

## **I. DEFINITIONS**

- “FIG” means International Gymnastics Federation
- “IE” means Intermediate Elite
- “JE” means Junior Elite
- “JRWC” means Junior World Championships (age group 15-16)
- “SC” means Selection Committee
- “SE” means Senior Elite
- “USAG” means USA Gymnastics
- “USADA” means United States Anti-Doping Agency
- “USOPC” means United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- “WADA” means World Anti-Doping Agency
- “WAGC” means World Age Group Competition (age groups 13-14 & 17-21)
- “YE” means Youth Elite
- “AG2” means Age Group 2 (13-14 age group)
- “AG3” means Age Group 3 (17-21 age group)

## **II. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

### **A. Overall Goal**

1. The overall goal for athletes selected to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team (FIG Age Groups 2 and 3) is to finish in the top half of the field at the respective event.
2. To retain a minimum competitive standard for USA Gymnastics T&T teams, minimum selection scores have been set as a base level for an athlete to be selected.
3. USAG has a commitment to protecting young athletes. To ensure the health and safety of athletes at this event, given the organizational logistics of the event (including unavailability of parent credentials), athletes must be aged no younger than 13 years as of December 31, 2026.
4. Junior Elite (JE) athletes are not eligible for selection to the World Age Group Competition Team. Instead, they may participate in selection events for the Junior World Championships Team.
5. Athletes named to the World Championships Team (excluding traveling alternates and non-traveling alternates) are not eligible to be named to the World Age Group Team in the same discipline.

## **III. SELECTION SYSTEM**

### **A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team**

1. Nationality/Passport requirements
  - a. Athlete must be a national of the United States at the start of the selection events.

- b. Athlete must hold a valid U.S. Passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions.
  2. Minimum International Federation standards for participation
    - a. Athlete must be 13-14 or 17-21 years of age on December 31, 2026.
    - b. Athlete must hold a valid FIG athlete license at the time of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions accreditation.
    - c. Athlete must not be a competing athlete in the same discipline at the 2026 World Championships.
  3. Other requirements
    - a. Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics for all Selection Events and the entirety of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions.
    - b. Athlete must compete as Youth Elite 13-14 or Senior Elite at time of the Selection Events noted in III.B.1.:
      - 13-14 years of age: Youth Elite (FIG Age Group 2)
      - 17-21 years of age: Senior Elite (FIG Age Group 3)
    - c. Any athlete aged 18 or older will be required to remain current with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy.

## B. Selection Events

1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process
  - 2026 Winter Classic – March 5-8, Springfield, IL
  - 2026 Elite Challenge – May 7-10, Wichita, KS
  - 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships – June 22-27, Tulsa, OK
  - a. Additional information regarding the final competition dates, competition schedule and the competition format will be published on the [USA Gymnastics website](#) prior to the start of each Selection Event.
2. Description of how athletes qualify for Selection Events
  - a. To qualify to compete at the Selection Events, athletes must meet mobility requirements as a Youth Elite 13-14 or Intermediate Elite/Senior Elite as stated in the [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI.).
  - b. To compete at the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the [2025-2026 T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Sec. VI.).

## C. Step-by-step description of the selection process (including maximum team size)

1. Maximum team size
  - a. Up to four (4) males and four (4) females plus one (1) non-traveling alternate in each gender, in the divisions 13-14 and 17-21 of each discipline (Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double-Mini) will be selected for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions.
2. Definitions
  - a. Qualification Score:
    - Trampoline SE/IE: The Qualification Score is the counting routine from Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Selection Event.
    - Trampoline YE 13-14: The Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Selection Event.

- Tumbling & Double Mini (all age groups): The Qualification Score is the sum of Routine 1 and Routine 2 from Qualification 1 at a single Selection Event.
- b. Combined Score:
- The Combined Score is the sum of the highest two (2) Qualification Scores from the three (3) Selection Events.
  - Scores being used must all have been achieved within the same division.

c. WAGC Preferential Score:

Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
13-14 Girls	92.00	43.80	47.00
13-14 Boys	94.50	43.80	50.00
17-21 Women	52.00	45.80	49.00
17-21 Men	57.00	47.30	54.00

d. WAGC Minimum Score:

Division	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
13-14 Girls	84.00	42.10	45.00
13-14 Boys	84.00	42.10	46.00
17-21 Women	48.00	44.00	47.00
17-21 Men	51.00	45.80	50.00

