

**2006 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHPS TEAM  
SELECTION PROCEDURES  
Aarhus, Denmark**

**I. OVERVIEW**

The Women's Delegation for the 2006 World Championships will be per the FIG Technical Regulations comprised of six female athletes. Only those athletes who will be 16 years of age in the calendar year 2006 are eligible for Selection to the World Team.

- A. The National Champion from the combined All Around combined rank order from Visa Championships results will be directly qualified to the Final Selection Camp and must participate in the Verification Camp.
- B. If there is a tie for the National Champion, the tie will not be broken and all tied athletes will also be directly qualified to the Final Selection Camp and must participate in the Verification Camp.
- C. In addition to the National Champion at Visa Championships, the Selection Committee will select a minimum of eight additional athletes from among those athletes who competed in Visa Championships or petitioned athletes to attend the Verification Camp.
- D. These athletes will form the 2006 World Championships Training Squad.
- E. The Selection Committee will select a minimum of eight athletes from the Verification Camp to be held September 13-17, 2006 to the Final Selection Camp.
- F. The Selection Committee, with final approval from USA Gymnastics' President, will determine the World Team who will represent the USA at the 2006 World Championships from those athletes in attendance at the Final Selection Camp conducted October 2-7, 2006 at the Women's National Team Training Center.

**II. SELECTION CAMP**

- A. The Verification Camp will serve as the final opportunity for athletes to be invited to attend the Final Selection Camp.
- B. Two competitions will be conducted at the Final Selection Camp.
- C. The competitions at the Final Selection Camp will be judged by the World Championships Judge(s) and if necessary, another Brevet Judge selected by the Judges' Selection Committee.

**III. SCORING**

The Competition Rules for the qualifying competitions are as follows:

Competition	
US Classics	Comp I Rules – All Events
Visa Championships, Verification Camp and Final Selection Camp	FIG Rules – Comp I Comp III Rules for Vault for WC Qualifiers Only

**IV. 2006 VISA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- A. Qualification to participate in the 2006 Visa Championships:
  - 1. An athlete may qualify to participate in the 2006 Visa Championships through the USA Elite Regional/National Qualifiers and then the U.S. Classic or from

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attaining the qualifying score at any International Meet or National Team Training camp from January 2006 to July 2006 when she performed full routines on competition equipment. The U.S. Classic is scheduled to be conducted July 27-30, 2006. The site TBD.

2. The 2005 World Championships Team Members are directly qualified to the 2006 Visa Championships.
- B.** Time and Place: The 2006 Visa Championships will be conducted August 14-20, 2006 in St. Paul, MN.

### **V. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- A.** The Selection Committee will consist of the National Team Coordinator, the Chairman of the International Elite Committee, and the Athlete Representative. In the event any of the members of the Selection Committee is currently affiliated, the International Elite Committee will select another individual who is unaffiliated to serve on the Selection Committee.
- B.** The Selection Committee will consider the following areas when selecting members for the 2006 World Championships Team
1. Results from the Selection Camp and the qualifying events.
  2. "A" Panel Scores
  3. Hit consistency and results from past national and international competitions
  4. The combined composite strength of all World Team Members based upon each athlete's total four (4) event score, total three (3) event score, total two (2) event score for each athlete as well as team needs and medal potential on a single event.
  5. Execution
  6. Medal potential
  7. World Class Presentation
  8. Readiness to compete
- C.** If the FIG allows credentialing for an alternate athlete, an alternate athlete will be selected from among those competitors at the Final Selection Camp based upon the needs of the team.

### **VI. PETITIONS**

- A.** Petitioning procedures into the 2006 Visa Championships are listed in the *2005-2006 Women's Rules and Policies*, Part 7, Section I.
- B.** Petitions into the Verification Camp will be considered by the Selection Committee for any member of the 2005 World Championship Team and from any athlete who either:
1. Was injured or ill and unable to participate because of unforeseen circumstances at the 2006 Visa Championships and provided that she has competed at either the 2006 U.S. Classic, or on an international assignment in the fall of 2005 or in the year 2006.
- C.** In order to be considered by the Selection Committee, petitions must be submitted in writing to the USA Gymnastics' national office as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of her inability to participate in the process described above but no later than the completion of the 2006 Visa Championships.

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- D.** The petition must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating in the competitive process. In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician's statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor selected by USA Gymnastics.

### **VII. REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES**

- A.** Any member of the 2006 World Championships Team may be replaced due to injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2006 World Championships. Verification of injury of illness will be by one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.
- B.** A team member who withdraws or is removed from the team prior to the first competition at the World Championships will be replaced by the alternate athlete.

### **VIII. REMOVAL**

An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2006 World Championships Team or from any step of the process for selecting the team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics or the Women's Team Responsibility Manual. An athlete may also be removed from the 2006 World Championships Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the above said competitions. Athletes agree to submit to any medical diagnosis that is requested by USA Gymnastics to assure that the athlete is able to compete and is not at risk for further injury. Verification of injury or illness will be one or more doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.

Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the National Team Coordinator and the Head and Assistant World Team Coach and an interview with the athlete and her coach. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

### **IX. SELECTION OF THE 2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COACHES**

- A.** The Head Coach and the Assistant Coach for the 2006 World Championships Team (one of whom must be a woman) will be selected from among the personal coaches of the team members, immediately after the final Team Selection by the Selection Committee based upon the following criteria:
- proven team leadership ability
  - international experience
  - fulfilling the necessary criteria established by USA Gymnastics, including:
    - professional member in good standing
    - current USA Gymnastics Safety Certification
    - attendance at required meetings

- B. According the FIG regulations, all Personal Coaches of the athletes selected as 2006 World Team Members will be assigned to the 2006 World Championships (one coach per athlete).

**X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by the International Elite Committee and the USA Gymnastics Executive Committee.

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2006 World Championships Team as outlined in these Selection Procedures has carefully reviewed, understands and agrees to the terms of these Selection Procedures. That understanding and agreement is reflected by the signature of the athlete and coach on a copy of these Selection Procedures.

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