where the routine videos from the competition will be submitted for judging. Athletes have from **April 4-May 1** to compete and submit their videos from the following events (one submission only):

- Training Gym: A virtual competition schedule will be created, and each athlete will be provided with a Zoom meeting link. Members of the MPC will be invited to watch the routines in real time. Simultaneously to the live performance, each routine must be recorded by a coach or teammate and uploaded for evaluation to the Men's Google Drive.
- NCAA Competition or Championships: Videos from competition must be recorded and uploaded to the Men's Google Drive
- Men's National Team Camp: Athletes may perform in a simulated competition environment. Videos will be uploaded to the Men's Google Drive

Athletes wishing to participate in this process must send an application via email to the Men's Program VP and High-Performance Director by **April 1, 2021**.

Applications should include:

- Athlete name and club/school
- Selected Event for video submission
- Preferred date and time for virtual competition (if using training)

Judging will take place on **May 2** with judging panels from 2021 US Championships evaluating all of their assigned routines from any qualification processes in one sitting. Athletes will be judged on each event in randomized order. Results will be compiled and distributed to the participants once all results are finalized.

The top five athletes by AA rank order will be nominated to the Senior Pan Am Championships. The sixth-place athlete will be named as the non-traveling reserve. Should these athletes turn down this assignment, then we will go down the list in rank order. In the event that there are less than three (3) athletes confirmed for this event, the MPC may elect to review non-NT athletes for this assignment. The official delegation will be submitted to FIG prior to the nominative deadline of May 7.

3.1 Equipment Specifications for Video Submission

Equipment and landing surfaces should meet FIG standards with Winter Cup matting regulations allowed. No deviations from these specifications will be permitted. Landings must be on hard surfaces.

Equipment Standards as follows:

- **FX:** 12m x 12m w/ up to 10cm additional landing mats allowed. The mat cannot be moved once in place and may be used for landings only. Floor boundary lines must be outlined in tape and visible on video.
- **PH:** 105cm from top of mat, 115cm from the floor
- **SR:** 280cm from the floor w/ a maximum of 30cm of mats allowed
- **VT:** 135cm measured from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required and a maximum of 50cm allowed. Vault landing lines must be outlined in tape and visible on video.
- **PB:** 180cm from the top of the mat, 200cm from the floor w/ additional 10cm landing mat allowed
- **HB:** 280cm from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required and a maximum of 50cm allowed

Competition uniforms must be work for all video submissions. No dark pants may be worn per FIG regulations

3.2 Camera Positioning

Camera set up and angles **must** follow the recommendations in the MAG Virtual Playbook to ensure consistency unless prohibited by competition restrictions. In this instance, effort must be made to be as close to the recommendations as possible. The MAG Virtual Playbook can be found here:

(https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Sanction/virtualplaybook_men.pdf)

4.0 Determination of Athletes' Competitive Apparatus and Start Order

The competitive order and strategy for this competition will be determined by the HPD, team coaches, and 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

No petitions will be accepted for this event. Athletes must participate in the qualification process to be eligible for this event

5.1 Athlete Substitution

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 High-Performance Director, in consultation with the athletes, 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.

5.2 Removal of Athletes

USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete 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. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness as certified by a member of the USAG medical staff
- Violation of Men's Program National Team Agreement

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' Bylaws, Article 10 and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

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.

6.0 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.

7.0 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.

8.0 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>

9.0 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.

10.0 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>