3. Process for selection

a. **Age Group 2 (13-14)**

- **Criterion 1:** Up to three (3) athletes with the highest **Combined Score** at the conclusion of the three (3) Selection Events (III.B.1.) will be selected for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team, provided they have met or exceeded the WAGC Preferential Score at least once in the selection process.
  - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
  - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section IV.).
- **Criterion 2:** In addition to athletes who earn a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team per Criterion 1 or in the case that zero (0) athletes earn a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team per Criterion 1, the Selection Committees, using the **Discretionary Selection Criteria** in IV., may add athletes (up to the maximum team size of four (4) plus one (1) non-traveling alternate) from among:
  - Athletes with the next highest Combined Score, provided they have met or exceeded the WAGC Minimum Score at least once in the selection process.
    - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
    - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section IV.).
  - Petitioners, based on having a high potential to meet the Overall Goal per II.A.1, using the criteria outlined in III.D.

- b. **Age Group 3 (17-21)**
- **Criterion 1:** Up to three (3) Senior Elite athletes with the highest **Combined Score** at the conclusion of the three (3) Selection Events (III.B.1.) will be selected for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team, provided they have met or exceeded the WAGC Preferential Score at least once in the selection process.
    - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
    - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section IV.).
  - **Criterion 2:** In addition to Senior Elite athletes who earn a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team per Criterion 1 or in the case that zero (0) athletes earn a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team per Criterion 1, the Selection Committees, using the **Discretionary Selection Criteria** in IV., may add athletes (up to the maximum team size of four (4) plus one (1) non-traveling alternate) from among:
    - Athletes with the next highest Combined Score, provided they have met or exceeded the WAGC Minimum Score at least once in the selection process.
      - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
      - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section IV.).
    - Petitioners, based on having a high potential to meet the Overall Goal per II.A.1, using the criteria outlined in III.D.
  - **Criterion 3:** In the event the maximum team size is not filled with Senior Elite athletes per Criterion 1 or 2, or in the case that zero (0) athletes earn a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team per Criterion 1 or 2, the Selection Committees may add Intermediate Elite athletes (up to the maximum team size of four (4) plus one (1) non-traveling alternate) from among:
    - Intermediate elite athletes with the next highest **Combined Score** at the conclusion of the three (3) Selection Events (III.B.1.) will be selected for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team, provided they have met or exceeded the WAGC Minimum Score at least once in the selection process.
      - Where there is a tie in Combined Score, the athlete with the higher Qualification Score will be ranked higher.
      - Where there is a tie in both Combined Score and Qualification Score, discretionary selection criteria will apply (Section IV.).
- c. For the 17-21 age group, athletes named to the 2026 World Championships as traveling alternates in the same discipline will also be eligible for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions team.
- d. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs will be comprised of athletes named to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Trampoline team. The pairs will be named by the Trampoline Junior National Team Coordinator in collaboration with the 2026 World Age Group Competitions coaches, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee (see IV.B.2 for criteria).

#### D. Petition Procedures

1. Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2026 World Age Group Team based on their previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps including the selection process.
2. Athletes may petition to USA Gymnastics for the right to enter the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships and/or petition for selection directly onto the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team.
  - a. Procedures for petitioning into the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships are listed in the [T&T Rules & Policies](#) (Section VI).
  - b. Petitions to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received in writing by the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Director as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the applicable competition, and no later than the conclusion of competition at the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships (being the completion of the final routine in that division's competition).
  - c. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or extenuating circumstances which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by an examining physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness must be confirmed by an examining physician and verified by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff.
  - d. Only athletes who meet at the following criteria may submit a petition:
    - Finalist at the 2025 World Age Group Competitions in the same discipline.
  - e. In considering the petition, the Selection Committee will utilize the discretionary criteria outlined in Section IV.
  - f. Petitions will be evaluated and resolved by the time of the official nomination deadline (see Section VIII).
3. Athletes may petition to be exempt from the mandatory training camp (see Section XII) prior to the 2026 World Age Group Competition.
  - a. Petitions for exemption to the 2026 World Age Group Camp will be considered for approval by the Selection Committee and must be received in writing by the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manager as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the applicable camp.
  - b. The petition must state the specific injury, illness or extenuating circumstances which prohibited the athlete from participating. In the case of a petition based upon injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by an examining physician's statement. The nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff.
  - c. Petitions will be evaluated and resolved by the start of the mandatory training camp.

