

**2005 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHPS TEAM
SELECTION PROCEDURES
Melbourne, Australia**

I. OVERVIEW

The Women's Delegation for the 2005 World Championships will be per the FIG Technical Reglement comprised of four female athletes. Only those athletes who will be 16 years of age in the calendar year 2005 are eligible for Selection to the World Team.

- A. The first two senior athletes in the All Around combined rank order from Visa Championships results will be directly qualified to the Final Selection Camp.
- B. The top two athletes from the combined rank order on each apparatus will directly qualify to the Final Selection Camp. If either of the first two senior All Around ranking gymnasts also place in the top two in any of the events, the third or fourth place athlete on that event will not directly qualify to the Final Selection Camp from their rank.
- C. If any of the above directly qualified positions end in a tie, the ties will not be broken and all tied athletes will also be directly qualified to the Final Selection Camp.
- D. In addition to the slots determined by the athlete's placement at Visa Championships, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, select any number of athletes who competed in Visa Championships to attend the Verification Camp.
- E. The Selection Committee may select additional athletes from the Verification Camp to be held Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2005 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 2005 World Championships from those athletes in attendance at the Final Selection Camp conducted November 10-14 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	Day 1	Day Two
US Classics	Comp I Rules – All Events	
Visa Championships	Comp III Rules - UB, BB, FX V for WC Qualifiers Only Comp I on V – National Team	Comp III Rules, UB, BB, FX V for WC Qualifier Only Comp I on V – National Team
Verification and Selection Camps	Comp III Rules for UB, BB, FX Comp III on V ONLY for WC Vault Qualifiers	Comp III Rules for UB, BB, FX Comp III on V – ONLY for WC Vault Qualifiers

IV. 2005 VISA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. Qualification to participate in the 2005 Visa Championships:
 - 1. An athlete may qualify to participate in the 2005 Visa Championships through the USA Elite Regional/National Qualifier and then the U.S. Classic or from attaining the qualifying score of 35.00 AA at any International Meet or National Team Training camp from August 2004 to May 2005 when she performed full routines on competition equipment. The U.S. Classic is scheduled to be conducted July 22-24 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
 - 2. The 2004 Olympic Team Members and the three replacement athletes are directly qualified to the 2005 Visa Championships.
- B. Time and Place: The 2005 Visa Championships will be conducted August 10-13 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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 the Chairman of the International Elite Committee is 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 2005 World Championships Team
 - 1. Results from the Selection Camp and the qualifying events.
 - 2. Start values
 - 3. Hit consistency and results from past national and international competitions
 - 4. The combined composite strength of all World Team Members
 - 5. Execution
 - 6. Medal potential
- C.** If the FIG Rules allow 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.
- D.** In the case of an injury or other circumstance which would necessitate the replacement of a 2005 World Championships Team Member prior to the 2005 World Championships competition, the National Team Coordinator after consulting with the personal coaches of the World Championships Team Members, will determine the alternate using the criteria listed above and with considering the needs of the 2005 World Team. The alternate would be selected from among the members of the team or if in attendance, the on-site alternate.

VI. PETITIONS

- A.** Petitioning procedures into the 2005 Visa Championships are listed in the *2004-2005 Women's Rules and Policies*, Part 7, Section I, page 81, IX. A.
- B.** Petitions into the Verification Camp will be considered by the Selection Committee for any member of the 2004 Olympic Team and from any athlete who either:
 - 1. Was injured or ill and unable to participate because of unforeseen circumstances at the 2005 Visa Championships and provided that she has competed at either the 2005 U.S. Classic, or on an international assignment in the fall of 2004 or in the year 2005.
- 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.
- 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. SELECTION OF THE 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COACHES

All Personal Coaches of the athletes selected as 2005 World Team Members will be assigned to the 2005 World Championships (one coach per athlete). Should a second coach for the same athlete wish to attend the 2005 World Championships, it will be at their own expense and pending the approval of a credential through the Organizing Committee and/or the FIG.

VIII. REMOVAL

An athlete or coach may be removed from the 2005 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 USA Gymnastics National Team Funding and Support Agreement (in case of the national team athletes). An athlete may also be removed from the 2005 World Championships Team in the event of injury or illness which inhibits peak performance at the above said competitions. According to the National Team Funding and Support Agreement, athletes must 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 by two doctors selected by USA Gymnastics.

Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Selection Committee 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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

These Selection Procedures have been reviewed and approved by USA Gymnastics.

Each athlete and coach participating in the process for selecting the 2005 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.