



**Minutes
Board of Directors
Friday, December 4, 2020**

Board Members in Attendance: Denise Shively, Irene Hawes, Ashley Johnson, Carrie Barton-Garten (General Athlete Representative), Chris Leahy, Emmanuella Tchakmakjian (AEC President), Linda Loehndorf (non-voting, Past President), Michele Kraus Bennett, Stacey Chapman, Jennifer Jarboe, Morgan Fuller Kolsrud, Kerhyl Gantt, Jennell Lynch, Kimberly Kohut (non-voting; Secretary)	
Staff Members in Attendance: Adam Andrasko	
Others: Avery Wilson, David Patterson (Both from USOPC)	
Excused: Megan Robins (Athlete At-Large), Lauren Gardner, Olivia Ekberg (non-voting; AAC alternate), Joanne Pasternack	
Called to Order At: 4:03 PM EST	BY: Denise Shively. A quorum was declared.

Topic	Approval of Minutes from 11.18.20	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	<p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on November 18, 2020</p> <p>Seconded by: Chris Leahy</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-1</p>		

Topic	Approval of Final Appendix E	Presented by	Irene Hawes
Discussion	<p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to accept the final procedures of Appendix E</p> <p>Seconded by: Chris Leahy</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0</p>		

Adjournment at 4:12 PM EST		
Moved to adjourn by: Irene Hawes	Seconded by: Stacey Chapman	Motion Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Kohut
Secretary

Attachments: Final Appendix E

APPENDIX E

NATIONAL TEAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP SELECTION PROCEDURES

Amendments to this Appendix E are the responsibility of the High Performance Manager or Designee. The High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Program Committee, can modify this Appendix by recommending changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

The High Performance Manager or Designee, with notification to the Vice President Olympic International and the International Relations Committee Chair of USAAS, selects appropriate international events for each of the National Teams. Participation in the designated competitions shall be limited to the National Team(s), unless otherwise approved by the International Relations Review Subcommittee. Clubs must petition the International Relations Review Subcommittee for a Club Option. See Appendix F. Private invitations are the only exception to the Club Option procedure and require notification to the International Relations Committee Chair.

PREREQUISITES FOR ALL NATIONAL TEAMS AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP

The Trials are open to athletes who are citizens of the United States at the time of nomination and eligible under the eligibility rules for participation in a "protected competition" as defined by the By-Laws of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee ("USOPC").

An athlete who is not a citizen of the United States, but reasonably expects to be one no later than 30 days prior to the start of the event for which the Trials are being conducted, is eligible to compete in the Trials for the USA Artistic Swimming National Teams and/or the National Elite Camp. An athlete who fails to become a citizen by 30 days prior to the event shall be replaced by another eligible athlete according to the following procedures.

Please refer to the USA Artistic Swimming website (www.teamusa.org/USA-Artistic-Swimming) to find the most recent information concerning ongoing Trials procedures and/or the National Teams and National Elite Camp.

ARTICLE 1

2021 13-15 NATIONAL TEAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

1.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Phase 1 of the 2021 13-15 National Team and National Elite Camp Trials, a registered USA Artistic Swimming athlete must:

- A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition(s).
- B. Have been born in the years 2006 to 2008.
- C. Have passed Grade Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 (waived for 2021).

1.02 2021 13-15 NATIONAL TEAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP SELECTION PROCEDURES

Phases 1 and 2 shall be held January 16-17, 2021 in Ft. Collins, CO, at times to be announced.

Phase 3 shall be held in April 2021, in Mesa, AZ, at a date and time to be announced.

All figures and routines, in all Phases, will be judged by a panel of 3-5 FINA Judges, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee. In addition, all routines in Phase 3B will also

include members of the National Team Coaching Staff to evaluate synchronization. National Skills Testing will be evaluated by a group of Assessors. All Assessors are selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee. A list of the current National Skill Assessors is posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website. The Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the USOPC-AAC Representative (or Designee) will be present at Phase 3 to ensure compliance, though will not serve as official evaluators.

