

**2009 TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
St. Petersburg, Russia**

I. OVERVIEW

- A. Per the FIG Technical Regulations, the Trampoline & Tumbling Delegation for the 2009 World Championships will be comprised of a maximum of four women and four men for individual trampoline, power tumbling and double-mini and two women's pairs and two men's pairs for synchronized trampoline. Four coaches will be named for each discipline: a head coach, an assistant head coach and two assistant coaches. The coaches for synchronized trampoline will be the same as those individuals designated for individual trampoline.
- B. For all disciplines, the athletes selected to the 2009 World Championships Team must be 17 years of age or older in 2009.

II. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Individual Trampoline, Power Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline
 1. The first two senior women and two senior men in rank order according to the World Championships Selection Points System following the Final Selection Event will be directly qualified to the World Championships Team.
 2. The Selection Committee, may select additional Senior Elite athletes, including an alternate, to the individual trampoline, power tumbling and double-mini trampoline teams. The alternate will only compete if a team member is withdrawn from the competition.
 - a. Criteria used by the Selection Committee includes:
 - Rank order
 - Past domestic and international performance
 - Experience, type, frequency and level of domestic and international competitions
 - Routine performance "hit" percentage
 - Degree of Difficulty
- B. Synchronized Trampoline
 1. Men's and women's synchronized trampoline pairs must be members or alternates of the men's and women's individual trampoline team.

III. QUALIFYING EVENTS

- A. U.S. Elite Challenge – May, 2009 – Fort Smith, Arkansas
 1. To qualify to compete at the U. S. Elite Challenge athletes must meet mobility requirements to compete as a senior elite.
- B. Visa Championships – August, 2009 – Dallas, Texas
 1. To compete at the Visa Championships athletes must meet qualification requirements for senior elite as stated in the Trampoline & Tumbling Elite Rules & Policies.
- C. Final Selection Event – September, 2009 – Las Vegas, Nevada
 1. To qualify to compete at the Final Selection Event athletes must compete at the Visa Championships as a senior elite.

IV. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POINTS SYSTEM

- A. Athletes will earn points based on their finish at the three qualifying events (see table below).

- B. In order to receive World Championships Selection Points at any of the 3 selection events athletes must:
1. Trampoline – perform 20 skills in the preliminaries; men must perform a 14.5 degree of difficulty and women must perform a 12.5 degree of difficulty in the optional routine in either preliminaries or finals.
 2. Tumbling –Men must perform a 13.2 degree of difficulty and women must perform a 9.7 degree of difficulty over 2 passes in either preliminaries or finals.
 3. Double mini-trampoline – Men must perform a 12.0 degree of difficulty and women must perform a 9.6 degree of difficulty over 2 passes in either preliminaries or finals.
- C. Only two of the three competitions will count toward the final ranking, with the lowest points being dropped.

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

V. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- A. Sr. Program Director – Will chair the committee and vote in case of a tie.
- B. One member appointed by the National Coaching Staff.
 1. If necessary, the National Coaching Staff may appoint one per discipline to vote only for that discipline.
 2. The member chosen may not have an athlete considered for the 3rd, 4th or alternate positions.
 3. The member must be a USA Gymnastics professional member in good standing.
- C. Elite Program Committee Chair
- D. Technical Committee Chair
- E. Athlete Representative
 1. Trampoline/Double-Mini Representative voting only for trampoline and double-mini
 2. Tumbling Representative voting only for tumbling

IV. SELECTION OF THE 2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COACHES

- A. Individual Trampoline/Synchronized Trampoline: One Head Coach, one assistant head coach and two assistant coaches will be named.
- B. Tumbling: One Head Coach, one assistant head coach and two assistant coaches will be named.
- C. Double Mini-Trampoline: One Head Coach, one assistant head coach and two assistant coaches will be named.
- D. The Selection Committee will make recommendations for official coaches to the Program Committee, who will select the coaches immediately following the Final Selection Event in September.

- E. Criteria:
 - 1. International Experience
 - 2. Technical knowledge
 - 3. Rapport with athletes
 - 4. Proven leadership ability
- 5. Professional member in compliance with the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics and Responsibilities Manual.

V. REMOVAL

- A. An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2009 World Championships Team or from any step of the process for selecting the 2009 World Championships Team if he/she violates the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics. An athlete may also be removed from the 2009 World Championships Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the 2009 World Championships. Verification of injury or illness will be by two doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.
- 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. Any decision to remove an athlete or coach is subject to review through USA Gymnastics Grievance Procedures.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by USA Gymnastics. Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2009 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.

 Athlete member _____
 Date

 Parent signature if athlete is 18 years or younger _____
 Date

 Coach _____
 Date

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