



**USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE & COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2022 WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS – SOFIA, BULGARIA
TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

I. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

A. Overall Goal

1. The overall goal for athletes selected in the 2022 World Age Group Competitions Team is to have the potential to finish in the top half of the field at the event.
2. In order to focus resources towards providing the best chance to selected athletes to achieve their potential, and in order to retain a minimum competitive standard for USA Gymnastics T&T teams, minimum selection scores have been set as a base level for an athlete to be selected.
3. USAG has a commitment to protecting young athletes. In order to ensure the health and safety of athletes at this event, given the organizational logistics of the event (including unavailability of parent credentials), athletes must be aged no younger than 13 years as of December 31, 2022.

II. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team

1. Citizenship
 - a. Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the start of the selection process and at the time of selection hold a current U.S. Passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the event.
2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation (if any)
 - a. Athlete must be 13-21 years of age on December 31, 2022.
 - b. Athlete must hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of event accreditation.
 - c. Athlete must not be a competing athlete at the 2022 World Championships, in the same discipline.
3. Other requirements (if any)
 - a. Athlete must compete as Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Senior Elite or Intermediate Elite at time of the Tryout Events noted in II.B.1.:
 - 13-14 years of age: Youth Elite
 - 15-16 years of age: Junior Elite
 - 17-21 years of age: Senior Elite or Intermediate Elite

- b. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics.
- c. Any athlete aged 18 or older will be required to complete SafeSport training.

B. Tryout Events

1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, events, and camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - 2022 Winter Classic – March 4-6, Daytona Beach, FL
 - 2022 Elite Challenge – April 21-24, Irving, TX
 - 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships – June 21-26, Des Moines, IA
 - b. To be eligible for selection, athletes must compete full qualification routines at two (2) of the three (3) Tryout Events (i.e.: 20 elements in Individual Trampoline, 16 elements in Tumbling, and 4 elements in Double Mini; or until interruption; saluting does not fulfill this requirement).
 - c. Additional information regarding the final competition dates, competition schedule and the competition format will be published on the USA Gymnastics website prior to the start of each of the Tryout Events.
2. Event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for any Tryout Events, or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the Tryout Events.
 - a. To qualify to compete at the Tryout Events, athletes must meet mobility requirements as a Youth Elite 13-14, Junior Elite, Senior Elite or Intermediate Elite as stated in the [2021-2022 T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI.).
 - b. To compete at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the [2021-2022 T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI.).

C. Comprehensive, step-by-step description of how athletes will go through the selection process (including maximum team size)

1. Maximum team size
 - a. Up to four (4) males and four (4) females plus one (1) non-traveling alternate in each gender, in the disciplines of Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini and the divisions 13-14, 15-16 and 17-21 will be selected for the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team.
2. Definitions:
 - a. Qualification Score:
 - Trampoline SE & IE: The Qualification Score is the counting routine from Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Tryout Event.

- Trampoline YE 13-14 & JE: The Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Tryout Event.
 - Tumbling & Double Mini (all age groups): The Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Tryout Event.
- b. Combined Score: The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two (2) Qualification Scores from the three (3) Tryout Events.
- Senior Elite and Intermediate Elite: scores achieved in either division may both be used to contribute to a single Combined Score.
 - Youth Elite 13-14 and Junior Elite: Scores being used to make up a Combined Score must all have been achieved within the same division.

c. Preferential Qualification Score: The Preferential Qualification Score can be achieved through any Qualification Score as defined in II.C.2.a-b. The Preferential Qualification Scores are:

Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
13-14 Girls	89.0	43.3	47.6
13-14 Boys	89.0	43.3	48.4
15-16 Girls	92.5	43.6	48.4
15-16 Boys	93.0	46.5	50.8
17-21 Women	50.0	45.1	49.2
17-21 Men	53.0	46.6	52.4

d. Minimum Qualification Score: The Minimum Qualification Score can be achieved through any Qualification Score as defined in II.C.2.a-b. The Minimum Qualification Scores are:

Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
13-14 Girls	86.0	42.1	45.6
13-14 Boys	86.0	42.1	46.4
15-16 Girls	89.5	42.4	46.4
15-16 Boys	90.0	43.2	48.8
17-21 Women	48.0	43.1	47.2
17-21 Men	51.0	44.9	50.4

3. Process for selection

- a. For the 17-21 age group, Senior Elite and Intermediate Elite athletes will be combined into a single ranking.
- b. Up to three (3) athletes with the highest Combined Score at the conclusion of the three (3) Tryout Events (II.B.1.) will be selected for the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team, provided they have met or exceeded the Preferential Qualification Score at least once in the selection process.
- Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
 - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section III.).

