



**USA GYMNASTICS  
ATHLETE & COACH ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR 2026 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS  
TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING  
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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 includes, but are not limited to, 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. Coaches must express this availability via the [Coach's EOI Form](#). Please update your EOI Form as availability changes.
- **Compliance:** Adherence to the USA Gymnastics [Safety and Response Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), and T&T Program Manual.
- **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 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](#), and T&T Program Manual.
- In the event the coach role is combined with the Team Leader function, that individual must fulfill the Team Leader responsibilities, as applicable.

## **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 T&T 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 T&T Program National Team Agreement.
- Inability to Perform Duties. Assigned personnel may be removed if they demonstrate an inability to effectively perform their assigned duties.
- 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 World Cup in Baku, AZE

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** February 21-22, 2026
- **Location:** Baku, Azerbaijan
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA), Tumbling (TUM)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TUM.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event:

- TRA/TUM: The primary purpose of this event is to provide athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing SNT athletes in need of international assignments.

### Funding:

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

### Timeframe:

- Team will be assigned after 2025 World Championships.
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## 2026 World Cup in Alkmaar, NED

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 12-13, 2026
- **Location:** Alkmaar, NED
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA), Double Mini Trampoline (DMT)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for DMT.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event

- TRA: The primary purpose of this event is to provide top-performing athletes the opportunity to compete at an international competition, with emphasis on (but not limited to) SNT athletes.
- DMT: The primary purpose of this event is to offer athletes ranked at the top of the 2025 World Championship selection standings the opportunity to compete in an international competition.

*TRA/DMT Disclaimer: Recognizing that the Winter Classic occurs the preceding weekend, participation is voluntary, and athletes may decline without penalty.*

### Funding:

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

### Timeframe:

- Team will be assigned after 2025 World Championships.
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## 2026 Senior Pan American Championships

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** TBD
- **Location:** TBD
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event:

- TRA: The primary purpose of this event is to provide top-performing athletes the opportunity to compete at an international competition and to qualify country spots for the upcoming Pan American Games, with emphasis on (but not limited to) SNT athletes.

### Funding:

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

### Timeframe:

- Teams will be assigned following the 2026 Winter Classic.
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## 2026 World Cup in Coimbra, POR

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** July 4-5, 2026
- **Location:** Coimbra, POR
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA), Tumbling, (TUM), Double Mini Trampoline (DMT)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TUM.
- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for DMT.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event

- TRA: The primary purpose of this event is to provide athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) SNT athletes who have not had recent international assignment(s).

TUM & DMT: The primary purpose of this event is to provide athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) athletes ranked at the top of the 2026 World Championship selection procedure standings after Elite Challenge.

### Funding:

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

### Timeframe:

- Team will be named following the 2026 Elite Challenge
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## 2026 Gymfest in Coimbra, POR

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** July 4-5, 2026
- **Location:** Coimbra, POR
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA), Tumbling, (TUM), Double Mini Trampoline (DMT)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Junior Elite Men and four (4) Junior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to four (4) Junior Elite Men and four (4) Junior Elite Women for TUM.
- Up to four (4) Junior Elite Men and four (4) Junior Elite Women for DMT.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event

- TRA: The primary purpose of this event is to provide top performing Junior Elite athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing JNT athletes.
- TUM/DMT: See Appendix 1.

### Funding:

- All assigned athletes will be self-funded for this event.

### Timeframe:

- Team will be named following the 2026 Elite Challenge.
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## 2026 World Cup in Riccione, ITA

### Event Overview:

- **Date:** October 3-4, 2026
- **Location:** Riccione, ITA
- **Disciplines:** Trampoline (TRA)

### Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Senior Elite Men and four (4) Senior Elite Women for TRA.
- Up to one (1) non-traveling alternate will be named in each gender and discipline.

### Purpose of Event

TRA: The primary purpose of this event is to offer athletes ranked at the top of the 2026 World Championship selection standings the opportunity to compete in an international competition.

### Funding:

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

### Timeframe:

- Team will be named following the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships.
- [Coaches' EOI](#) due by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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**Appendix 1 – Ranking Criteria for Junior Coimbra Gym Fest (Tumbling and Double Mini)**

**Purpose**

This appendix outlines the score-based ranking system used to assign Junior Elite athletes to the 2026 Coimbra Gym Fest in Tumbling and Double Mini Trampoline (DMT).

**Selection Events**

Eligible scores will be taken from the following 2026 Selection Events:

- 2026 Winter Classic – March 5-8, Springfield, IL
- 2026 Elite Challenge – May 7-10, **TBD**

**Definitions**

- Qualification Score
  - The sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 performed during the Qualification round of a single Selection Event.
- Final Score
  - The sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 performed during the Final round of a single Selection Event.
- Combined Score
  - The highest possible total of any two (2) Qualification Scores or Final Scores from across both Selection Events.
- Highest Score Potential
  - The highest Qualification or Final score achieved at a single Selection Event.

**Ranking and Assignment Process**

1. Athletes will be ranked based on their Combined Score from the 2026 Winter Classic and the 2026 Elite Challenge.
2. The athletes with the highest Combined Scores will be assigned, up to the maximum allowable team size.
3. Tie-Breaker:
  - In the event of a tie in Combined Scores, the athlete with the Highest Score Potential will be ranked higher.
  - In the event of a tie in Highest Score Potential, the tie will be decided via the discretionary criteria laid out in the 2026 international events assignments document.

## **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.safesporthelpline.org](http://www.safesporthelpline.org).