

January 26, 2021

IEC Minutes

Natalya Kozitskaya (Chair)	Coach Representative (non-voting)
Natasha Klimouk	Coach Representative
Olga Kutuzova	Coach Representative
Lyudmila Kerznerman	Coach Representative
Margarita Mamzina	Coach Representative
Nataliya Kiriyeenko	Coach Representative
Rebecca Sereda	Athlete Representative
Serena Lu	Athlete Representative (non-voting)
Caroline Hunt (non-voting)	Rhythmic Program Director

The IEC considered age-based criteria in light of the new Olympic cycle event implications. The most recent competition results were used. Given how much has evolved since the pandemic, members discussed the importance of opportunity for an expanded field of Level 9 and 10 Juniors.

The Rhythmic Challenge Invitational must be smaller in size due to medical protocols; an online national invitational will be held March 19-21 for L9 Hopes and Juniors not invited to the Challenge Invitational based on the criteria established below, including non-citizens.

Proposal: Olga Kutuzova

Second: Lyudmila Kerznerman

(Passed Unanimously)

2021 Rhythmic Challenge Eligible Participants (Group & Individual Competition)

Eligible participants for the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge are per the Rhythmic Rules & Policies.

Note: The Rules & Policies States:

Gymnasts will compete in their valid age-divisions based on the year of the Challenge. 1. If either the Junior or Senior divisions in the year of the Challenge have less than 6 gymnasts, the next gymnast(s) in all-around rank-order from the respective age-division of the Championships will be invited.

Due to not having a USA Gymnastics Championships in 2020, results of the 2020 Rhythmic Invitational have been taken into account along with international representation to determine which Juniors are invited to the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge. The top 3 Juniors from the 2020 Invitational who have also represented USA officially in international competition are invited to join the current Junior National Team members in the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge.

2021 Rhythmic Invitational Eligible Participants (Individual Competition Only)

(Targeting athletes who are Level 9/10 Juniors in 2021-2024 by most current results. All athletes must be USA Citizens to participate in the 2021 Challenge & Invitational. Athletes who placed in the criteria below, but do not have USA Citizenship will be eligible for the online invitational in March, not the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge & Invitational in February and we will drop down to the next athlete who is a USA Citizen for the February 2021 Rhythmic Challenge & Invitational)

From the 2020 Rhythmic Invitational (Most Current Competition Results)

- 2006 – Top 6 from 2020 Inv, excluding those invited to the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge = **Total 6 Gymnasts**
- 2007 – Top 6 from 2020 Inv, plus Victoria Gonikman (unable to compete in 2020 Challenge due to illness, represented USA Internationally in 2019) and Kaylee Forest (2019 Level 8 Champion, but eliminated from the pathway for qualification to the 2020 Rhythmic Invitational due to injury) = **Total 8 Gymnasts**
- 2008/2009 – All from 2020 Rhy Inv, excluding those invited to the 2021 Rhythmic Challenge = **Total 5 Gymnasts**
- Any Level 10 junior not already accounted for in the above

Note: The top 16 Level 8s from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships were invited to the 2020 Rhythmic Invitational.

From the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships (Second Most Current Competition Results, which target athletes who were level 7 at that time and are now level 9 and age eligible)

- Top 8 Level 7s from 2019 USA Gym Champs born 2007, 2008, 2009 = **Total 8 Gymnasts**

See above for note about Level 8 from the 2019 USA Gymnastics Championships

From the 2019 Junior Olympic Championships (Third Most Current Competition Results, which target athletes who were level 6 at that time and are now level 9 and age eligible)

- Top 4 Level 6 from the 2019 Junior Olympic Championships born in 2009, 2008, and 2007, if they are competing as Level 9 in 2021 = **Total 4 Gymnasts**