

USA GYMNASTICS /USAG
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
Men and Women Trampoline
May 24, 2006

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, 2007. Each preliminary 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.
2. Minimum Federation Internationale de Gymnastique standards for participation (if any): The minimum age requirement will follow PASO statutes. Athletes must be 17 years old as of Dec. 31, 2007.
3. Other requirements (if any):
 - a. Athletes must be named to the 2007 Trampoline Senior National Team or be added to the National Team by the Selection Committee (See Attachment A)
 - b. Must be a member of USA Gymnastics
 - c. Athletes must meet the Senior Elite mobility requirements to compete as a senior. Senior Elite mobility requirements are posted at www.usa-gymnastics.org.
 - d. Athletes must compete at the 2007 American Classic.

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

The Trampoline Pan American Team will be comprised of two (2) men and two (2) women. The man and the woman who are ranked first, based on the points system (See Table Section I(D)), following the 2007 American Classic will be named to the Pan American Team. Points will accumulate from January 1, 2007 to the conclusion of the 2007 American Classic.

The second man and the second woman will be selected by the Selection Committee (Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Chair, an Athlete Representative who meets the definition of active athlete and one member of the National Coaching Staff selected by the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee) and approved by the President of USA Gymnastics. If any member of the Selection Committee is currently affiliated with any athlete vying for a position on the Pan American Team, the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee will replace them with someone who is unaffiliated.

Athletes may also be added to the Pan American Team through Petition Procedures outlined in Section I(D).

C. Tryout 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. National Team Camp – April, 2007
 - ii. American Classic –May 2007

b. International Events designated by the Elite Program Committee from January 1, 2007 to the conclusion of the 2007 American Classic as posted on 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 Section I(C)(1) (if any).

- a. To qualify for the National Team Camp (see I.C.a.i.) athletes must be a member of the Trampoline Senior National Team.
- b. To qualify to compete at the American Classic (see I.C. 1. a.ii.) athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as senior elite (see I.A.3.c.)
- c. For international events as defined in Section I.C.1.b. (see Attachment A):
 - i. To compete in 2007 International A events, athletes must be a member of the 2007 Senior National Team. Athletes are assigned to International A events by the International Assignment Committee. The members of the International Assignment Committee are the Elite Program Committee Chair, Trampoline and Tumbling Program Director and an athlete who meets the definition of an active athlete.
 - ii. To compete in International B events, athletes must meet the mobility requirements to compete as senior elite (see I.A. 3.c.)

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 2007 Pan American Team members will be nominated at the conclusion of the 2007 American Classic. The man and the woman who are ranked first, based on the points system (see table below), following the 2007 American Classic will be named to the Pan American Team.

| Place in Final Results | American Classic | International A Competitions | International Competitions - 10. Schedu |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 10 | 40 | 12 |
| 2 | 8 | 38 | 11 |
| 3 | 6 | 36 | 10 |
| 4 | 4 | 34 | 9 |
| 5 | 2 | 32 | 8 |
| 6 | 1 | 30 | 7 |
| 7 | | 28 | 6 |
| 8 | | 26 | 5 |
| 9 | | 24 | 4 |
| 10 | | 22 | 3 |
| 11 | | 20 | 2 |
| 12 | | 18 | 1 |
| 13 | | 16 | |
| 14 | | 14 | |
| 15 | | 12 | |
| 16 | | 10 | |
| 17 | | 8 | |
| 18 | | 6 | |
| 19 | | 4 | |
| 20 | | 2 | |

Points will accumulate from January 1, 2007 to the conclusion of the 2007 American Classic.

Discretionary criteria will be used to select the second man and second woman to the Pan American Team. Discretionary criteria will also be used to select replacement athletes. See Section II(B).

The Selection Committee (Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Program Chair, an Athlete Representative who meets the definition of active athlete and one member of the National Coaching Staff selected by the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Committee) will select the athletes. If any member of the Selection Committee is currently affiliated with any athlete vying for a position on the Pan American Team, the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee will replace them with someone who is unaffiliated.