The 2021 13-15 National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Phase 1A – Figure Competition:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Figure competition, which will consist of 4 figures, including the 2 Compulsory and 2 Optional Figures, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee, from the 13-15 age division figure list. The figures will be announced at least 72 hours prior to the trials and posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website.
2. Scores from Phase 1A will be calculated according to FINA rules.
3. All athletes from Phase 1A shall advance to Phase 1B.

B. Phase 1B – National Skills Testing Competition:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a National Skills Testing competition, which will consist of a total of 3 land tests and 1 swimming test. A full description of the tests and scoring criteria can be found in the National Skills Testing Protocols which is posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website.

C. Phase 1 - Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phase 1 will be calculated using the following percentages:
 - Phase 1A – Figure Competition 65%
 - Phase 1B – National Skills Testing Competition 35%

Number of athletes to advance to Phase 2A:

- Up to a maximum of 50 athletes, in rank order, shall advance to Phase 2A.

TIED ATHLETES: If one or more athlete(s) attain a score of 0.1 or less below the score of the last qualified athlete for Phase 2A, it will be considered a tie. All tied athletes shall advance to Phase 2A.

D. Phase 2A – Figure Competition:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Figure competition, which will consist of 2 Optional Figures, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee, from the 13-15 age division figure list. The figures will be announced at least 72 hours prior to the trials and posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website.
2. Scores from Phase 2A will be calculated according to FINA rules.
3. All athletes from Phase 2A shall advance to Phase 2B and 2C.

E. Phase 2B – National Skills Testing Competition:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a National Skills Testing competition, which will consist of 2 land tests. A full description of the tests and scoring criteria can be found in the National Skills Testing Protocols which are posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website.

F. Phase 2C – Individual Routine Swim:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Routine competition, which will consist of 1 individual routine swim. The draw for the individual routine swim will be a random

draw. The routine will be selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.

G. Phase 2 – Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phase 2 will be calculated using the following percentages:
 - Phase 2A – Figure Competition 50%
 - Phase 2B – National Skills Testing Competition 20%
 - Phase 2C – Individual Routine Swim 30%

H. Phases 1 and 2 Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phases 1 and 2 will be calculated using the following percentages:
 - Phase 1 100%
(65% Figure Competition from Phase 1A, 35% National Skills Testing Competition from Phase 1B)
 - Phase 2 100%
(50% Figure Competition from Phase 2A, 20% National Skills Testing Competition from Phase 2B, 30% Individual Routine Swim from Phase 2C)

Number of athletes to advance to Phase 3:

- Up to a maximum of 30 athletes, in rank order, shall advance to Phase 3.

All scores from Phases 1 and 2 will be dropped prior to Phase 3.

TIED ATHLETES: If one or more athlete(s) attain a score of 0.1 or less below the score of the last qualified athlete for Phase 3, it will be considered a tie. All tied athletes shall advance to Phase 3.

I. Phase 3A – Figure Competition:

Phase 3A shall be held in Mesa, AZ, at a date and time to be announced.

- 13-15 National Team and National Elite Camp Trials: during Figure competition at the U.S. 13-15 Championships.

1. All eligible athletes will compete in the Figure competition during the U.S. 13-15 Championships, to be held in Mesa, AZ.
2. Scores from Phase 3A will be calculated according to FINA rules.
3. All athletes from Phase 3A shall advance to Phase 3B.

J. Phase 3B – Routine Competition:

Phase 3B shall be held in Mesa, AZ, at a date and time to be announced.

- 13-15 National Team and National Elite Camp Trials: April, 2021 (exact date and time to be announced).

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Routine competition, which will consist of 1 individual routine swim and 1 group routine swim. The draw for the individual routine swim will be a random draw and the draw for the group routine swim will be decided by the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff. The scores of the 2 routine swims (1 individual and 1 group swim) will be averaged to calculate the Final routine score. The routine will be selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.