- c. In addition to athletes who earn a spot on the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team per II.C.3.b, the selection committee, using the discretionary selection criteria in III., may add athletes (up to the maximum team size of four (4) plus one (1) non-traveling alternate) from among:
 - Athletes with the next highest Combined Score, provided they have met or exceeded the Minimum Qualification Score at least once in the selection process.
 - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
 - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section III.).
 - Petitioners, based on having a high potential to meet the Overall Goal per I.A.1, using the criteria outlined in II.D.
- d. For the 17-21 age group, athletes named to the 2022 World Championships as alternates (traveling or non-traveling) in the same discipline will also be eligible for the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team.
- e. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions Trampoline team. The pairs will be named by the Trampoline Junior National Team Coordinator, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee.

D. Petition Procedures

1. Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the team to be unable to participate in one (1) or more steps in that process.
2. Procedures for petitioning into the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the 2021-2022 [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Section VI.II.B.1-6).
3. Athletes may petition directly to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team.
4. Petitions to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committees and must be received by the T&T Program Director as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of competition at the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.
5. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor approved by USA Gymnastics.

6. To be eligible to petition, the athlete must have been a medalist at the 2021 World Age Group Competitions in the same discipline.
7. In considering the petition, the Selection Committees will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in III.B.2.

E. Selection Committees Members

1. The Selection Committees (SCs) are three-member voting bodies:

Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
Selection Committees Chair	Selection Committees Chair	Selection Committees Chair
Elite Committees Trampoline Representative	Elite Committees Tumbling Representative	Elite Committees Double Mini Representative
Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative	Athlete Selection Representative

- The PC Chair, the Program Director, and the National or Junior National Coordinator of the applicable discipline will be invited to attend as guests.
2. Conflict of Interest
 - a. If a Committee member (excluding the Athlete Representative) recuses themselves from a Committee vote for any reason, then a replacement will cast the vote instead, in the following order:
 - Program Committee Chair
 - Members of the SCs for other T&T disciplines
 - International experts (defined as an athlete / coach / judge with world-level competition or judging experience)
 - b. If the Athlete Representative recuses themselves from voting for any reason, then a replacement athlete representative (approved in advance by the Athletes Council) will cast the vote instead.
 - c. The [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) is published on the USA Gymnastics website.

III. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

A. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any)

1. While Trampoline & Tumbling is a subjectively judged discipline, these procedures primarily rely on objective criteria for selecting athletes to the team through rankings and results at the Tryout Events. However, there are two scenarios where discretionary selection criteria will be evaluated: through the petition process, and in the unlikely case of a tie.

- B. Discretionary criteria and how they will be used
1. Discretionary criteria may be used in two scenarios:
 - a. Reviewing and deciding on any submitted petitions.
 - b. Breaking a tie, where Combined Score and highest Qualification Score are the same for multiple athletes.
 2. Criteria used by the Selection Committees include (not listed in order of importance):
 - 2021-2022 international performance and experience, including result, type, frequency, and caliber of the event(s), to which USA Gymnastics assigned athletes (these events can be found on the [2021](#) and [2022](#) T&T calendars).
 - 2021-2022 domestic performance and experience, including result, type, frequency, and caliber of the event(s) to be considered, which include the 2021 VIP Classic, 2022 Winter Classic, 2021 & 2022 Elite Challenge, and 2021 & 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships.
 - Total score potential: prior Qualification or Final scores.
 - Successful routine completion percentage at 2021-2022 international and domestic events listed in III.B.2, bullet 1-2.
 - Any physical, training or performance factor, which might inhibit peak performance at the 2022 World Age Group Competitions.
 - Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.
 3. Criteria used for selection of synchronized trampoline pairs includes:
 - Existing pair with prior successful results.
 - Identification of a new pairing with possible medal potential.
 - Synchro pair preferences.
 4. The SCs may request any information from any person or entity that they reasonably believe will be helpful in the decision-making process.

