



Senior National Team Selection
2026 Winter Cup
December 2025

These Selection Procedures govern the designation of athletes to the **Men's Senior National Team** ("Senior National Team") and the **Men's Senior Development Team** ("Development Team") following the 2026 Winter Cup. The Selection Procedures are administered under the authority of USA Gymnastics ("USAG") and the Men's Program Senior Selection Committee ("Selection Committee").

A minimum of **fifteen (15)** athletes shall be named to the Senior National Team. A maximum of **five (5)** athletes may be named to the Senior Development Team.

- I. Automatic Selections
 - a. Any current Senior National Team athlete who represented Team USA at the 2025 Senior or Junior World Championships will be named to the Senior National Team.
 - b. The one (1) non-traveling reserve athlete named to the 2025 Senior World Championships will be named to the Senior National Team.
 - c. The one (1) 2026 Winter Cup All-Around champion or the next highest ranking All-Around athlete not already named to the Senior National Team.
 - d. The next three (3) athletes in rank order from the Men's Points Program results, not already named to the Senior National Team.
- II. Discretionary Criteria
 - e. A minimum of three (3) remaining spots will be filled by Discretionary Criteria and/or Petition
- III. Senior Development Team (FIG age 18-20 year old athletes)
 - f. Any current Senior Development Team athlete who represented Team USA at the 2025 Junior World Championships will be named to the Senior Development Team, with the ability to qualify to the Senior National Team through the criteria defined in section I. and II.
 - g. The top three (3) age-eligible athletes ranked by the All-Around results who meet both of the following standards:
 - o Achieve a minimum total D score of 27.0 and
 - o Achieve a minimum total E score of 48.0
 - h. If there are fewer than five (5) total athletes named to the Senior Development Team from III.f. and III.g, then the remaining Senior Development Team spots may

be awarded to the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team by Discretionary Criteria or Petition.

***All ties in All-Around and Individual Event rankings at Winter Cup will be broken by FIG tie-break procedures as outlined in the Winter Cup Directives. If ties are deemed unbreakable in any of the steps above, then Discretionary Criteria will be used for the purposes of naming National Team members.**

IV. Discretionary Criteria

The following discretionary criteria will be evaluated using results from the 2026 Winter Cup, results from an athlete's two (2) most recent elite domestic championship competitions (Winter Cup or US Championships), and results from USAG officially assigned FIG sanctioned international events* in 2025-2026, in no priority order.

- Ability to participate in training camps and international assignments
- Consideration for American Cup Mixed Team competition, which will emphasize a three-event format
- All-Around and Individual Event rankings
- Points Program results
- D scores that are competitive with finalists from major FIG sanctioned international events* in 2025-2026.
- E scores that are competitive with finalists from major FIG sanctioned international events* in 2025-2026.
- Overall competitiveness with top athletes across major FIG sanctioned international events* in 2025-2026.

V. Petitions for National Team

Petitions are due to the Chair of the designated Selection Committee via email before the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup. For petitions to be accepted for review, they must include the following:

- a. Petition form to be completed: <https://usagym.org/men/forms/>
- b. Medical report/letter subject to verification by USAG medical staff (if applicable)
- c. Athlete's return to play plan/timeline
- d. Proof of medical clearance to participate or estimated date of clearance subject to verification by USAG medical staff
- e. Coach/Athlete statement (for petitions of extenuating circumstance)

For petitions to the Senior National Team or Senior Development Team, the Senior Selection Committee will consider the Discretionary Criteria listed above using results from the athlete's two (2) most recent elite domestic championship competitions (Winter Cup or US Championships) and/or USAG officially assigned FIG sanctioned international events* in 2025-2026.

*For the purposes of these Selection Procedures, major FIG sanctioned international events include, but are not limited to the following competitions:

- World Championships
- FIG World Cups and Challenge Cups
- DTB Pokal
- Continental Championships
- Major Games (Olympic Games, Asian Games, Pan Am Games, World University Games, Commonwealth Games, European Youth Olympic Festival, etc.)