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 Pan American 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 Pan American 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 one of 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 2007 American Classic.
2. Only athletes who are current or former Trampoline Senior National Team members may petition to the Pan American Team.

Petition Requirements

1. In order to be considered for the Pan American Team, petitions must be submitted in writing to USA Gymnastics national office 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 unusual 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 Selection Committee.

4. The committee will use the following criteria to evaluate athletes who have submitted petitions to be named as a member of the Pan American Team:

- Past domestic and international performance.
- Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions.
- Routine performance “hit” percentage.
- 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 title(s) of their members.

| | Committee | Name Title |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Selection Committee (as designated by the Trampoline and Tumbling Program Committee) | | Trampoline and Tumbling Elite Program Chair |
| | Selection Committee | TBA Athlete Representative |
| | Selection Committee | TBA National Coaching Staff |
| | Selection Committee | Member TBA |

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The sport of gymnastics is not a measured or timed event. Trampoline is a subjectively evaluated sport, therefore, in the selection of athletes it is difficult to make selection decisions based solely on objective criteria.

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:

The committee will use the following criteria to nominate the second athlete and replacement athletes:

- Past domestic and international performance
- Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions
 - Routine
 - Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

See Section I(E).

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.

1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics President/CEO. 2. Injury or illness is certified by an USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by an USA Gymnastics physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed. 3. Violation of the USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct and/or the Team Responsibility Manual (Attachment A).

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

B. After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team and an athlete may be removed for any of the following reasons.

1. 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).

Injury or illness which prohibits peak performance as defined by the USOC Code of Conduct may be cause for removal.

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

C. Anti-Doping Removal.

An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of PASO, 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 to replace a previously nominated athlete, should a vacancy occur.

1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section II(B).

2. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See Section II(B).

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

1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

See Section I(E).

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

See Section I(E).

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 2007 Pan American Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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

Senior National Team Selection Procedures (Attachment A)

USA Gymnastics Code of Conduct (Attachment B)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

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 and will include the USOC approval date.

B. USA Gymnastics Official Publication(s) (if any):

Technique Magazine.

C. Other

Direct email to 2006 and 2007 Junior and Senior National Team athletes.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on:

May 31, 2007.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

N/A

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

| Committee | Name | Title |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Program Committee | Megan Gearhart | Chair Elite Program Committee |
| Program Committee | Shaun Kemp | Chair J.O. Program Committee |
| Program Committee | John Reeves | Chair |
| Program Committee | Patti Connor | Technical Committee Chair |
| Program Committee | Karl Hege | Athlete Representative |
| | Jaime Marshall | Alternate Athlete Representative |

XII. USA GYMNASTICS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

The procedures are based on PASO and/or the FIG rules and regulations are presently known and understood. Any changes in the selection procedures caused by a change in PASO 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. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our Federation Internationale de Gymnastique 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 |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| President | Steve Penny | _____ | _____ |
| National Program Director | Ann Sims | _____ | _____ |
| NGBs USOC AAC | Larrisa 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

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Date of USOC Approval _____ |
| Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____ | Date Revised _____ |

ATTACHMENT A
2007 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

I. OVERVIEW

A. Senior Elite athletes who are 17 years of age or older in 2007 are eligible to be on the 2007 Senior National Team.

B. To be a member of the 2007 Senior National Team in individual trampoline, power tumbling and double-mini trampoline, Senior Elite athletes must finish with one of the four highest point totals as calculated from the points earned at designated competitions.

C. A Selection Committee for each discipline, trampoline, tumbling and double-mini trampoline, may name 2 additional men and 2 additional women to the 2007 Senior National Team in each discipline. The Selection Committees will be named by the Elite Program Committee.

D. A Senior Synchronized Trampoline National Team will not be named, however, pairs will be ranked for the purpose of international assignments. Pairs may earn points at the same competitions designated for individual trampoline. Points will only be assigned to pairs meeting the required minimum degree of difficulty.

II. 2007 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

A. The Senior National Team is the team that will officially represent the United States at international competitions. The following sets forth the procedures for the selection of the team.

1. Eligibility

- a. Must be a United States citizen.
- b. Must be 17 years of age in 2007.
- c. Must be a USA Gymnastics member in good standing.

