



Athlete & Coach Assignments  
For 2026 international events  
Men's Artistic Gymnastics  
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### **Statement of Principles**

These international assignment principles provide transparency and guidance to the Selection Committee in exercising its discretion to assign National Team athletes and coaches to international events. All athlete and coach assignments remain within the sole discretion of USA Gymnastics and its Selection Committee, with event-specific objectives taking precedence over general assignment principles.

USA Gymnastics focuses efforts and resources on international competitions, selecting events based on timing, competitive fields, safety, international relations, and program/athlete development. To maximize selected athletes' success and maintain competitive standards, team or delegation sizes may be smaller than the maximum allowed, determined on a case-by-case basis, considering support personnel allocation (medical, coaches, security, Head of Delegation, etc.), safety, timing of key domestic events, and resource prioritization.

### **Athlete Assignment Principles**

Depending on the event objective, athletes may be assigned based on a combination of factors that could include qualification scores, final scores, and placements prior to selection, including performances at key domestic competitions, as well as relevant USA Gymnastics officially assigned international events. The specific factors considered will vary by event. General program goals include developing and providing international opportunity to Senior National Team ("SNT") and Junior National Team ("JNT") athletes, advancing Team USA athletes to finals, securing podium finishes, and strategic preparation for premier international competitions.

### **Coach Assignment Principles**

USA Gymnastics assigns team coaches through a process designed to best support athlete development and competitive success. The Selection Committee evaluates coaching candidates from three primary sources: National Team Coordinators, personal coaches of assigned athletes who express interest and meet applicable criteria, and other qualified U.S. coaches with applicable experience.

All coaching assignments are guided by the needs of the program and the stated goals for each event, ensuring optimal support for both individual athlete development and overall team success.

To be considered for team coaching assignments, coaches must meet the Delegation Requirements outlined below, as well as these additional coaching-specific criteria:

- **USA Gymnastics Membership:** Current Competitive Coach member in good standing.
- **Event Availability:** Available for the full duration of the event, including all mandatory travel, training, and competition.
- **Compliance:** Adherence to the USA Gymnastics [Safety and Response Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), [Men's Program Rules & Policies](#), and Men's Program National Team Agreement.
- **Qualifications for Service:** Fulfillment of the criteria outlined in the USA Gymnastics [Leadership Eligibility and Service policy](#).

Beyond the Delegation Requirements and the coaching-specific qualifications above, the Selection Committee retains discretion to evaluate additional qualifications based upon the specific needs of each event and the requirements of each coaching role. Factors that may be considered include

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international experience, leadership ability, technical expertise, rapport with athletes, and effective communication skills.

### **Delegation Requirements**

All USA Gymnastics assigned personnel (e.g., coaches, team leaders) must adhere to the following requirements:

- Successfully pass the National Center for Safety Initiatives' ("NCSI") background screen in accordance with the current USA Gymnastics Background Check Policy prior to nomination.
  - Immediately notify USA Gymnastics of any incident that could affect background check status from screening through assigned event completion.
- Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six (6) months after the conclusion of the assigned event.
- Have the ability to work effectively with USAG, athletes, and other team personnel.
- Have strong administrative, communication, and organizational capabilities/skills needed for the role.
- Be responsible for Team's adherence to all rules regarding discipline at the competition.
- Fulfill all duties and requirements of USAG and the LOC including attendance at required meetings.
- Be available for the entire duration of the competition (if applicable).
- Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport.
- Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the FIG rules and regulations governing the sport.
- Demonstrate the ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- Must have successfully completed all registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be a USA Gymnastics' Member in good standing.
- Successfully complete US Center for SafeSport training program.
- Adherence to the USA Gymnastics [Safety and Response Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), [Men's Program Rules & Policies](#), and Men's Program National Team Agreement.
- In the event the coach role is combined with the Team Leader function, that individual must fulfill the Team Leader responsibilities, as applicable.

### **Petition Procedures and Requirements (if allowed)**

- No petition process for the below listed international assignments.

