



2022 Senior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures March 2022

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 2022 Senior Pan American Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

***At the time of creation of this document, there are no official directives for this event. 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 is to nominate the best possible delegation for these championships who will be capable of achieving the following target:

- Win the team competition and qualify a team of five (5) athletes to the 2022 World 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.

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

- Maximum of 6 athletes (Included is 1 designated traveling reserve)
- 2 team coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

A minimum of two (2) judges will be assigned to the 2022 Senior Pan Am Championships.

Participation in this event is fully funded by USA Gymnastics for the delegation.

1.3 Key Dates

February 25-27	Winter Cup
June 4-8	Sr. Pan Am Selection Camp
July 11-17	Sr. Pan American Championships

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, 2022;
- they are a current National Team athlete competing in the Senior category in 2022 and have signed the NT Agreement;
- they hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2022 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

All Senior National Team athletes will be considered for the Sr Pan American Championships and the World University (FISU) Games but cannot attend both events due to timing and eligibility requirements.

Those eligible National Team athletes will participate in a 1-day competition at the June 4-8 Pan American Championship Selection Camp. Athletes already named to the FISU Games team may not be eligible to participate in the selection process for Sr Pan Am Championships due to the registration deadlines for FISU Games.

The top-scoring team scenario from the 1-day competition results using a 5-4-3 format will be named to the 2022 Sr Pan American Championships Team. If an athlete successfully petitions to the Sr Pan American Championship Team, they may replace any of the athletes listed in the top scoring team scenario. That athlete(s) must demonstrate a show of readiness through the procedures in section 4.0.

The MPC will designate the traveling replacement athlete for the Senior Pan American Championships. The remaining National Team athletes will be designated as non-traveling replacement athletes.

4.0 Petition Procedures and Requirements

Only current National Team athletes, with a specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibits the athlete from participating in the competitive process, will be permitted to

submit a petition to the MPC for the right to be named to the 2022 Sr Pan Am Championships Team.

Petitions are due to the Chair of the MPC by the end of the Selection Camp competition on June 7, 2022 and must include the following:

- Completed petition form found here:
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
- Medical report from USAG medical staff, if applicable
- Return to play schedule/timeline

An athlete who successfully petitions to the 2022 Sr Pan Am Championships Team will be required to demonstrate readiness at least three (3) weeks prior to our team departure date. The criteria for demonstrating readiness are as follows:

- The athlete must perform full routines on all required events and be filmed for MPC review
- If the MPC determines that the athlete's performances are not at the level necessary to remain on the Sr Pan Am Team, then the athlete will be removed from the team and a replacement will be determined from the following factors:
 - The athlete demonstrates contribution to a top team score based off results from competition at the Selection Camp or video submissions
 - The athlete is performing at an internationally competitive level
 - Overall health as determined by USAG medical staff

4.1 Equipment Specifications for Video Submission

Equipment and landing surfaces will 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.
- **PH:** 105cm from top of mat, 115cm from the floor
- **SR:** 280cm from the floor w/ 30cm of mats required
- **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 worn. No dark pants may be worn per FIG regulations

5.0 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.

6.0 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 an athlete does not meet the criteria above or they cannot participate in the competition due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance, then the Men's Program Committee will determine if a substitute or replacement 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 as well.

7.0 Removal of Athletes

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the MPC 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 Men's Program Vice President.
- Injury or illness as certified by a member of the USAG medical staff
- Violation of Men's Program National Team Agreement, USAG Safe Sport Policy, or USAG Ethical Code of Conduct.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' Opportunity to Participate grievance process 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, FISU, PASO, IPC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

8.0 Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, FISU, 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. 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 Grievance Procedures

USA Gymnastics Opportunity to Participate Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/grievance.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 USOPC 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>