

**USA GYMNASTICS
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2008 OLYMPIC GAMES
TRAMPOLINE
July 17, 2007**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

- A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be U.S. citizens and hold a current passport at the start of the selection process, January 1, 2008. Each qualifying event has its own citizenship rules which take precedence for that event. Eligibility rules may be found in the Trampoline & Tumbling Rules and Policies (www.usa-gymnastics.org).

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

The minimum age requirement will follow FIG statutes. Athletes must be 18 years old as of Dec. 31, 2008.

3. Other requirements (if any):

a. Must be a member of USA Gymnastics

b. Athletes must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a senior. Senior Elite mobility requirements are posted at www.usa-gymnastics.org.

- B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team (include maximum team size).

The Trampoline Olympic Team may be comprised of a maximum of two (2) men and two (2) women. The first man and the first woman will be the athletes who are ranked first according to the Olympic Selection Points System. If applicable, the second man and second woman will be the athletes who are ranked second according to the Olympic Selection Points System.

Athletes may also be added to the Olympic Team through Petition Procedures outlined in Section I D "Petition Procedures".



C. Qualifying Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- a. U.S. Gymnastics National Events
 - i. U.S. Elite Challenge – April, 2008 - TBD
 - ii. U.S. Championships – May, 2008 – TBD
 - iii. One international event selected by the Trampoline Program Committee announced as soon as possible following the announcement of the 2008 international calendar. The event must be announced at least 6 weeks prior to the entry deadline.
 - iv. Final Selection Event – June, 2008 - TBD

Events i., ii., and iv. will be posted 30 days prior to the event at www.usa-gymnastics.org.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

- a. To qualify to compete at the U.S. Elite Challenge (see I.C.1.a.i.) athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a senior elite (see I.A.3.b.)
- b. To compete at the U. S. Championships (see I.C.1.a.ii.) athletes must meet qualification requirements as stated in the Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Rules & Policies.
- c. USA Gymnastics intends to select an open international event for I.C.1.a.iii. If an open event is not available USA Gymnastics will use standard procedures (www.usa-gymnastics.org) to select participants to compete in the international event I.C.1.a.ii. To compete in an international event (I.C.1.iii.), athletes must meet the mobility requirements to compete as senior elite and must have the approval of the Sr. Program Director (see I.A.3.b.).
- d. To compete in the Final Selection Event, an athlete must either be:
 - i. Ranked in the top 8 of the Olympic Selection Points System after 3 events or
 - ii. A current member of the Trampoline Senior National Team who has received points at a minimum of 2 prior qualifying events.

3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

N/A



D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

1. Subject to the petition process identified below, the 2008 Olympic Games Team members will be nominated at the conclusion of the 2008 Trampoline Final Selection Event in June.
2. Athletes must compete in the Final Selection Event to be eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Team.
3. The Olympic Team will be the men and women who are ranked first according to the Olympic Selection Points System and second, based on the Olympic Selection Points System (see I.D.8.), following the Final Selection Event.
4. The replacement athletes will be the next highest ranked athletes according to the Olympic Selection Points System and/or a petitioned athlete if selected by the Petition committee.
5. For the international competition, athletes will receive points based on their ranking among the USA athletes. (See I.D.6. and I.D.8.)
6. In order to receive Olympic Selection Points at any of the 4 selection events, athletes must:
 - a. Perform 20 skills in the preliminaries.
 - b. Men must perform a 14.0 degree of difficulty in the optional routine in either preliminaries or finals.
 - c. Women must perform a 12.0 degree of difficulty in the optional routine in either preliminaries or finals.
7. The Final Selection Event will serve as the tie-breaker in the case two (2) athletes have the same amount of points at the conclusion of the process.
8. Athletes will earn points based on their finish at the four (4) qualifying events (see table below). Only three (3) of the four (4) competitions will count toward the final ranking, with the lowest points being dropped.



Place in Final Results	U.S. Elite Challenge	U.S. Championships	Designated International Competition	Final Selection Event
1	23	23	23	31
2	20	20	20	28
3	17	17	17	25
4	14	14	14	22
5	11	11	11	19
6	8	8	8	16
7	5	5	5	13
8	2	2	2	10

Petition Procedures

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, USA Gymnastics recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which could cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the Olympic Team because of his/her previous competition results, to be unable to participate in one or more of the steps in that process.

