



## **2024 Junior Pan American Championships Selection Procedures**

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### **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 2024 Junior Pan American Championships taking place in Santa Marta, Columbia.

### **1.1 Objectives**

The objective of these processes and procedures is to nominate the best possible delegation for these championships from the pool of Junior National Team athletes in the FIG 15 & 18 year age groups only, who will be capable of achieving the following target(s):

- Win the team competition
- Win the all-around competition
- Win at least five (5) individual medals

### **1.2 Delegation Size and Financial Considerations**

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is five, including one reserve athlete. The competition format is 4-4-3 for the Team Competition.

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

- Maximum of 5 athletes (Included is 1 designated traveling reserve)
- 4 team coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff

Three (3) judges will be assigned to the 2024 Junior Pan Am Championships.

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

### **1.3 Key Dates**

May 7-12, 2024	Men's Program Development National Championships
May 17, 2024	Tentative departure date
May 18-26, 2024	Jr. Pan Am Championships, Santa Marta, Columbia

## 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 Jr. Pan Am Championships
- They are either the ages of 15 or 18 years old by December 31, 2024
- FIG 15-year age group athletes must compete in two days of competition at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships
- They are a current National Team athlete and have signed the NT Agreement
  - Athletes in the FIG 15-year age group will be named to the 2024 Junior National Team at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships
- They hold a valid FIG License that does not expire before the end of the 2024 Pan American Championships
- They are a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics
- They have not competed as a Senior athlete at any FIG sanctioned competition in 2024 prior to the 2024 Jr. Pan American Championships takes place

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

The Junior Selection Committee (JSC) will name up to seven (7) age eligible athletes to the Jr. Pan Am Team following the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships, including one (1) traveling reserve and two (2) non-traveling reserve athletes. Athletes will be named using all-around scores from the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships\*

### 3.1 Team Composition

- The team format for Junior Pan Am Championships is 4-4-3
- Team composition for the U.S will be from the FIG 15 and 18 year-old age groups only
- Three (3) spots will be awarded to athletes in the 18 year age group
- One (1) spot will be awarded to athletes in the 15 year age group
- Three (3) reserve athletes will be awarded in the FIG 15 or 18 year age group,

### 3.2 FIG 18 Year Age Group

- There are total seven (7) current FIG 18 Junior National Team members in 2024
- Per USAG Selection Procedures to 2024 USA Championships, three (3) athletes in this age group will qualify to USA Championships after 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships concludes

- One (1) of seven (7) FIG 18 athletes is already pre-qualified to 2024 USA Championships, leaving six (6) athletes eligible for 2024 Junior Pan American Championships in this age group.
- If the three (3) athletes who qualify to the 2024 USA Championships are current Junior National Team members in the FIG 18 age group, the remaining three (3) will be named to the 2024 Junior Pan Am Championships competing squad, as long as they meet all eligibility criteria. This will include petitions. See section [6.0]
- If there are more than three (3) FIG 18 Junior National Team members who do not qualify to 2024 USA Championships, the FIG 18 Junior National Team athletes with the top 2 all-around scores, after two days of competition, at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships will be named to the Junior Pan American Championships Team
- The third spot in the FIG 18 year age group will be named using discretionary criteria, and will include petitions. See sections [4.0, 6.0]
- FIG 18 athletes who do not have scores from the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships will be eligible using the petition process in section [6.0]

### 3.3 FIG 15 Year Age Group

- After two days of competition, the top-ranked athlete via all-around final results in the 15 year age group at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships will be named to the 2024 Junior Pan Am Championships competing squad, as long as they meet all eligibility criteria

### 3.4 Age Group Competition Bonus

- Men's Development Program age group competition bonus will be included in all tabulations. If an athlete's final score includes apparatus bonuses, those bonuses will remain when determining team selection

### 3.5 Reserve Athletes

- After the processes in section 3.2 and 3.3 have taken place, three (3) reserve athletes will be named from the FIG 15 or FIG 18 year age group, using discretionary criteria
- Two day all-around final results at the 2024 Men's Development Program National Championships, discretionary criteria, and scores submitted with FIG 18 petitions will be used to determine reserve athletes
- If one (1) FIG 18 athlete remains after the processes in section 3.2 and 3.3 have taken place, that athlete will be the traveling reserve
- If more than one (1) FIG 18 athlete remains after the processes in section 3.2 and 3.3 have taken place, the traveling reserve will be chosen using discretionary criteria
- One (1) reserve athlete must be from the FIG 15 year age group
- Reserve athletes must meet all eligibility criteria to be named as reserve athletes

#### 4.0 Discretionary Criteria

- Rankings within domestic championship events
- International experience – the athlete has represented the USA internationally or the athlete needs to gain international experience representing the USA internationally to prepare for future opportunities
- Overall competitiveness (D, E, and final scores) with top international athletes across major junior international events in 2023 and 2024
- Major junior international events include, but are not limited to the following competitions:
  - World Championships, Junior International Invitationals (DTB Pokal, Berlin Team Cup, etc.), Continental Championships, Major Games (Youth Olympic Games, Asian Games, Pan Am Games, European Youth Olympic Festival, etc.)

#### 5.0 Determination of Athletes' Competitive Apparatus and Start Order

The competitive order and strategy for this competition will be determined by the Men's Development Program Director (MDPD), 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 Petitions

##### 6.1 Petitions for FIG 18 athletes

- Only FIG 18 National Team athletes, with a specific injury, illness, or unusual circumstance, will be permitted to submit a petition to the JSC for the right to be named to the 2024 Jr. Pan Am Championships Team.

Petitions are due to the Chair of the (JSC) by May 9, 2024, and must include the following:

- Completed petition form found here:  
<https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
- Return to play schedule/timeline, if applicable
- One (1) or two (2) sets of all-around scores from either 2024 Winter Cup, 2024 Elite Team Cup, or any USAG funded international competition in 2024.
- The submitted all-around scores will be evaluated against the eligible field of athletes who meet the criteria in section 3.2

An injured athlete who successfully petitions to the 2024 Jr. Pan Am Championships Team will be required to demonstrate readiness by May 11, 2024. The criteria for demonstrating readiness are as follows:

- The athlete(s) must perform live full routines on all six events in one day and be filmed for (JSC) review
  - (JSC) review means at least 1 member of the JSC (voting or non-voting) can watch the routines live using zoom, facetime, or other live video systems
- The athlete's performance must show competitiveness with other athletes named to the team

If the (JSC) determines that the athlete's performances are not at the level necessary to remain on the 2024 Junior Pan Am Championships Team, then the athlete will be removed from the team and the traveling reserve athlete will be named as the replacement

#### 6.2 Petitions for FIG 15 athletes

- Petitions in the FIG 15 year age group to the 2024 Pan American Championships will not be accepted. In the event the JSC is unable to fulfill the quota of the team given the selection procedures, a new selection procedure including athletes in the 16 and 17 year age group will be considered.

### 7.0 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 Junior Selection 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.

### 7.1 Removal of Athletes

USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential team members. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Gymnastics 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 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 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, 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 Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://static.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](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)  
<http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>