

2007 Artistic World Championships Team Selection Procedures

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Selection for the 2007 World Championships Team

Athletes may qualify for the 2007 World Championships team in one of two ways:

- A. Be a gymnast chosen by the World Championships Team Selection Committee as one of the six athlete members of the World Championships Team. To be eligible, a Team Member must be a participant in both the 2007 National Qualifier and the 2007 Visa Championships as defined in Section II.

- B. Petition to the 2007 World Championships Team through the petition process identified in Section III.

II. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection for the 2007 World Championships Team will be handled by the World Championships Selection Committee.

- A. World Championships Selection Committee composition:
 - 1. Chairman, Men's Program Committee
 - 2. USA Gymnastics Men's Program Director
 - 3. Senior National Team Coordinator
 - 4. Athlete Representative
 - 5. Coach – This individual will be selected by the Men's Program Committee and may not have an athlete in contention for the 2007 World Championships Team.

- B. World Championships Team Selection Committee Roles and Responsibilities:
 - 1. Selection of the six team members for the World Team.
 - 2. Selection of a minimum of two replacement athletes for any World Team member that cannot compete due to injury, illness, or other circumstances that would necessitate replacement and designate which of the replacement athletes will travel and be credentialed.
 - 3. Accept or reject petitions onto the 2007 World Team (see Section III).
 - 4. The Men's Program Committee will name a replacement committee member in the event that a World Championships Selection Committee member is currently affiliated with any athlete in consideration for the 2007 World Championships Team or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the World Championships Team Selection Committee or continue for any reason.

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- C. Process for selection of the six team member gymnasts for the 2007 World Championships Team.
1. Athletes will be chosen from among athletes who participate in both the 2007 National Qualifier and 2007 Visa Championship competitors or from petitions to the 2007 World Championships team (see Section III). An athlete who is unable to participate in the National Qualifier may petition to compete in the 2007 Visa Championships.
 2. The World Championships Team Selection Committee will also identify a minimum of two potential replacement(s) to the World Team who may or may not travel to the World Championships as well as designate which replacement athlete would receive a credential if he travels with the team.
 3. These selections are subject to the approval of the President of USA Gymnastics who will certify that the Selection Procedures were followed.
 4. The World Championships Team Selection Committee will consider the following factors when selecting the six World Team members and potential replacement athlete(s):
 - a. All results from the 2007 National Qualifier and the 2007 Visa Championships. The results will be weighted at 30% (15% for day one results and 15% for day two results) for the National Qualifier and 70% (35% for day one results and 35% for day two results) for the Visa Championships
 - b. The percentage of hit routines by the gymnast in the selection competitions.
 - c. Start values (A Score) on each apparatus from the National Qualifier and the Visa Championships
 - d. Execution (B Score) on each apparatus from the National Qualifier and the Visa Championships
 - e. Points ranking system derived from the National Qualifier and the Visa Championships competitive results. The points ranking system will be published no less than 60 days prior to the National Qualifier.
 - f. Past domestic and international performance and experience including type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions and routine hit percentage in those events.
 - g. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic.
 - h. Any physical, training or performance factor which might inhibit peak performance at the 2007 World Championships.
 5. The World Championships Team Selection Committee will consider the information noted in number 4 above in the following prioritized manner.
 - a. The total competitive results (as defined in C.4.a above) from the 2007 National Qualifier and the 2007 Visa Championships will be used to identify the teams which would produce the highest team score for the six man

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team, five athletes compete, four scores count team preliminary competition and also for the six man team, three athletes compete and all three scores count team finals format.

- b. The start values of all potential team members will be factored into the process of selecting the final team.
 - c. The execution (B score) of all potential team members will be factored into the process of selecting the final team.
 - d. The remaining factors, the points ranking system, past domestic and international experience and other applicable factors as listed above will be considered by the committee only in the event that a final decision identifying the team members cannot be reached using the competition results, start values and execution factors.
- D. The announcement of the World Championships team members will take place within 48 hours from the conclusion of the 2007 Visa Championships.