### **Removal of Athletes and Assigned Personnel**

An athlete or assigned personnel 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. A Team member submits a written letter to the Chief Programs Officer and Men's Program Director/Vice President of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or Illness. A qualified physician or other medical professional with expertise in the relevant condition provides medical documentation that an athlete has a condition that prevents the athlete from competing effectively or that assigned personnel cannot perform their assigned duties effectively, subject to verification by USAG medical personnel.
- Team Agreement Violation. Violation of Men's Program National Team Agreement.
- Inability to Perform Duties. Assigned personnel may be removed if they demonstrate an inability to effectively perform their assigned duties.

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- Safety & Response Policy Violation. Violation of USA Gymnastics Safety and Response Policy or U.S. Center for SafeSport Code.
- Anti-doping Violation. 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 USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.
- Failure to participate. Coach/athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
- Personal coach change. If a personal coach is assigned based on coaching an athlete named to the team, the coach may be removed if: (a) the athlete is removed from the team for any reason, or (b) the athlete switches to a different personal coach.

### **Athlete Replacement**

1. The Athlete Selection Committee may identify a certain number of traveling/non-traveling replacement athlete(s) for an assigned event, using the same discretionary criteria applicable to that event.
2. If an athlete is removed or withdrawn from an assigned event, a replacement athlete may be selected from among the pool of replacement athletes based on the team's needs and utilizing the same discretionary criteria applicable to that event.

### **Coach Replacement**

1. In the event that a coach is removed or withdraws from an assigned event for any reason, the replacement candidate must meet all the applicable criteria for the event.
2. If time permits and it is deemed beneficial for the team, USA Gymnastics may modify the coaching staff accordingly.

### **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.

## 2026 FIG World Cup in Cottbus, GER

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** February 16-23, 2026
- **Location:** Cottbus, Germany
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of three athletes and three personal coaches
- No replacement athletes for this event

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win World Cup medals and increase opportunities to compete against the top individual event athletes in the world.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named prior to the nominative deadline of January 18, 2026.

## 2026 Stanford International Collegiate Challenge

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** February 28, 2026
- **Location:** Palo Alto, CA
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men as invited by Meet Director

### Maximum Team Size:

- No maximum team size

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to allow Team USA athletes to participate in an international team competition within the USA. This competition is not FIG-sanctioned and will not be used for future selection processes.

### Funding:

- This is a self-funded competition for all invited athletes and coaches. USA Gymnastics will not provide any funding for the event, to include travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The deadline to confirm attendance is through the Meet Director.

## 2026 American Cup

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 7, 2026
- **Location:** Las Vegas, NV
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of three athletes and three personal coaches. Athletes will be required to compete on FX, PB, and HB across three rounds.
- Up to two non-traveling replacements can be named

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the Mixed Team competition.
- The secondary goal is to gain experience in a Mixed Team competition format with WAG.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup (February 21, 2026)

## 2026 FIG World Cup in Antalya, TUR

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 9-15, 2026
- **Location:** Antalya, TUR
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of three athletes and three personal coaches
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win World Cup medals and increase opportunities to compete against the top individual event athletes in the world.
- The secondary objective is to provide international experience for National Team athletes

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup (February 21, 2026)

## 2026 DTB Pokal Team Challenge

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 16-22, 2026
- **Location:** Stuttgart, GER
- **Disciplines:** Junior & Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of five Junior athletes and five Senior athletes.
- Maximum of five Junior and five Senior coaches
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named for both Junior & Senior

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the Junior & Senior Team Challenge and win individual event medals.
- The secondary goal is to provide international competition experience for Junior & Senior National Team athletes.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup & Elite Team Cup (February 21, 2026)

## 2026 Grizzly Classic

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 18-22, 2026
- **Location:** Calgary, CAN
- **Disciplines:** Junior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of five Junior athletes and five Junior coaches.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the team competition and win all-around and individual event medals.
- The secondary goal is to provide international competition experience for Junior National Team athletes.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup & Elite Team Cup (February 21, 2026)

### 2026 FIG World Cup in Cairo, EGY

**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** March 30-April 5, 2026
- **Location:** Cairo, EGY
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

**Maximum Team Size:**

- Maximum of three Senior athletes and three personal coaches.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