#### IV. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

##### A. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection

1. While Trampoline & Tumbling is a subjectively judged sport, these procedures primarily rely on objective criteria for selecting athletes to the 2026 World Age Group

Competitions Team through rankings and results at the Selection Events listed in III.B.1. However, there are two (2) scenarios where discretionary selection criteria will be evaluated:

- a. Breaking a tie in Combined Score during any of the steps outlined in Section III.C.3.
- b. Reviewing and deciding between any submitted petitions and the next ranked athlete (refer to Section III.D).

**B. Definition of the discretionary criteria to be used**

1. Criteria used by the Selection Committees (not listed in order of importance):
  - 2025-2026 international performance assigned by USA Gymnastics, including score(s) and caliber of the event(s) (strength of field).
  - 2025-2026 domestic performance at the 2025 & 2026 Winter Classic, 2025 & 2026 Elite Challenge and 2025 & 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships, including score(s), and caliber of the event(s) (strength of field), with more recent events considered more favorably.
  - Any physical, training or performance factor, which might inhibit peak performance at the 2026 World Age Group Competitions.
  - Demonstrated professional attitude, compliance with responsibility manual, and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.
2. Criteria used for selection of synchronized trampoline pairs includes:
  - Existing pair with prior successful results.
  - Identification of a new pairing with possible medal potential.
  - Athlete preferences.

**C. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections (with the exception of synchronized trampoline pairs), or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles**

1. The Selection Committees (SCs) are three-member voting bodies:

<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>
Selection Committees Chair	Selection Committees Chair	Selection Committees Chair
Elite Committees Trampoline Representative	Elite Committees Tumbling Representative	Elite Committees Double Mini Representative
Athlete Representative *	Athlete Representative *	Athlete Representative *

\* Appointed by the USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council.

- The PC Chair, the Program Director, and the National or Junior National Coordinator of the applicable discipline and others as needed will be invited to attend the selection meeting as guests.

2. Conflict of Interest

- a. All members of the Selection Committee and invited guests must comply with the USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the USA Gymnastics Ethics & Grievance Committee prior to convening the committee.
- b. Any member of the Selection Committee or invited guest who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USA Gymnastics Ethics & Grievance Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. If a conflict exists, the USA Gymnastics Ethics & Grievance Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement

(e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the USA Gymnastics Ethics & Grievance Committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

- c. Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USA Gymnastics Ethics & Grievance Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.
  - d. Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with USA Gymnastics' [Selection Committee charter](#).
3. The SCs may request any information from any person or entity that they reasonably believe will be helpful in the decision-making process.

## V. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is to be selected to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons:
  - Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics Program Director.
  - Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance which shall be determined by an examining physician and verified by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff.
  - Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in XII.
  - Violation of USA Gymnastics [Safe Sport Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), National Team Agreement, or Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual, which may be found on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).
  - Violation of WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USA Gymnastics policies and procedures.
  - Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section III.A. of these selection procedures.
- B. Removal may only occur by action of the President and CEO of USA Gymnastics and the T&T Selection Athlete Representative (or another Athlete Representative appointed by the USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council in the case of a conflict of interest) after consultation with the Selection Committee, and an interview with the athlete and his or her coach. An athlete who is removed from the 2026 World Age Group Competitions pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Gymnastics [Grievance policy](#).

## VI. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur
  1. The replacement athlete in the gender where the vacancy occurred will fill the vacancy and a new replacement may be named using the process outlined in III.C. Depending

- on the timing of replacement and event registration deadlines, new replacement athletes may not be named or may be designated as non-traveling.
2. Non-traveling alternates will not be moved to the traveling spot following the nominative deadline except in the instances of extenuating circumstances.
- B. Committees responsible for making athlete replacement determinations: see IV.C.