K. Phase 3 – Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phase 3 will be calculated using the following percentages:

- Phase 3 100%
(50% Figure Competition from Phase 3A, 50% Routine Competition from Phase 3B)

The Phase 3 Final Score will be used to select, up to 14 athletes for the 13-15 National Team and up to 16 athletes for the National Elite Camp.

TIED ATHLETES: If one or more athlete(s) attain a score of 0.1 or less below the score of the last athlete being considered for the 13-15 National Team, it will be considered a tie. A tiebreaker shall be used to rank the tied athletes.

TIEBREAKER. To separate the scores in the preceding paragraph, the results of the Figure Competition from Phase 3A will be used to break the tie.

1.03 NAMING OF THE 2021 13-15 NATIONAL TEAM AND THE NATIONAL ELITE CAMP:

A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2021 13-15 National Team and National Elite Camp will be comprised of up to:

- 14 athletes (not including petitioners) for the 13-15 National Team.
- 16 13-15 athletes (not including petitioners) for the National Elite Camp.

The exact number of athletes will be determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee. The High Performance Manager or Designee, will make the final decision based on the results from Phase 3 and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff and select FINA Judges. If the Mixed Duet is an event at the selected competition, then the male athlete shall be the highest ranked male athlete from Phase 3.

B. **Training and Competition Requirements:** All selected athletes after Phase 3 must attend the National Team training camps and National Team competition(s) or the National Elite Camp per their selection, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Manager or Designee.

If a selected athlete decides to decline their National Team or National Elite Camp selection, this athlete must notify the High Performance Manager or Designee, in writing no later than May 10, 2021.

If a selected athlete is not present at the start of National Team or National Elite Camp (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Manager or Designee), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the National Team or National Elite Camp, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.

If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2021 National Team or National Elite Camp, the High Performance Manager or Designee, has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2021 National Team or National Elite Camp.

C. **Routine Assignments:** Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Free Combination assignments for each competition will be determined at a later date by the National Team Coaching Staff for final approval by the High Performance Manager or Designee. All athletes named to the 2021 13-15 National Team will be considered for each routine.

D. **Replacements:** Replacement athletes for the National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected in rank order from Phase 3, then Phase 2, then Phase 1 of the 2021 National Team and National Elite Camp Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee, and the National Team Coaching Staff.

1.04 PETITIONS

A. Any 13-15 athlete who has successfully petitioned the National Team Review Subcommittee, pursuant to the Exception noted below, may also be considered for

placement on the 2021 13-15 National Team, or the National Elite Camp or advancement to the next Phase of Trials. Consideration is regardless of their prior participation or ranking in any of the Selection Process that has taken place. Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event.

- B.** The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff, may replace the last ranked athlete(s), with one or more petitioners added from Section 1.04 A. above to finalize the 2021 13-15 National Team or the National Elite Camp or advancement to the next Phase of Trials.

EXCEPTION: In the event of an athlete injury or illness as certified by a Physician approved by USA Artistic Swimming, or an extreme personal or family emergency or any other extenuating circumstances, prior to or during the National Team and National Elite Camp Trials, which precludes the athlete from participating in the Trials, the athlete may petition the National Team Review Subcommittee. If the petition is approved, the successful petitioner shall be reinserted into the Selection Process at the appropriate Phase as an additional athlete.