**Event Objective:**

- The primary goal of this competition is to win World Cup medals and increase opportunities to compete against the top individual event athletes in the world.
- The secondary objective is to provide international experience for National Team athletes

**Funding:**

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

**Timeframe:**

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup (February 21, 2026)

### 2026 FIG World Cup in Osijek, CRO

**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** April 6-12, 2026
- **Location:** Osijek, CRO
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

**Maximum Team Size:**

- Maximum of three Senior athletes and three personal coaches.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

**Event Objective:**

- The primary goal of this competition is to win World Cup medals and increase opportunities to compete against the top individual event athletes in the world.
- The secondary objective is to provide international experience for National Team athletes

**Funding:**

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

**Timeframe:**

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Winter Cup (February 21, 2026)

## 2026 Junior Pan American Championships

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** Pan Am Camp: June 10-14 & Competition: June 14-21, 2026
- **Location:** Rio de Janeiro, BRA
- **Disciplines:** Junior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of four junior athletes and four junior coaches.
- One traveling replacement athlete and coach will be named. Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the team competition and win all-around and individual event medals.
- The secondary goal is to provide international competition experience for junior athletes.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 Men's Development National Championships (May 5-10, 2026).

## 2026 Senior Pan American Championships

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** Pan Am Camp: June 10-14 & Competition: June 14-21, 2026
- **Location:** Rio de Janeiro, BRA
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of five senior athletes and five senior coaches.
- One traveling replacement athlete and coach will be named. Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the team competition and win all-around and individual event medals.
- The secondary goal is to provide international competition experience for Senior National Team athletes.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named via 1-day competition at the Men's Senior National Team Camp (April 29-May 3, 2026) by top scoring team scenario in a 5-4-3 competition format. In the event of a tie between multiple teams, total team D score will be used to break the tie.

## 2026 Berlin Junior Team Cup

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** June 30-July 5, 2026
- **Location:** Berlin, GER
- **Disciplines:** Junior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of four Junior athletes and four Junior coaches.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win the team competition and win all-around and individual event medals.
- The secondary goal is to provide international competition experience for junior athletes.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following the 2026 Men's Development Program National Championships 2026 (May 5-10, 2026)

## 2026 FIG World Challenge Cup in Paris, FRA

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** September 22-27, 2026
- **Location:** Paris, FRA
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of three Senior athletes and three personal coaches. 2026 World Championship Team members and traveling replacement athlete(s) will not be eligible for this competition.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes can be named.

### Event Objective:

- The primary goal of this competition is to win World Challenge Cup medals and increase opportunities to compete against the top individual event athletes in the world.
- The secondary objective is to provide international experience for National Team athletes

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named within the week following 2026 US Championships (August 6-9, 2026)

## 2026 Arthur Gander Memorial & Swiss Cup

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** November 2026
- **Location:** Morges & Zurich, SWI
- **Disciplines:** Senior Men

### Maximum Team Size:

- Maximum of one Senior athlete and one personal coach. Athlete must be able to compete on a minimum of four events.
- Up to two non-traveling replacement athletes may be named.

### Event Objective:

- Send the traveling replacement athlete from the 2026 World Championships as an incentive for participating in all World Championship requirements. If the traveling replacement athlete turns down the assignment, then all Senior National Team members will be eligible. Athletes may be invited directly by the Local Organizing Committee.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will receive 100% funding through the LOC for the event, covering travel, accommodations, and meals. USAG will provide apparel for this event.

### Timeframe:

- The delegation will be named prior to the nominative deadline (TBD)

## Resources

### Bylaws & Grievance Procedures

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

### Conflict of Interest Policy

All members of the Selection Committee and all individuals who developed these assignment procedures must comply with the USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with [USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy](#) before convening the committee.

### Non-Retaliation

USA Gymnastics has zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or USA Gymnastics staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

- Individuals may report concerns to the USA Gymnastics by following USA Gymnastics' Speak Up Policy located [here](#).

### SafeSport Helpline

The SafeSport Helpline provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Helpline at 866-200-0796 or visit [www.safesporthepline.org](http://www.safesporthepline.org).

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