## VII. COACH SELECTION

- A. The coaches for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions will be selected from among the National Team Coordinators, the personal coaches of team members of the WAGC / JRWC teams, and other experienced coaches. The coaches selected for the WAGC Team will also be selected as the coaches for the 2026 JRWC Team.
1. The Selection Committees will name the 2026 World Age Group Competitions / Junior World Championships coaches following the determination of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships, based on the number of available credentials and the needs of the team.
  2. The coaches for the 2026 World Age Group Competitions / Junior World Championships Team must meet the following minimum criteria:
    - Express interest and ability to serve by completing the [2026 Coach Expression of Interest Form](#) for international assignments on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
    - Available for the entire duration of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions / Junior World Championships, including all mandatory training and competition as set forth in XII.
    - Compliance with the USA Gymnastics [Safe Sport Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), and Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual.
    - Current Competitive Coach member in good standing with USA Gymnastics.
    - Meet the Qualifications for Service outlined in the USA Gymnastics [Leadership Eligibility and Service policy](#).
  3. Additional criteria to be considered in selecting the 2026 World Age Group Competitions / Junior World Championships coaches include (not listed in order of importance):
    - International experience
    - Proven leadership ability
    - Proven ability to communicate effectively with athletes, coaches, and judges
    - Rapport with athletes
    - Technical knowledge
    - Knowledge of FIG Age Group rules
    - National Team Coordinator or personal coach of an athlete named to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions team / Junior World Championships.
- B. Removal of Coach

A coach who is to be selected to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions / Junior World Championships team by USA Gymnastics may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

1. Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics Program Director.

2. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance which shall be determined by an examining physician and verified by USA Gymnastics Medical Staff.
3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in XII.
4. Violation of USA Gymnastics [Safe Sport Policy](#), [Code of Ethical Conduct](#), National Team Agreement, or Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual, which may be found on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).
5. Should an athlete be removed from the team pursuant to Section V., the personal coach of that athlete may also be removed. Factors that may be taken into consideration when evaluating removal include timing of the removal, availability of credentials, status of a replacement athlete, and the needs of the team.

A coach shall automatically be removed if they become ineligible for leadership pursuant to the USA Gymnastics Leadership Eligibility and Service Policy.

Any decision to remove a coach may be reviewed through the USA Gymnastics [Grievance Procedures](#).

## VIII. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. 2026 World Age Group Competitions Selection Committee minutes will be made available at least 14 days before the nominative deadline for the event for which the team is being selected, unless the Selection Committees meeting occurs less than 30 days before the nominative deadline for the event for which the team is being selected, in which case the minutes will be published within a reasonable timeframe after the Selection Committees meeting under the circumstances. The report will be made public on the USA Gymnastics website. USA Gymnastics retains the sole discretion to determine the contents and timing of the report.
- B. USA Gymnastics will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents and data from the selection process for six (6) months past the date of the conclusion of the 2026 World Age Group Competitions/Junior World Championships.

## IX. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A. The following documents are required to be adhered to and/or signed (if applicable) by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2026 World Age Group Competitions/Junior World Championships and can be found on the USA Gymnastics website:
  - [USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#)
  - [USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
  - [Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual](#)
  - [National Team Agreement](#)

## X. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

- A. The USA Gymnastics approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics on the [USA Gymnastics website](#).

**XI. DATE OF NOMINATION**

- A. The selection of athletes including replacements, will be announced on or before July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. USAG may be required to submit a nominative registration to FIG prior to the announcement of the team. This registration is non-binding and may be amended following the team announcement.

**XII. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

- A. Preparation Camp: TBD (Tentative: October 16 – 19, 2026); Location, schedule, and duration of mandatory training and/or competition: TBD

**XIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Athletes must adhere to all 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 WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

**XIV. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

- A. The following committees/groups (include names and titles) were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

<b>Trampoline &amp; Tumbling Selection Committees</b>	
T&T Selection Committee Chair	Nick Minney
T&T Elite Committee Trampoline Representative	Nuno Merino
T&T Elite Committee Tumbling Representative	Ky Shaw
T&T Elite Committee Double Mini Representative	Dezera Wagner
T&T Athlete Representative	Savannah Vinsant
T&T Athlete Representative (Replacement voting)	Patrick Lyell
T&T Interim Program Director (non-voting)	Sydney Carlson

**XV. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

- A. The USA Gymnastics [Bylaws](#) and [Grievance Procedures](#) can be found on the USA Gymnastics website.

**XVI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

- A. These procedures are based on FIG and USA Gymnastics 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.
- B. 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 may require revisions.




**XVII. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE**

A. The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent, and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

- Phone: (719) 866-5000
- Email: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- Website: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

**XVIII. SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by FIG and incorporated those standards/criteria into our selection procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding athlete and coach selection procedures represents the method approved by USA Gymnastics.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		30/01/2026
USA Gymnastics T&T Program Director	Alex Renkert		30/01/2026
USA Gymnastics Athlete Representative	Savannah Vinsant	 <small>Savannah Vinsant (Jan 31, 2026 16:34:08 CST)</small>	31/01/2026