



2023 Senior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures

April 2023

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 2023 Senior Pan American Championships taking place May 22-29 in Medellin, Colombia.

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:

- Win the Team competition and gain experience in a 3 up, 3 count Team Finals format

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 Qualification and 5-3-3 for Team Finals.

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

- Maximum of 6 athletes (included is 1 designated traveling reserve)
- Up to 6 team coaches, not to exceed the number of gymnasts
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

Participation is fully funded by USA Gymnastics for the delegation.

1.3 Key Dates

April 26	Nominative Registration Deadline
April 27-30	FIG World Cup - Cairo
May 3-7	Senior NT Training Camp – Pan Am Championships & World University Games Selection Event
May 21	Arrival to Medellin
May 26	Team Qualification, AA & IE Finals
May 28	Team Finals

USAG will be required to submit athletes to meet nominal registration deadlines prior to the Pan Am Selection competition. Those names may be made public by the Local Organizing Committee, FIG or PAGU. Those names are non-binding and will be changed following the results of the selection process.

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, 2023 and they have not participated in any international competitions as a junior athlete in 2023
- they are a current National Team athlete competing in the Senior category in 2023 and have signed the NT Agreement
- they hold a valid FIG License (for USA) that does not expire before the end of the 2023 Pan American Championships
- they are a current member in good standing with USA Gymnastics

3.0 Process

Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the 2023 Senior Pan American Championships will participate in a 1-day selection competition during the Senior National Team Camp taking place May 3-7, 2023. Results from the competition, **which will not include D score bonus**, will be used to create team scoring scenarios as has been done for previous team selections. The top scoring team utilizing a 5-4-3 team format will be named to the Pan Am Championships.

Athletes who compete at the FIG World Cup in Cairo may choose to use their score(s) from the Cairo Qualification session(s) for the Pan Am team scoring scenarios but must inform the High Performance Director (HPD) prior to competing in Cairo if they will be utilizing scores from that event for selection. Those athletes may also add event scores from the Pan Am Selection competition for events that they did not compete in Cairo as long as they have one counting score per event. For example, an athlete may count their FX and SR scores from the Cairo Qualifications and their PH, VT, PB and HB from the Pan Am Selection competition, for a total of six event scores which will count towards the team scoring scenarios.

An athlete will not be permitted to compete the same event at both Cairo and the Pan Am Selection competition for a counting score to the team scenarios. If an athlete elects to use their score(s) from Cairo Qualifications on Pommel Horse, then they will not be permitted to compete on Pommel Horse for a counting score at the Selection competition. This ensures all athletes get one attempt on each event to contribute a score for the team scenarios.

The next athlete listed in the team scoring scenarios, after the five athletes named to the team, will be named as the traveling reserve athlete. That athlete is expected to maintain

competition readiness throughout the Pan Am Championships in the event that one of the team members is unable to compete.

4.0 Determination of Athletes' Competitive Apparatus and Start Order

The competitive order and strategy for this competition will be determined by the HPD, in consultation with 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.

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 as determined by team athletes and coaches

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 the 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.

7.0 Removal of Athletes

An athlete who is to be selected to the Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed from the Team for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Vice President of Men's Program of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness as certified by an examining physician and verified 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' Opportunity to Participate grievance process.

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.

8.0 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.

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 Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/usag-bylaws.pdf>

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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 Senior Selection Committee.

12.0 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>