2. Selection

- a. Points earned from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 will count toward 2007 Senior National Team selection.

- b. The Senior National Team will be named in January, 2007.

3. To be eligible for the 2007 Senior National Team, athletes must earn points at a minimum of two and a maximum of five competitions.

4. Points may be earned at the following

a. National Competitions – The 2 competitions with the highest points earned will be the only competitions counted in the rankings and toward the minimum number of competitions required.

b. International Competitions – The 3 competitions with the highest points earned will be the only competitions counted in the rankings and toward the minimum number of competitions required. Points must be earned at International A Competitions and/or International B Competitions.

5. Required degree of difficulty

- a. For National and International B Competitions, the minimum degree of difficulty must be met or exceeded by the athlete at the designated competitions in order to earn points.

- b. For International A Competitions, no minimum degree of difficulty is required in order to earn points.
- c. Minimum degree of difficulty scores are based on the voluntary routine for trampoline and two passes for power tumbling and double-mini trampoline.
- d. The minimum degree of difficulty must be met in the preliminary or the final round.
- e. In the case of power tumbling and double-mini trampoline, one pass from the preliminary round and one pass from the final round may not be added together to meet the minimum difficulty.

| <u>REQUIRED DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY SCORES</u> | <u>DISCIPLINE</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | 12.0 (voluntary routine) |
| Trampoline | 9.6 Tumbling (two passes) |
| | 10.5 Double-Mini (two passes) |
| Synchronized Trampoline | (voluntary routine) |

6. Points are awarded based on the athletes' placement in the final results.

7.

a. Athletes must compete at a minimum of 2 of the 3 National Events (Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, U.S. Championships) to be eligible for the Senior National Team.

8. **International Events:**

a. International A Competitions: World Cups, World Games, World Championships, World Cup Final and Olympic Games and other international competitions as designated by the Elite Program Committee.

b. International B Competitions: International competitions as designated by the Elite Program Committee.

1). In the case an athlete competes at a competition not recognized as an International B Competition, the coach may petition the Elite Program Committee to classify the event as an International B Competition. The petition, including the official results of the competition, must be submitted to the Trampoline & Tumbling Program Office no later than 30 days following the end of the competition. The Elite Program Committee will review the results and notify the coach within 30 days of their decision.

2). Trampoline competitions must have a minimum of 5 countries competing to be considered as an International B. Tumbling and Double-Mini Trampoline competitions must have a minimum of 3 countries competing to be considered as an International B.

9. Athletes will be re-ranked after each designated competition using points from the chart below. Rankings will be posted on the USA Gymnastics website.

| Place in Final Results | Winter Classic Elite | Challenge U.S. Gymnastics | Championships International | | | A Compet * Intern B Compet (+ bon see below) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---|
| | | | TR, TU, DM & SY | DM & SY | DM & SY | |
| 1 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 40 | 40 | 10 |
| 2 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 38 | 35 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 36 | 30 | 6 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 34 | 25 | 4 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 32 | 20 | 3 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 30 | 15 | 2 |
| 7 | | | 2 | 28 | 12 | 1 |
| 8 | | | 1 | 26 | 10 | |
| 9 | | | | 24 | 8 | |
| 10 | | | | 22 | 6 | |
| 11 | | | | 20 | 4 | |
| 12 | | | | 18 | 2 | |
| 13 | | | | 16 | | |
| 10. International B Bonus | 14 | | | 14 | | |

- a. Athletes who place in the top 10 at an International B competition will receive additional points for placing higher than the top 10 athletes as per the FIG World Rankings a published the date of the competition. Points will be awarded as follows:
- +9 points for placing ahead of each athlete ranked 1 through 8
 - +3 points for placing ahead of each athlete ranked 9 through 10
 - The maximum possible bonus is 20 points
- The bonus will only be applied when the ranked athlete completes 20 skills in his/her preliminary round.

III. REMOVAL

A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the Senior National Team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics or the USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement.

B. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Program Committee, and an interview with the athlete and his/her coach.

C. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

