

USA GYMNASTICS
PARKOUR ATHLETE AND COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2022 WORLD GAMES – BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
April 4, 2022

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements.

- Athlete must be a national citizen of the United States at the time of selection to the World Games Team.
- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the World Games

1.1.2. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) standards for participation (if any).

- Athletes must be at least 17 years of age by December 31, 2022
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2022 World Games accreditation

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any).

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics at the time of the 2022 World Games
- Athlete must be female
- Any athlete aged 18 or older as of the conclusion of the World Games must have completed USA Gymnastics' U110: US Center for SafeSport Core Course online training, available at <https://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U110/>
- Must have competed in an organized Parkour competition in the last two years

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Athletes must submit a video of their freestyle run.

- The video must be taken within six (6) months of submission
- Videos should show full runs; short clips of skills will not be considered
- Videos must be submitted before April 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm EDT
- Competition video is preferred, but not required

1.2.2. Athletes must submit competition results.

- At least one (1) set of competition results is required
- Only results from 2020-2022 will be accepted
- Results must state if they are from preliminary competition or finals, if applicable
- Results should include:
 - a. Freestyle: Score, final placement; including total number of participants
- Results must state date, location and name of competition. Video of competition is preferred but not required.
- Results must be verifiable
- Results must be submitted before Wednesday, April 29th 5:00pm EDT

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size):

1.3.1. Athletes will be named to the World Games team by the Selection Committee based on discretionary selection criteria (see section 2).

1.3.2. The World Games team is comprised of one (1) female who may compete in both the speed and freestyle competitions.

1.3.3. Maximum of one (1) non-traveling alternate.

1.4. Petition Procedures:

1.4.1. No Petitions will be accepted.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

2.1.1. The following three (3) criteria will be evaluated based on performance in submitted video. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Connections between Parkour and acrobatic moves
- Difficulty and variation of Parkour moves highlighted by the use of obstacles during the run commensurate with World-level competitors
- Difficulty and variation of Acrobatic moves throughout the run to show flow and mastery commensurate with World-level competitors

2.1.2. The following four (4) criteria will be evaluated based on previous competition results. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Experience: Number and type of competitions in 2020-2022
- Performance and ranking from those events
- Quality of the competitive field
- Consistency: ranking at multiple events

2.2. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Selection Committee:

- Parkour Expert
- Coach or Athlete Representative
- Athlete Representative
- USA Gymnastics Representative (voice, no vote)

2.3. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection defines the process that is used to handle any potential conflicts of interest.

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/conflictinterest.pdf>

In the event that any Selection Committee member has a conflict of interest or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Chief Programs Officer will name a replacement.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. An athlete who is selected to the team by the Selection Committee may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness **which inhibits peak performance** as certified by a physician and verified by USA Gymnastics medical staff. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 11 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy or Code of Ethical Conduct which may be found online at:

<https://usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/conduct.html>

- 3.2. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Chief Programs Officer and an Athlete Representative appointed by the USA Gymnastics Athlete's Council, and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach. An athlete who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per [USA Gymnastics Grievance Policy](#).
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed from the Team for an adjudicated violation of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Federation (IF), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), International World Games Association (IWGA), and/or United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athlete(s) will be identified:

Should a team member be removed or withdrawn, the alternate of the same gender will be named to the World Games team, according to FIG rules.

5. COACH SELECTION

- 5.1. The coaches for the 2022 World Games Team must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a current professional member of USA Gymnastics in good standing
- Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the team
- Be available for the entire duration of the competition, including any mandatory training specified in section 11
- Hold a valid FIG coaching license
- Have thorough knowledge of FIG rules

- 5.2. Coaches will be selected according to the number of credentials available to the team and limited to one (1) coach per gender, based on the following criteria:

- Personal Coach of an athlete named to the 2022 World Games team.
- Previous International coaching experience

- 5.3. Removal of Coach:

- 5.3.1. A coach who is selected to the team by the Selection Committee may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- Voluntary withdrawal; coach must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer.

- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Gymnastics. If the individual 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.
 - Violation of the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy or Code of Ethical Conduct, which can be found here <https://usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/conduct.html>
 - The Coach no longer meets the criteria in 5.1. or 5.2
- 5.3.2. A coach who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per [USA Gymnastics Grievance Policy](#).

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 conclusion of the World Games.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be adhered to by athletes and coaches as a condition of being named to the 2022 World Games Team and can be found online at:

<https://usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/conduct.html>

USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy

USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct

8. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics in the following locations:

- 8.1. USA Gymnastics Website: www.usagym.org

9. DATE OF NOMINATION

The 2022 World Games team will be announced May 15, 2022.

10. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

- Birmingham, Alabama: July 7-12, 2022

11. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FIG, IWGA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

12. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Director of Program Development and Olympic Relations
Chief Programs Officer

Mary McDaniel
Stefanie Korepin

13. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/governance.html>

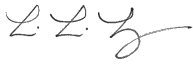


14. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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.

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, pursuant to their resubmission to the USA Gymnastics President/CEO.

15. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2022 World Games Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Li Li Leung		Apr 7, 2022
USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		Apr 7, 2022
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert		Apr 7, 2022

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2022 World Games Team as outlined in these selection procedures has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of the selection procedures. That understanding and agreement is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach below.

Athlete

Date

Parent (if athlete is under 18 years of age)

Date

Coach

Date











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