

USA GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic RGI Athlete Selection Procedures

Junior World Championships July 2025

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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for selection to the Junior World Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics-Individual.

The minimum team size is 1 female and the maximum team size is 4 females.

SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:

- Have a valid United States passport at the time of the Elite Qualifier (by May 17, 2025) that does not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Event.

2. Minimum FIG Requirements:

- Abide by the rules in the FIG including nationality/citizenship requirements.
- Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the Bulgarian Federation.
- Comply with all FIG eligibility requirements found here:

https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_1.1%20-%20Technical%20Regulations%202025.pdf

3. USA Gymnastics Requirements:

- Comply with the USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement.
- Comply with the USA Gymnastics [Code of Conduct](#).
- Comply with the USA Gymnastics [Safety and Response Policy](#).
- Athlete must have an active USA Gymnastics membership. Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
- Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
- Comply with the Rhythmic National Team Handbook

4. Anti-Doping Requirements:

- Agree to be bound by and adhere to all WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of the WADA, FIG, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable. Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, FIG, and/or the Local Organizing Committee.

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SECTION 3: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
May 17-19, 2025	Elite Qualifier
April 25-27, 2025	Junior Eastern, Central, Western Classic

SECTION 4: SELECTION PROCESS

Provide a step-by-step description of the selection process including an overview of the FIG Qualification System.

4.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

Each NF has the right to participate with 1, 2, 3 or 4 Individual gymnast(s).

Each NF has the right to choose the number of routines to be performed by its gymnast(s).

Each NF has the right to choose the apparatus to be performed by its gymnast(s).

Each gymnast must perform at least one (1) routine. The minimum number of routines per gymnast is 1 and the maximum is 4 routines. The maximum number of routines per NF is 4 in total, i.e. one (1) routine per apparatus.

4.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

The Elite Qualifier is the qualifying event for the 2025 Junior World Championships.

Qualification to the Elite Qualifier is through the Hope/JR Classic events (Eastern, Central and Western) and/or National Team exemption from the Classic, outline in the Rhythmic Rules and Policies, Chapter 3:

- A. The USA Rhythmic Elite Qualifier is an annual competition for all USA Hope, JR and SR gymnasts which serves as the qualifying event to the Elite Qualifier.
- B. Multiple Classic events will be hosted simultaneously, divided geographically and/or by region for comparable distribution of athletes throughout the country (e.g., Eastern Rhythmic Classic, Central Rhythmic Classic, Western Rhythmic Classic).
- C. Qualification to USA Rhythmic Classic
 1. To enter a JR/SR Rhythmic Classic, an individual gymnast must meet all age and level eligibility requirements USA Hope/JR/SR and have competed All-around at least two sanctioned events prior to the Classic.

4.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

Per the Discretionary Criteria

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SECTION 5: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

5.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a subjectively judged event, and an athlete can be severely penalized for a single error in individual competition, which may not accurately reflect her complete readiness or proven ability to demonstrate readiness in world-level competition.

Because the Junior World Championships has only Individual Events and no All-Around, the overall strength of each event for the Team will be evaluated.

5.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:

Selection criteria considered in the following order:

- Readiness to compete—current health status and physical preparedness of each gymnast
- The overall objectives of the competitive season and the ability of each athlete to meet the objective for the JR World Championships:
 1. Event Medal potential
 2. Event potential commensurate with the top 1-8 in the world
- Results from 2025 international events officially assigned by USA Gymnastics and the 2025 Elite Qualifier; analysis of international results will include an evaluation of the strength of the competitive fields (the technical level presented by the top-ranked athletes and by the direct competitors of USA).
- World Class presentation: the strength, endurance, technical execution standard and artistic components commensurate with World presentation
- Previous proven international and national results from 2024, if available and/or determinative

5.3 DEFINE THE PETITION PROCESS:

If an athlete is injured, ill, or there is an extenuating circumstance that prevents the athlete from completing the selection process, she may submit a petition to the selection committee by the end of the Elite Qualifier to be named directly to the JR World Championships Team. Petitions will only be considered for a current Junior National Team member who has officially represented the country internationally in 2025. The selection committee will utilize the Discretionary Criteria above.

5.4 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections or other decisions and recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process:

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Committee Name: Rhythmic Individual Athlete Selection Committee:

- International Elite Coach Representative
- Judge Representative
- Athlete Representative

SECTION 6: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule, and duration of all mandatory training and/or competition that will be considered in Team selection.

Team Training camp in Sofia, Bulgaria 5 days before the 2025 Junior World Championships.

SECTION 7: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

USA Gymnastics will nominate the Team on or before May 21, 2025

SECTION 8: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

8.1 NGB JURISDICTION

- a. USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over athlete nominees until athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the Local Organizing Committee. An athlete who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:
 - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer and Vice President of the Rhythmic Program requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - ii. Injury or illness. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance which shall be determined by an examining physician verified by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff.
 - iii. Failure to participate. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
 - iv. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct: <https://usagym.org/about/governance/>
 - v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed USA Gymnastics National Team Agreement.
 - vi. Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 and Section 3 of these selection procedures.
- b. An Athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team if found to have violated WADA, FIG, USADA and/or, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the NGB SafeSport Policy, as applicable. Reclassification by the FIG such that the athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified them for the Team.