ARTICLE 2

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL ELITE CAMP PROCEDURES FOR 12&UNDER FEMALE AND MALE ATHLETES (All new)

2.01 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2021 12&UNDER NATIONAL ELITE CAMP FEMALE ATHLETES:

To be eligible for the 2021 12 & under National Elite Camp, a registered USA Artistic Swimming female athlete must:

- A. Have been born in the years 2009 or later.
- B. Have passed Grade Levels 1 & 2 (waived for 2021).
- C. Have placed in the top 10 in the Figure competition at the 2021 12 & under U.S. Invitational. If any of the top 10 athletes decline their selection, the next eligible athletes, in rank order, will be invited to the National Elite Camp for a maximum 10 female athletes qualified through the 2021 12 & under U.S. Invitational.
- D. Have placed in the top 6 in the 12 & under Figure competition at the 2021 U.S. Junior Olympic Championship. If any of the top 6 athletes are already qualified through Section 2.01 C above, or decline their selection, the next eligible athletes, in rank order, will be invited to the National Elite Camp for a maximum of 6 female athletes qualified through the 2021 U.S. Junior Olympic Championship.

2.02 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2021 NATIONAL ELITE CAMP MALE ATHLETES:

To be eligible for the 2021 National Elite Camp, a registered USA Artistic Swimming male athlete must:

- A. Have been born in the years 2006 or later.
- B. Have passed Grade Levels 1 & 2 (waived for 2021).
- C. Have participated in the 2021 13-15 National Team Trials, or the Figure competition at the 2021 12 & under U.S. Invitational, or the 2021 13-15 U.S. Championship, or the 2021 12 & under or 13-15 U.S. Junior Olympic Championship.

2.03 NAMING OF THE ADDITIONAL 12&UNDER FEMALE AND MALE ATHLETES FOR THE NATIONAL ELITE CAMP:

- A. **Number of Athletes:** In addition to the 16 13-15 female athletes selected from the 2021 13-15 National Team Trials, the 2021 National Elite Camp will be comprised of up to:
 - 16 12 & under female athletes based on the results from Article 2, Section 2.01 C and D.
 - 4 male athletes selected by the High Performance Manager and the Education Director based on the results from Article 2, Section 2.02 C.

The exact number of athletes will be determined by the Education Director. The Education Director will make the final decision based on the results.

- B. **National Elite Camp Requirements:** All selected athletes must attend the National Elite Camp, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Education Director.

If a selected athlete decides to decline their National Elite Camp selection, this athlete must notify the Education Director, in writing no later than May 10, 2021 if selected from the 13-15 National Team Trials, the 12 & under U.S. Invitational or the U.S. 13-15 Championship, or no later than July 10, 2021 if selected from the 2021 U.S. Junior Olympic Championship.

If a selected athlete is not present at the start of the National Elite Camp (unless otherwise agreed upon by the Education Director), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the National Elite Camp, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.

If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the National Elite Camp, the Education Director, has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2021 National Elite Camp.

ARTICLE 3

2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES (All new)

The following athletes are the current members of the Junior National Training Squad.

Claudia Coletti
Ashley Latchford
Ella Sharon
Juliana Silva
Gabriella Terry
Valentina Terry

Additional athletes will be selected to join the current Junior National Training Squad at the Junior National Team Trials held on April 11, 2021 in Oro Valley, AZ, at a time to be announced. All members of the Junior National Training Squad will be eligible to be named to the Junior National Team and compete in the 2021 UANA Championship, 2021 FINA Junior World Championship and the 2021 Junior Pan American Games.

3.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2021 Junior National Team, a registered USA Artistic Swimming athlete must:

- A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition(s).
- B. Have been born in the years 2002 to 2006.
- C. Have passed Grade Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (waived for 2021).

3.02 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Trials shall be held April 11, 2021 in Oro Valley, AZ, at a time to be announced.

All routine, land and swim testing will be judged/evaluated by a panel of 3 National Team Coaches and 2 FINA Judges, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee. The Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the USOPC-AAC Representative (or Designee) will be present at the event to ensure compliance, though will not serve as official evaluators.