Petition Rights: Accordingly, USA Gymnastics will allow athletes to petition for the right to be named as a member of the Olympic Team.

Petition procedures: The procedures governing such petitions are as follows:

1. Before a petition may be granted, the petitioning athlete must demonstrate that:
 - a. An injury, illness or other unforeseen circumstance exists which prevents him/her from competing in or completing the qualifying events and
 - b. The petition was submitted as soon as practical after the athlete became aware of the injury, illness or other unforeseen circumstance, but before the conclusion of the Final Selection Event.
2. Only athletes who competed at a minimum of 2 of the qualifying events and are current Trampoline Senior National Team members may petition to the Olympic Team.



Petition Requirements

1. In order to be considered for the Olympic Team, petitions must be submitted in writing to USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling National Program Director as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the process described above. The petition must state the specific injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process.

2. Any athlete submitting a petition due to injury or illness must agree to submit to an examination of his/her injury or medical condition by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.

3. Petitions will be decided by the Petition Committee (Trampoline & Tumbling Sr. Program Director, Trampoline National Coach, Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Chair, Trampoline & Tumbling Technical Chair and an Athlete Representative who meets the definition of active athlete).

4. The committee will use the following criteria to evaluate athletes who have submitted petitions to be named as a member of the Olympic Team and/or a replacement athlete:

- Rank Order – For evaluation purposes, the Petition Committee will simulate a rank order for the petitioning athlete. Points from the 2 competitions attended will be used, with the lowest points counting twice.
- Past domestic and international performance.
- Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions.
- Routine performance “hit” percentage.
- Degree of Difficulty
- Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

1. Petition Committee (as designated by the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee).

Committee	Name	Title
Petition Committee	Ann Sims	Trampoline & Tumbling Sr. Program Director
Petition Committee	Shaun Kempton	Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Chair
Petition Committee	Dmitri Poliaroush	Trampoline & Tumbling National Coach
Petition Committee	Patti Conner	Trampoline & Tumbling Technical Chair
Petition Committee	TBA	Athlete Representative



2. Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee

Committee	Name	Title
Program Committee	Megan Gearhart	Chair
Program Committee	Shaun Kempton	Elite Program Committee Chair
Program Committee	Jill Milroy	J.O. Program Committee Chair
Program Committee	Patti Conner	Technical Committee Chair
Program Committee	Karl Heger	Athlete Representative
	Jaime Marshik	Alternate Athlete Representative

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):
- See Petition Procedures (I.D.)
- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:
- See Petition Procedures (I.D.)
- C. Discretionary Selection Committee
1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.
See I.E.1.
 2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.
See I.E.1.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, USA Gymnastics has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Gymnastics may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics.



- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the President of USA Gymnastics.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Gymnastics constitution and Bylaws (Article 10) and or by USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Gymnastics Constitution and Bylaws (Article 10) or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

- B. After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, FIG, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

See Section I(D).

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

- i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section I(D).

- ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section I(D).



C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A.

b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

N/A

c. during the Games:

N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Gymnastics will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the 2008 Olympic Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination in the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Gymnastics in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:



- A. NGB website: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org>
The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- B. USA Gymnastics Official Publication (if any):
Technique Magazine
- C. Other:
Direct email to 2007 and 2008 Junior and Senior National Team athletes.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on July 1, 2008.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

N/A

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Program Committee.

- Resources to the Program Committee:
Ann Sims , Senior Program Director, Trampoline & Tumbling Program
Dmitri Poliaroush, National Team Coordinator, Trampoline & Tumbling Program
Steve Penny, President, USA Gymnastics



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XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found:

<http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/organization/2007/usag-bylaws.pdf>

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or the FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or the 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.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN



Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Gymnastics may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org



XV. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF, if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Gymnastics.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or Executive Director	Steve Penny		7/27/07
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ann Sims		7/31/07
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Larissa Fontaine		

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

USOC USE ONLY

Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____	
Date Revision Submitted _____	Date of USOC Approval _____