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SECTION 9: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- 9.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, the Athlete Selection Committee will name one of the gymnasts already-named to the Team to fill the vacant event using the Discretionary Criteria.

SECTION 10: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- 10.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, if allowed, *The Athlete Selection Committee will name one of the gymnasts already named to the Team to fill the vacant event*

SECTION 11: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics' grievance procedures <https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/grievance.pdf> and the USOPC Bylaws (applies only for a Protected Competition), Section 9 (<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>).

SECTION 12: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Event:

- USA Gymnastics' National Team Agreement

SECTION 13: DISCLAIMERS

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 NGB.

However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency. If any force of nature, pandemic, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions.

SECTION 14: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 5.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures

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(Section 19) must comply with the USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

[https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About USA Gymnastics/Governance/coi_policy.pdf](https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/coi_policy.pdf)

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USA Gymnastics Selection Committee appointment process.

SECTION 15: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

NGB

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures.

Name: Caroline Hunt

Position: Vice President of Rhythmic Program

Email: chunt@usagym.org

Phone: 317-490-4262

Name: Camilla Feeley

Position: Rhythmic Athlete Representative: Individual

Email: camillafeeley99@gmail.com

Phone: 301-943-6721

ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

SECTION 16: GRIEVANCES

The USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures can be found here: [https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About USA Gymnastics/Governance/grievance.pdf](https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/grievance.pdf)

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an NGB

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alleging that he or she has been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here:

<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>.

SECTION 17: NON-RETALIATION

The USOPC and USA Gymnastics have 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 NGB 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 NGB by following the NGB's Whistleblower Policy located here <https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/speakup.pdf>
- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's [Speak Up Policy](#).

SECTION 18: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process as required by the NGB's Records Retention Policy.

SECTION 19: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE
Natalya Kozitskiy	International Elite Coach Representative
Elena Savenkova	Judge Representative
Camilla Feeley	Athlete Representative
Caroline Hunt (non-voting)	Vice President of Rhythmic Program

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The following individuals approved these selection procedures and through their signatures, certify that the procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by the FIG. The following individuals further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Gymnastics and that these selection procedures will be posted on the USA Gymnastics' website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
USA Gymnastics President/CEO	Li Li Leung		14/05/25
USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		14/05/25
USA Gymnastics Vice President of Rhythmic Program	Caroline Hunt	 Caroline Hunt (May 14, 2025 12:42 EDT)	14/05/25
USA Gymnastics Rhythmic Program Athlete Representative	Camilla Feeley	 Camilla Feeley (May 7, 2025 16:17 EDT)	07/05/25

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APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

AAC – Athletes' Advisory Council

AC – Athletes' Commission

Act or TSOASA – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

APC – Americas Paralympic Committee

CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport

Center or CSS – U.S. Center for SafeSport

CF – Continental Federation

IMS – Internally Managed Sport (sport managed by the USOPC)

IOC – International Olympic Committee

IPC – International Paralympic Committee

IF – International Federation

LOC – Local Organizing Committee

NGB – National Governing Body

NOC – National Olympic Committee

NPC – National Paralympic Committee

OCOG – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. The OCOG refers to the Organizing Committee of the Paralympic Games as well.

PAG – Pan American Games

Panam Sports or PASO – Pan American Sports Organization

PPAG – Parapan American Games

PSO – Paralympic Sport Organization

TEAM USA AC – Team USA Athletes' Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)

USADA – United States Anti-Doping Agency

WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency

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APPENDIX B – GLOSSARY

Contingency means a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

Delegation Event means the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

Force Majeure means an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (e.g., hurricane, tornado, etc.).

Grievance Procedures means the process that enables an athlete to file a complaint with the NGB or USOPC.

Jurisdiction means the power or authority to make decisions and judgments.

Nominated means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the Selection Committee to the NGB.

Protected Competition means a Delegation Event or a Qualifying Competition.

Qualifying Competition means either of the following:

- i. **NGB Qualifying Competition:** Any competition or activity organized or approved by the NGB where the athlete's performance or results are considered in the published selection criteria to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.
- ii. **International Qualifying Competition:** Any international sport competition where (i) athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations, (ii) the NGB officially designates entrants, as required by the competition organizers, and (iii) athlete results or performance are included in the published criteria to qualify, or be selected, to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

Selected means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the NGB to the LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the LOC.

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APPENDIX C – ATHLETE RESOURCES

TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) *(Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)*

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission

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USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)

For Protected Competitions, USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the [dispute resolution website](#).

USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.

USOPC SECURITY AND ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL

Athletes can report an incident of emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the [Safety Reporting Portal](#). Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.

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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.safesporthehelpline.org.

TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychservices@usopc.org, or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit <https://www.usopc.org/mental-health> for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.

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