- A. Eligible athletes will compete in a National Skills Testing competition, which will consist of a total of 3 land tests and 1 swimming test. A full description of the tests and scoring criteria can be found in the National Skills Testing Protocols which are posted on the USA Artistic Swimming website.
- B. Eligible athletes will compete in a Routine competition, which will consist of 1 individual technical routine swim. The draw for the individual routine swim will be a random draw. The routine will be selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.
- C. Eligible athletes will participate in a pre-trial interview conducted by the National Team Coaching Staff and the USOPC-AAC Athlete Representative. In addition, the athletes will be evaluated based on observations by the National Team Coaching Staff during the Trials.

D. **Final Score:** The final score will be based on the following percentages:

- Pre-Trial Interview 5%
- Land Tests 20%
- Swimming Test 15%
- Routine 50%
 - Elements 50 points
 - Non-elements 50 points
- Observation 10%

TIED ATHLETES: If one or more athlete(s) attain a score of 0.1 or less below the score of the last athlete being considered for the Junior National Training Squad, it will be considered a tie. A tiebreaker shall be used to rank the tied athletes.

TIEBREAKER. To separate the scores in the preceding paragraph, the overall Routine Element score will be used. If there is another tie, the overall Routine non-element score will be used to break the tie.

3.03 NAMING OF ADDITIONAL ATHLETES TO THE 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD

A. **Number of Athletes:** Up to 6 female athletes and 1 male athlete (not including petitioners) will be named to the existing Junior National Training Squad. The exact number of female athletes will be determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee. The High Performance Manager or Designee, will make the final decision based on the results from the 2021 April Trials and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff and select FINA Judges.

B. **Training and Competition Requirements:** All selected athletes must commit to full-time training at the National Training Center by April 17, 2021. If a selected athlete decides to decline their National Team Training Squad selection, this athlete must notify the High Performance Manager or Designee, in writing no later than April 17, 2021.

All selected athletes must join full-time training at the National Training Center by May 1, 2021 to be eligible to compete at the 2021 UANA Championship or June 1, 2021 to be eligible to compete at the 2021 FINA Junior World Championship and the 2021 Junior Pan American Games (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Manager or Designee).

If a selected athlete is not present at the start of full-time training on May 1, 2021 or June 1, 2021, respectively (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Manager or Designee), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the National Team Training Squad, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.

A current Senior National Team athlete, who is age eligible for the Junior National Team, will have the opportunity to compete on the Junior National Team, if it does not interfere with their ability to compete on the Senior National Team, and is agreed upon by the High Performance Manager or Designee, Junior and Senior Team Coaching Staffs and the athlete. Age eligible Senior National Team athletes must commit to participating on the Junior National Team by April 1, 2021.

If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2021 Junior National Training Squad, the High Performance Manager or Designee, has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2021 Junior National Team.

3.04 NAMING OF THE 2021 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

- A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2021 Junior National Team will be comprised of up to:
- 10-14 athletes (not including petitioners)

The exact number of athletes will be determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee. The High Performance Manager or Designee, will make the final decision based on the observations and evaluations during full-time training and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staffs.

- B. **Routine Assignments:** Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Free Combination assignments for each competition will be determined at a later date by the National Team Coaching Staff for final approval by the High Performance Manager or Designee. All athletes named to the 2021 Junior National Team will be considered for each routine.
- C. **Replacements:** Replacement athletes for the National Team shall be selected in rank order from the 2021 April Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee, and the National Team Coaching Staff.

3.05 PETITIONS

- A. Any Junior athlete who has successfully petitioned the National Team Review Subcommittee, pursuant to the Exception noted below, may also be considered for placement on the 2021 Junior National Team. Consideration is regardless of their prior participation or ranking in any of the Selection Process that has taken place. Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event.
- B. The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff, may replace the last ranked athlete(s), with one or more petitioners added from Section 3.05 A. above to finalize the 2021 Junior National Team.

EXCEPTION: In the event of an athlete injury or illness as certified by a Physician approved by USA Artistic Swimming, or an extreme personal or family emergency or any other extenuating circumstances prior to or during the Junior National Team Trials, which precludes the athlete from participating in the Trials, the athlete may petition the National Team Review Subcommittee. If the petition is approved, the successful petitioner shall be reinserted into the Selection Process at the appropriate Phase as an additional athlete.