IV. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is to be selected to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics based on a likely inability to meet the Overall Goal per I.A.1. or due to not being in good standing per i.3.b.:
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Gymnastics Program Director.

- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Lack of performance in training, which inhibits peak performance at the 2022 World Age Group Competitions.
- Failure to participate in mandatory training and/or competition as defined in these procedures.
- Violation of USA Gymnastics [Code of Ethical Conduct](#) or National Team Agreement.
- Violation of WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Gymnastics policies and procedures.
- An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Gymnastics grievance process.

V. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
1. The replacement athlete in the gender where the vacancy occurred will fill the vacancy and a new replacement may be named using the process outlined in II.C. Depending on the timing of replacement and event registration deadlines, new replacement athletes may not be named or may be designated as non-traveling.
- B. Committees responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
1. See II.E.

VI. COACH SELECTION

- A. The coaches for the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team will be selected from among the National Team Coordinators, the personal coaches of the team members, and other experienced coaches.
1. The Selection Committees will name the 2022 World Age Group Competitions coaches following the determination of the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team at the conclusion of the 2022 USA Gymnastics Championships, based on the number of available credentials and the needs of the team.
 2. Criteria to be considered in selecting the 2022 World Age Group Competitions coaches include (not listed in order of importance):
 - USA Gymnastics Competitive Coach member in good standing
 - International experience

- Proven leadership ability
- Rapport with athletes
- Technical knowledge
- National Team Coordinator or personal coach of an athlete named to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team.
- Available to attend the 2022 World Age Group Competitions Preparation Camp.
- Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Responsibilities Manual.

B. Removal of Coach

1. A coach who is to be selected to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:
 - Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to USA Gymnastics Program Director.
 - Injury or illness which inhibits the ability to perform coaching duties as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If a coach refuses verification of their injury or illness by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics, his/her injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - Failure to participate in mandatory training and/or competition as defined in these procedures.
 - Violation of USA Gymnastics [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), and National Team Agreement policies and procedures.
 - Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Gymnastics policies and procedures.
 - Should an athlete be removed from the team pursuant to IV., the personal coach of that athlete may also be removed. Factors that may be taken into consideration when evaluating removal include timing of the removal, availability of credentials, status of a replacement athlete, and the needs of the team.
 - If the individual becomes ineligible for leadership.
2. Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through the USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

VII. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. USA Gymnastics will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six (6) months past the date of the 2022 World Age Group Competitions.

VIII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A. The following documents are required to be adhered to/signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2022 World Age Group Competitions and can be found on the USA Gymnastics website:

- [USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#)
- [USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
- [National Team Agreement](#)

IX. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

A. The USA Gymnastics approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics in the following locations:

- [USA Gymnastics website](#)
- Direct email distribution to age-eligible national team members and their personal coaches.

X. DATE OF NOMINATION

A. The selection of athletes including replacements, will be announced on or before:

1. July 8, 2022

XI. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

A. Specify the location, schedule, and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

1. 2022 World Age Group Competitions Preparation camp – October 14-17, location TBA.
2. 2022 World Age Group Competitions – November 21-26, Sofia, Bulgaria.

XII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

XIII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

A. The following committees were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee	
Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Committee	
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey
T&T Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner
T&T Elite Committees Chair	Recused
T&T Technical Committees Chair	Deanna Hanford
T&T Development Committees Chair	Recused
T&T Athlete Selection Representative	Michael Devine
T&T Elite Committee Trampoline Representative	Recused
T&T Elite Committee Tumbling Representative	Recused
T&T Elite Committee DMT Representative	Recused

XIV. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES



A. The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).

XV. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

- A. These procedures are based on FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in 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.
- B. If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the Tryout Events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised by **the USA Gymnastics Program Director**.

XVI. SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2022 World Age Group Competitions:

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President and CEO	Li Li Leung		Jan 6, 2022
T&T Program Director	Jacqui Godfrey		Jan 6, 2022

Athlete Representative	Michael Devine	 <small>Michael Devine (Jan 6, 2022 14:49 EST)</small>	Jan 6, 2022
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