



### **Olympic qualification procedure and field size**

The USA qualified to the 2016 Olympic Games in men's, women's and rhythmic gymnastics based on performances at the 2015 World Championships. For rhythmic gymnastics, the USA qualified in both individual and group. For individual, a country needed to finish in the top 15 in the all-around, and Laura Zeng was eighth. For group, the USA earned a continental spot as the highest finisher from North, Central or South America. The United States qualified for one men's and women's spot at the Olympic Test Event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in April.

**Rhythmic:** Rhythmic gymnastics is split into individual and group qualification, and the USA has qualified for both. For individuals, 24 athletes worldwide will advance to the 2016 Games. These spots are determined at the 2015 World Championships, where the top-15 athletes, max two per country, based on all-around results qualified; and the top six in all-around finals at the 2016 Olympic Test Event qualify by name, plus three spots selected by the Tripartite Commission, continental representation and host country. A total of 14 groups can qualify to the 2016 Games. Ten groups already qualified through the 2015 World Championships, with the top eight from the qualification round and two reserved for continental representation. At the Olympic Test Event, the top-three groups in the qualifying round will advance, with the last spot for the host country or the next best-ranked country. All athletes must meet the FIG technical standards, including the minimum age of 16 (born in 2000).

**Trampoline:** The USA is seeking to qualify for both men's and women's trampoline at the Olympic Test Event. A total of 16 men and 16 women will compete in the 2016 Olympics. The top-eight men and top-eight women at the 2015 World Championships already qualified, with a max of two men and two women per country. The United States will have two men and one woman competing at the Olympic Test Event. In addition to those already qualified, the top-five men and top-five women at the Olympic Test Event will advance to Rio, with a max of one athlete per country. The remaining spots will be filled with Tripartite Commission and/or continental and host country representation. Athletes must meet the FIG technical standards, including the minimum age of 18 for both men and women (born in 1998).



## **U.S. Olympic Team selection criteria**

*The information below is a brief summary of how and where the U.S. Olympic Team for rhythmic gymnastics and trampoline will be determined. For the complete U.S. Olympic Team selection procedures for the gymnastics disciplines, please go to [usagym.org/pressbox](http://usagym.org/pressbox) and choose selection procedures from the left-hand navigation.*

### **Rhythmic gymnastics**

Through the FIG Olympic qualification process at the 2015 World Championships, the United States qualified one individual athlete and a group (five athletes), who will be nominated to the USOC. Six group athletes competed at the 2015 World Championships, the FIG Olympic qualification event, and the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships; however, in accordance with the FIG Qualification System, the group size will be limited to five athletes for the 2016 Olympic Games. One individual and group replacement athlete will also be identified.

Athletes will qualify to the U.S. Olympic Team in the following manner.

#### **Group**

1. The group, which earned the U.S. qualification slot for the Olympic Games, is the group nominated to the Olympic team.
2. Following the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships, the Athlete Section Committee, in consultation with the group's head coach, will announce the five athletes who will be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Team, pending approval of the United States Olympic Committee. The sixth athlete will be designated the group's replacement athlete.

*NOTE: The members of the U.S. senior group, who train at North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center, are: Kiana Eide of Northbrook, Ill.; Alisa Kano of Glencoe, Ill.; Natalie McGiffert of Northbrook, Ill.; Monica Rokhman of Northbrook, Ill.; Jennifer Rokhman of Northbrook, Ill.; and Kristen Shaldybin of Chicago.*

#### **Individual**

1. Athletes must compete at the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships to be eligible to earn a nomination to the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team.
2. Automatic qualification. An athlete will automatically qualify to the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team by placing first in the all-around and placing first or second in five of the eight routines performed at 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships.
3. In the event no athlete meets the automatic qualification criteria as outlined above, the determination of the athlete will be made by the Athlete Selection Committee utilizing discretionary criteria
4. Discretionary criteria will be used to select replacement athletes.

5. The athlete who will represent the USA at the 2016 Olympic Games will be announced at the USA Gymnastics Championships, pending approval of the United States Olympic Committee.

### **Trampoline**

The USA qualified for two men's and one women's spot at the Olympic Test Event, which is the last opportunity to qualify for the 2016 Olympics. The Olympic Test Event is scheduled for April 16-24 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The information below only applies should the USA qualify for the Olympic Games.

Athletes will qualify to the U.S. Olympic Team in the following manner.

1. The male and female with the highest combined total (total score plus Olympic Selection Points) will be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Trampoline Team at the conclusion of the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships, pending approval by the United States Olympic Committee.
2. Athletes earn points based on performances at two selection events: 2016 Winter Classic, Feb. 19 – 21, in Battle Creek, Mich.; and U.S. Elite Challenge, May 4-8, in Colorado Springs, Colo.
3. Points earned at the Winter Classic and U.S. Elite Challenge will be added to an athlete's total score at the USA Gymnastics Championships, June 8-13, in Providence, R.I.
4. To earn points at the 2016 Winter Classic, a combined score of 103.0 (male) and 95.0 (female) must be achieved in the preliminary round of two routines. To earn points at the 2016 Elite Challenge, a combined score of 159.0 (male) and 147.0 (female) must be achieved in the three-routine competition total. Points are earned for placing first through third: Winter Classic – 1. = 1.5 points, 2. = 1 point, 3. = 0.5 points; and U.S. Elite Challenge – 1. = 3.0 points, 2. = 2.0 points, 3. = 1.0 points.
5. Athletes must qualify to and participate in the USA Gymnastics Championships to be eligible for nomination to the U.S. Olympic Team.
6. Athletes must be at least 18 years old by Dec. 31, 2016.
7. Discretionary criteria will be used to select replacement athletes.