ARTICLE 4

2022 JUNIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES (All new)

The following athletes are the current members of the 2021 Junior National Training Squad.

Claudia Coletti
Ashley Latchford
Ella Sharon
Juliana Silva

Additional athletes selected to join the 2021 Junior National Training Squad during the Junior National Team Trials held on April 11, 2021 in Oro Valley, AZ, will be eligible for the 2022 Junior National Training Squad.

All members eligible for the 2022 Junior National Training Squad must commit to full-time training at the National Training Center by June 1, 2021. All selected athletes must join full-time training at the National Training Center by September 1, 2021 to be eligible to be named to the 2022 Junior National Team and compete in the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships.

If an insufficient number of athletes commit to the 2022 Junior National Training Squad, an additional Trials may be held in April 2022.

ARTICLE 5

2021-2024 SENIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES (All new)

The following athletes are the current members of the 2021 Senior National Training Squad:

Anita Alvarez
Paige Areizaga
Nicole Dzurko
Megumi Field
Nicole Goot
Hannah Heffernan
Anyia Melson
Maya Plotnitskaya
Daniella Ramirez
Ruby Remati
Abbygayle Remmers
Lindi Schroeder

The 2021-2024 Senior National Training Squad Selection will be held on April 11, 2021, in Oro Valley, AZ, at a time to be announced. All Senior National Team athletes in full-time training as of April 11, 2021, will automatically be named to the 2021-2024 Senior National Training Squad. All athletes named to the 2021-2024 Senior National Training Squad must enter full-time training beginning September 1, 2021, or be actively participating in an artistic swimming collegiate program. Full details of the 2021-2024 Senior National Team Selection process can be found here: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming/team-usa/national-team-trials>

ARTICLE 6

2022 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES (All new)

1.01 ELIGIBILITY FOR PHASE 1

To be eligible for Phase 1 of the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials, a registered USA Artistic Swimming male athlete must:

- A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition(s).
- B. Have been born in the years 2007 or later.

1.02 2022 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES PHASE 1

Phase 1 shall be held April 11, 2021, in Oro Valley, AZ, at the site of the U.S. National Championship, at a time to be announced. All routine, land and swim testing will be judged/evaluated by ~~a panel of 3~~ 2 Senior National Team Coaches, the High Performance Manager or Designee and 2 FINA judges, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee.

Phase 2 will be held in November, 2021, in Los Angeles, CA, at a date, time and location to be announced. All routine, land and swim testing will be judged/evaluated by 2 Senior National Team Coaches, the High Performance Manager or Designee and 2 FINA judges, selected by the High Performance Manager or Designee.

Phase 3 will be held in March, 2022, in Los Angeles, CA, at a date, time and location to be announced. All routine testing will be judged/evaluated by 2 Senior National Team Coaches and the High Performance Manager or Designee.

For all phases, the Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the USOPC-AAC Representative (or Designee) will be present to ensure compliance, but will not be serve as official evaluators.

- A. **Phase 1:**
 1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Technical and Physical Skill Testing competition as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This may include speed swimming, artistic swimming specific land training, flexibility, gymnastics, acrobatics, strength & conditioning, and artistic and technical skills.
 2. The Mixed Duet Technical Routine may be evaluated, as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This may include any parts or run-throughs of the routine individually, in pairs or in groups. Athletes must learn the routine prior to the start of the tryout event.
 3. **Interview/Observation:** Eligible athletes will participate in a pre-trial interview as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This will include an individual interview prior to the Trials and observation of the athletes during the Trials.
 4. The Trials will select 2 males to the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet Training Squad. The female athlete will be selected in Phase 2.
 5. Male athletes selected in Phase 1 continue through to Phase 3.

