

The Acrobatic World Championships 2026 Selection Report

Meeting Date: June 28, 2026

Meeting Location: Tulsa, OK

Report Date: July, 1, 2026

Report of the Acrobatic Athlete Selection Committee Meeting

Attendees

Ronda Francis – Elite Committee Chair

Jennifer Banowsky – Elite Coach

Mo Arthur – Athlete Representative

Nicole Barrilleaux – International Expert (non-voting)

Lanie Sherrick – Acrobatics High Performance and Program Manager (non-voting)

Aya Ichida – Independent Observer (Attended via Zoom) (non-voting)

Selection Criteria

The 2026 World Championships Selection Procedures for Acrobatics can be found here:

https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/selection/a_26worlds.pdf

Summary of the Meeting

The Elite Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 11:37PM CST. Lanie Sherrick inquired if any committee member needs to declare any conflict-related concern in relation to any item on the Committee Agenda. No conflicts were noted.

Agenda: Naming the 2026 World Championship Team.

Senior Women's Pair

Women's Pair discussion opened. Sydney Padios and Willow Noble (IAGT) were the only pair entered in contention for the Senior Women's Pair position on the 2026 World Championship Team. As there were no other contenders, the pair's competition scores and performances were reviewed by the Committee and found to meet the expectations and criteria for selection onto the World Championship Team.

Senior Women's Pair – Score(s) and Rankings					
Athletes	Balance	Dynamic	Qualification	Finals	Total Pts/Rank
Padios, Noble	27.80 (Rank 1)	27.08 (Rank 1)	54.88 (Rank 1)	28.10 (Rank 1)	1

USA 1 Sydney Padios / Willow Noble – Named to the 2026 World Championship Team

Senior Women's Group

Women's Group discussion opened. None of the Senior Women's Groups met the automatic criteria for selection onto the World Championship Team. Therefore, the discretionary criteria were evaluated and ranked below. Note that the discretionary criteria and their sub-bullets are considered equivalent and evaluated in no particular order.

Elements Performed

Athletes	Extra Consideration due to meeting minimums listed	Total Difficulty	Bonus / Quality Elements	Skills Logically Combined	Technical Performance	Total #	Category Rank
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	Y/Y/Y (0)	1.52 1.39 2.02 (*rank 1, tied)	4 quality/bonus elements (0B/2B/1B) – both forward and backward triples performed in one routine, a unique and identifiable combination (rank 1)	1	1	4	1
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	N/Y/Y (1)	1.28 1.47 2.20 (*rank 1, tied)	2 bonus elements (0B/1B/1B) (rank 2)	1	2	7	2
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	Y/Y/Y (0)	1.44 1.40 1.91 (rank 3)	2 bonus elements (1B/0B/1B) (rank 2)	1	2	8	3

* Separated by a margin the Committee considers negligible — i.e., too small to reliably reflect a difference in performance — the Committee ranked them as tied.

Artistry and Presentation

Athletes	FIG Artistry (Average Score: B/D/C)	Intricacy / Complexity, Identity / Memorability, Sophistication	Total #	Rank
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	B 8.9 / D 8.8 / C 9.05 (26.75) – rank 1	All equivalent (1/1/1)	4	1 (tied)
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	B 8.7 / D 8.65 / C 8.8 (26.15) – rank 2	All equivalent (1/1/1)	5	2
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	B 8.95 / D 8.8 / C 9.0 (26.75) – rank 1	All equivalent (1/1/1)	4	1 (tied)

International Caliber and Overall Experience

Athletes	Int'l Caliber	Poise / Presence	Previous Experience	Mental / Physical	Professional Attitude
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	1	1	2	1	1
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	1	1	3	1	1
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	1	1	1	1	1

Category Ranking (by total points): Williams/Djoumgoue/Cunningham – 2; O'Brien/Slade/Eddy – 3; Azerrad/DeVaul/Rawls-Blodgett – 1.

Score(s) and Ranking(s) from the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships

Athletes	Balance	Dynamic	Qualification	Finals	Total Pts	Rank
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	28.57 (1)	28.59 (1)	57.16 (1)	29.07 (1)	4	1
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	27.68 (2)	27.62 (3)	55.30 (3)	28.20 (2)	10	2
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	27.59 (3)	28.00 (2)	55.59 (2)	28.01 (3)	10	2

Medal Potential

Athletes	GC- Qualification Score	Rank	Proven Ability to Reach Finals	Medal Potential Rank
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	57.16	1	0/2 (injured at 1st World Cup)	1
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	55.42	3	0/3	3
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	55.59	2	2/3 World Cup	2

Senior Women's Group – Overall Discretionary Evaluation

Athletes	Elements Performed	Artistry & Presentation	Int'l Caliber / Experience	Score(s) & Rankings	Medal Potential	Total Points	Overall Rank
Williams, Djoumgoue, Cunningham	1	1	2	1	1	6	USA 1
O'Brien, Slade, Eddy	2	2	3	2	3	12	Alternate
Azerrad, DeVaul, Rawls-Blodgett	3	1	1	2	2	9	USA 2

USA 1 Juli Williams / Carmelle Djoumgoue / Aubrie Cunningham – Selected by Discretionary Criteria

USA 2 Roni Azerrad / Layla DeVaul / Ayden Rawls-Blodgett – Selected by Discretionary Criteria

Alternate Fiona O'Brien / Elize Slade / Emelia Eddy – Selected by Discretionary Criteria

Senior Men's Pair

Men's Pair discussion opened. Yaroslav Ossolodkov and Vsevolod Ossolodkov (IAGT) were the only pair entered in contention for the Senior Men's Pair position on the 2026 World Championship Team. As there were no other contenders, the pair's competition results were reviewed by the Committee and found to meet the expectations and criteria for selection onto the World Championship Team.

Senior Mixed Pair – Score(s) and Rankings					
Athletes	Balance	Dynamic	Qualification	Finals	Rank
Ossolodkov, Ossolodkov	30.10 (Rank 1)	29.26 (Rank 1)	59.36 (Rank 1)	29.49 (Rank 1)	1

USA 1 Yaroslav Ossolodkov / Vsevolod Ossolodkov – Named to the 2026 World Championship Team

Motion

A motion was made by Jennifer Banowsky to add the following pair/groups to the 2026 World Championship Team:

WP

- USA 1 Sydney Padios / Willow Noble

WG

- USA 1 Juli Williams / Carmelle Djoumgoue / Aubrie Cunningham
- USA 2 Roni Azerrad / Layla DeVaul / Ayden Rawls-Blodgett
- Alternate Fiona O'Brien / Elize Slade / Emelia Eddy

MP

- USA 1 Yaroslav Ossolodkov / Vsevolod Ossolodkov

Mo Arthur seconded the motion.

All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24AM.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this report accurately reflects the meeting of the Acrobatic Selection Committee for the selection of the 2026 World Championship Acrobatic Team.

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