



**Athlete and Coach Assignments
For 2026 international events
Women'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 opportunities 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](#), and Women's 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

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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](#), and Women's 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.

Petition Procedures and Requirements (if allowed)

- Petitions to the 2026 Winter Cup, the 2026 American Classic, the 2026 U.S. Classic, and the 2026 U.S. Championships may be submitted to the Women's Athlete Selection Committee by any eligible current athlete who was unable to attend a qualifying event due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstances. In order for petitions to be considered, they must be submitted by midnight EST on the following dates:
 - 2026 Winter Cup - Wednesday, February 18, 2026
 - 2026 American Classic – Friday, June 19, 2026
 - 2026 U.S. Classic – Friday, July 10, 2026
 - 2026 U.S. Championships – July 31, 2026
- Petition procedures may be found on page 5 of the *Women's Elite Program Rules and Policies*: https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/rp/rp_elite.pdf. The following must be included:
 - Documentation from medical staff in the event of injury/illness, or documentation from the athlete/coach outlining why the athlete was unable to compete in a qualifying event in the case of extenuating circumstances.
 - A letter of recommendation from the athlete's coach, including past results or data to

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support the athlete's nomination to the Winter Cup, Classic, or Championship event for which they are petitioning.

- The following factors may be reviewed by the Athlete Selection Committee when considering submitted petitions:
 - D scores, E scores, and overall performance from live video conference with the Athlete Selection Committee and a member of the High Performance Leadership Team. Performance requirements will be submitted to the participant by the Athlete Selection Committee upon receipt of the petition.
 - Contributions to the team score potential based on a live video conference with the Athlete Selection Committee and one member of the High Leadership Team. Performance requirements will be submitted to the participant by the Athlete Selection Committee upon receipt of the petition.

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 Women'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 Women'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.
- 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 International Gymnix

Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 4-8, 2026
- **Location:** Montreal, Canada
- **Disciplines:** Junior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to four (4) Junior athletes
- Up to four (4) personal coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 medical staff
- 2 judges
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goal of this event is to provide JNT athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 Winter Cup. The athletes will be named to the 2026 International Gymnix Team no later than Monday, February 23, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup.

2026 American Cup

Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 7, 2026
- **Location:** Henderson, NV
- **Disciplines:** Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to three (3) Senior athletes
- Up to three (3) personal coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 team manager
- 1 medical staff
- 2 judges
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium and to provide SNT athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience in the Mixed Gender competition, which will be introduced at the 2028 Olympic Games.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 Winter Cup. Athletes will be named to the 2026 American Cup Team no later than Monday, February 23, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup.

2026 Jesolo Trophy

Event Overview:

- **Date:** March 23-30, 2026
- **Location:** Jesolo, Italy
- **Disciplines:** Junior and Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to six (6) Junior athletes
- Up to six (6) Senior athletes
- Up to twelve (12) personal coaches
- 1 team leader
- 2 team managers
- 2 medical staff
- 2 judges
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium, and to provide JNT and SNT athletes with an opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 Winter Cup. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Jesolo Trophy Team no later than Monday, February 23, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 Winter Cup.

2026 Junior and Senior Pan American Championships

Event Overview:

- **Date:** June 14-21, 2026 - TBD
- **Location:** Rio, Brazil
- **Disciplines:** Junior and Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to five (5) Senior athletes
- Up to four (4) Junior athletes
- Up to nine (9) personal coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 team manager
- 2 medical staff
- 2 judges
- One (1) traveling replacement Junior athlete will be named.
- One (1) traveling replacement Senior athlete will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goal of this event is for Team USA to place on the podium in both the Junior and Senior age division. The secondary goal is to provide JNT and SNT athletes with an opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 May Selection Event. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Junior and Senior Pan American Championships Teams no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 May Selection Event.

2026 Szombathely World Challenge Cup**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** September 18-20, 2026
- **Location:** Szombathely, Hungary
- **Disciplines:** Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to two (2) Senior athletes
- Up to two (2) personal coaches
- 1 medical staff
- 1 judge
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium, and to provide SNT athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 U.S. Championships. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Szombathely World Challenge Cup no later than Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 U.S. Championships.

2026 Paris World Challenge Cup**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** September 26-27, 2026
- **Location:** Paris, France
- **Disciplines:** Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to two (2) Senior athletes
- Up to two (2) personal coaches
- 1 medical staff
- 1 judge
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium, and to provide SNT athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 U.S. Championships. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Paris World Challenge Cup no later than Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 U.S. Championships.

2026 Combs La Ville International Tournament**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** November 6-8 or 13-15, 2026 (TBD)
- **Location:** Paris, France
- **Disciplines:** Junior Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Hopes Athletes (self-funded)

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to three (3) Junior athletes
- Up to three (3) Hopes athletes
- Up to six (6) personal coaches
- 1 team leader
- 1 team manager
- 1 medical staff
- 1 judge
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium, and to provide JNT and Hopes athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

All assigned junior athletes will receive 100% funding for the event, covering travel, apparel, accommodations, meals, and competition expenses. Assigned Hopes athletes and coaches are self-funded.

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 Combs La Ville Selection Event. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Combs La Ville International Tournament no later than Friday, October 2, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 Combs La Ville Selection Event.

2026 Arthur Gander and Swiss Cup**Event Overview:**

- **Date:** November 2026 - TBD
- **Location:** Zürich, Switzerland
- **Disciplines:** Senior Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Maximum Team Size:

- Up to two (2) Senior athletes – one (1) Arthur Gander, one (1) Swiss Cup
- Up to two (2) personal coaches
- No replacement athletes will be named.

Event Objective:

The primary goals of this event are to place on the podium, and to provide SNT athletes with opportunity to gain international competition experience, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) developing athletes with limited history of international assignments/selection.

Funding:

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

Timeframe:

Athletes will be selected from competitors at the 2026 World Selection Event. Athletes will be named to the 2026 Arthur Gander and the 2026 Swiss Cup no later than Friday, October 2, 2026, at the conclusion of the 2026 World Championships Selection Event.

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.