6. All selected athletes must join full-time training at the National Training Center at a date to be determined.

1.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3

To be eligible for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials, a registered USA Artistic Swimming male athlete must:

- A. Be a member of the Senior National Training Squad training full-time at the National Training Center.

1.04 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES PHASES 2 AND 3

A. Phase 2:

1. Phase 2 will be held in November 2021, in Los Angeles, CA, at a date, time and location to be announced on the website <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Artistic-Swimming> at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the tryout. The Trials will be held in conjunction with the 2022 Senior National Duet **Training Squad** selection.
2. The 2021 Senior National Team Nominated Duet and reserve are pre-selected onto the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet Training Squad. They will not be required to compete in Phase 2 if their Senior National Team agreement is signed immediately following the 2021 season.
3. The 2 highest ranked female athletes that are not selected to the Senior National Duet will have the opportunity to elect to join the Senior National Mixed Duet Training Squad. If an athlete(s) refuses the position, the next highest ranked athlete(s) will be selected.
4. Eligible athletes will compete in a Technical and Physical Skill Testing competition as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This may include speed swimming, artistic swimming specific land training, flexibility, gymnastics, acrobatics, strength & conditioning, and artistic and technical skills.
5. The Mixed Duet Technical Routine may be evaluated, as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This may include any parts or run-throughs of the routine individually, in pairs or in groups. Athletes must learn the routine prior to the start of the tryout event.
6. Eligible athletes advance to Phase 3.

B. Phase 3:

1. Phase 3 will be held in March 2022, Los Angeles, CA, at a date, time and location to be announced on the website <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Artistic-Swimming> at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the tryout.
2. Eligible athletes from Phases 1 and 2 will participate in Phase 3.
3. Eligible athletes will compete in a **Technical and Free Mixed Duet routine evaluation as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee and the Senior Head Coach. This may include any parts or run-throughs of the routines individually, in pairs or in groups. Athletes must learn the routine prior to the start of the tryout event.**
4. Eligible athletes will be evaluated by the National Team Coaching Staff for the period of full-time training from November 2021 to March 2022.

1.05 NAMING OF THE 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET

- A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2022 World Championship Senior National Mixed Duet will be comprised of 1 male and 1 female athlete (not including petitioners).

The High Performance Manager or Designee, will make the final decision based on the results from Phases 1, 2, and 3 and in consultation with the National Team Coaches. The Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the USOPC-AAC Representative (or Designee) will be present during the final decision making process which will include review of the athlete evaluations, the results and discussions to ensure compliance.

- B. **Training and Competition Requirements:** All selected athletes must continue full-time training at the National Training Center to be eligible to compete at the 2022 FINA World Championships (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Manager or Designee).

If a selected athlete does not continue with full-time training (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Manager or Designee), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the Senior National Mixed Duet, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.

If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet, the High Performance Manager or Designee, has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet.

- C. **Replacements:** Replacement athletes for the Senior National Mixed Duet shall be selected in rank order from Phase 3, then Phase 2, then Phase 1 of the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Manager or Designee, and the National Team Coaching Staff.

1.06 PETITIONS

- A. Any Senior athlete who has successfully petitioned the National Team Review Subcommittee, pursuant to the Exception noted below, may also be considered for placement on the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet. Consideration is regardless of their prior participation or ranking in any of the Selection Process that has taken place. Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event.
- B. The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Manager or Designee, in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff, may replace the last ranked athlete(s), with one or more petitioners added from Section 1.06 A. above to finalize the 2022 Senior National Mixed Duet.

EXCEPTION: In the event of an athlete injury or illness as certified by a Physician approved by USA Artistic Swimming, or an extreme personal or family emergency or any other extenuating circumstances prior to or during the Senior National Mixed Duet Trials, which precludes the athlete from participating in the Trials, the athlete may petition the National Team Review Subcommittee. If the petition is approved, the successful petitioner shall be reinserted into the Selection Process at the appropriate Phase as an additional athlete.