III. PETITIONS

- A. Petition Rights: Accordingly, USA Gymnastics will allow athletes to petition USA Gymnastics for the right to:
 - 1. Enter either the 2007 National Qualifier or the 2007 Visa Championships, as considered by the Men's Program Committee.
 - 2. To be selected to the 2007 World Championships Team, as determined by the World Championships Team Selection Committee.

- B. Petition Procedures and Requirements
 - 1. A petition to enter either the 2007 National Qualifier or the 2007 Visa Championships, or to be placed on the 2007 World Championships Team, may be submitted by any athlete.
 - 2. Petitions to either the 2007 National Qualifier or the 2007 Visa Championships will be considered for approval by the Men's Program Committee. All petitions to the National Qualifier must be received by May 9, 2007 to be considered. All petitions to the Visa Championships must be received by June 9, 2007 to be considered.
 - 3. Petitions directly to the 2007 World Championships Team will be considered for approval by the World Championships Selection Committee. In order to be considered by the World Team Selection Committee, petitions must be submitted in writing to USA Gymnastics' national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of his inability to participate in the applicable competition and no later than the conclusion of the 2007 Visa Championships.
 - 4. A petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In

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the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement detailing the injury as well as the prognosis for recovery, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics. Athletes must also be able to effectively demonstrate through past competitive results from USA Gymnastics or FIG sanctioned events that, for petitions to the Visa Championships, they are competitive in the field with other athletes qualified for the 2007 Visa Championships and, for petitions to the World Championships Team, that the athlete would be highly competitive for a position on the World Team.

5. An athlete who is petitioning directly to the 2007 Visa Championships will be required to attend (at their own expense) the two Senior National Team Camp scheduled for July 24 – 28, 2007. The purpose of this camp would be to evaluate whether or not the athlete will be sufficiently ready to be competitive with the field at the 2007 Visa Championships. The evaluation will be made by the Senior National Team Coordinator who will report his recommendation to the Men's Program Committee. The evaluation will be based on the performance level of routines demonstrated at the camp on all events the athlete intends to compete at the Visa Championships.

IV. REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL PROCEDURES

An athlete or coach may be replaced or removed from the 2007 World Championships Team for the following reasons:

- Violations of the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics (attached)
- Injury, 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.
- Lack of performance in training which inhibits peak performance at the World Championships.

A decision to remove an athlete is subject to approval by the President of USA Gymnastics and is also subject to the USA Gymnastics Bylaws, USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures and to the United States Olympic Committee Constitution.

V. QUALIFICATION EVENTS

- The 2007 U.S. Qualifier competition to the 2007 Visa Championships will be conducted **June 7-9, 2007**, at a site to be determined.
- 2007 Visa Championships – August 15-18, 2007, in San Jose, CA

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VI. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

Publication of USAG Executive Committee approved procedures will take place via the following distribution channels:

- Website: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/>
- Publication: *Technique* magazine
- Email: direct email to 2007 Junior and Senior National Team athletes

VII. Coaches Selection

A. Head Coach

The Men's Program Committee will select the head coach a minimum of four months prior to the start of the World Championships. The MPC requires that it must receive up to three recommendations for the head coach position from the Senior National Team Coaches and up to three recommendations for the head coach position from the Senior National Team Athletes, a minimum of one month prior to the coach's selection. The selection of the head coach will be based upon the following criteria and must be approved by the President of USA Gymnastics:

- proven team leadership ability
- international experience; and
- ability to communicate to the athletes and follow the established World Championships training plan.

B. Additional Coaches

Additional Coaches attending the 2007 World Championships as officially credentialed members of the delegation will be selected by the Men's Program Committee and approved by the President of USA Gymnastics. The additional coaches must come from among the personal coaches of World Championships Team members. The number of additional coaches will be determined by the Men's Program Committee based on the number of available coaches' credentials at the 2007 World Championships and available funding for the event.

XI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or FIG rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information

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available to USAG. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.

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ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by USA Gymnastics. Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the team as outlined in these Selection Procedures has carefully reviewed and understands the terms of these Procedures. That understanding is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach on a copy of these Selection Procedures.

Coach name

Date

Athlete name

Date

Parent signature if athlete is 18 years or
younger

Date