2027 Appendix E

October 2026

National Team Program Goals:

- Youth and Junior Trials:
  - Youth National Team Trials –
    - Phase 1&2 - Dates: Jan 16 and 17, 2027. Las Vegas, NV
    - Phase 3&4 - 2027 Youth Championship. Dates: Apr 22 and 25, 2027 | Orlando, FL
  - Junior National Team Trials –
    - Phase 1&2 - 2027 National & Junior Championship. Dates: Apr 12-13, 2027 | Ypsilanti, MI.
- Selection to All-STAR CAMP – Select the top 4 athletes after the nominated JNT, the top 8 after the nominated YNT, and the top 8 from the figures competition at the 12&U Invitational for 12&U athletes.
- Youth National Team – 2027 Youth World Championships. Date and Location TBC
- Junior National Team – 2027 Junior Olympic Development Camp – International trip – 2 weeks.
- Senior National Team – 2027 World Cups, Super Final, World Championships in Budapest and PAG.

NT Program Calendar 2027 – International calendar not yet release by AQUA	
YNT Trials Phase 1&2	Jan 16-17, 2027
World Cup #1	TBD
World Cup #2	TBD
JNT Trials - US Championships	April 12-13, 2027
YNT Trials Phase 3&4 – Youth Championships	April 22 and 25, 2027
World Cup #3	TBD
World Cup #4	TBD
Super Final	TBD
World Championships	June 26 to July 18, 2027
PAG Lima 2027	August 5-8, 2027
Youth World Championships	TBD
Junior ODP Camp	TBD

Item 1: Modify PREREQUISITES FOR EVALUATORS FOR ALL TRIALS
Delete: National Skill Assessors – Approved!

Item 2: Modify Article 2 - 2026 YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM AND ADDITIONAL All-STAR CAMP ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES – Approved!

Modification:

1. Bring it back the phase 1&2 in January so we have more time to access the athletes and give a fair opportunity to make the National team. Similar to what we did in 2025 Appendix E version.
2. Change for top 8 after the YNT selection qualified to ASC.

Proposal: Phase 1&2
Phase 1A (January)– Technical Skill Test – 4 Figures Competition – 60%
Phase 1B (January)– Swimming / Conditioning – 1 test - 15%
Phase 1C (January)– Strength & Flexibility Test – up to 3 land tests - 25%
Note: Up to a maximum of 40 athletes, in rank order, shall advance to Phase 2

Phase 2A (January) – Technical Skill Test: 2 Figures Competition - 30% - (2 different set of figures)
Phase 2B (January) – ACRO Skills Test– Water – up to 2 tests - 25%
Phase 2C (January) – Artistic Swimming Routine – 1 Individual Swim – 45%
Phases 1 and 2 - Final Score: Phase 1 = 100%, Phase 2 = 100%

Note: Up to a maximum of 30 athletes, in rank order, shall advance to Phase 3.
Note: Including the current male exception.

At US Youth Championships Proposal: Phase 3 & 4
- Phase 3 – Figure Competition - 100%
- Phase 4 – 1 Individual Swim – 50% and 1 Group Routine Swim – 50%

The Final score will be calculated using the following percentages:
- Phase 1&2 – 25%
- Phase 3 – Figure Competition - 30%
- Phase 4 – Individual and Group Routine Swim - 45%

Item 3: Modify article 3
2027 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM AND ADDITIONAL All-STAR CAMP ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES – Approved!

Modify all phases to be executed at 2027 National & Junior Championship. Eliminate the January trials event. Phases 1 and 2 shall be held during the 2027 National & Junior Championship.

A. Stationary Water Skill Tests in Phases 1A and 1B and the Individual Routine Swim in Phase 2 will be judged by a panel of 3-5 evaluators as defined in "Prerequisites for Evaluators".
B. Phases 1A, 1B and 2 may be conducted simultaneously based on a random draw split into 2-3 groups.

Nominating the team: Up to 16 athletes for the JNT ODP camp and top 4 athletes after the JNT ODP camp team is selected to 2027 All-Star Camp.

Item 4: Mixed Duet procedures. – Approved!

ARTICLE 5 2027 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES.

Proposal: New Selection for Budapest World Championships.

5.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible of the 2027 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials, a registered USAAS athlete must:

A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition/camp(s).
B. Athletes must be fifteen (15) years of age or older (on or prior to December 31st in the year of the competition)
C. Have passed Grade Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
D. Be a member of the SNT Olympic training squad.

5.02 2027 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES

Number of Phases, Components and Officials:

A. Phase 1 will be held in fall-winter 2026, 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.

B. All routine, land and water testing will be judged/evaluated by up to 2 Senior National Team Coaches, the Chief of Sport (or Designee) and 2 former and/or current AQUA judges and/or former and/or current AQUA Evaluators, selected by the Chief of Sport (or Designee).

C. In addition, the athletes will be evaluated based on observations by the National Team Coaching Staff during the Trials.

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

The 2027 Senior National Mixed Duet shall be selected as follows:

A. Eligible athletes will compete in a Technical and Physical Skills Testing competition as determined by the Chief of Sport (or Designee) and the Senior Head Coach. This may include speed swimming, artistic swimming specific land training, flexibility, gymnastics, acrobatics, strength & conditioning, artistic and technical skills as well as discretionary evaluations.

B. The Mixed Duet Technical Routine may be evaluated, as determined by the Chief of Sport (or Designee) and the Senior Head Coach. This may include any parts or run-throughs of the routine individually, or in pairs. Athletes must learn the routine prior to the start of the tryout event.

5.03 NAMING THE 2027 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET

A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2027 Senior National Mixed Duet Squad will be comprised of 1 male and 1 female athlete (not including petitioners) plus 1 reserve athlete.
   1. The Chief of Sport (or Designee) will make the final decision based on the results from Phase 1 and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.

B. **Training and Competition Requirements:**
   1. All selected athletes must continue full-time training at the National Training Center to be eligible to compete at the 2027 World Aquatic Championship (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Chief of Sport or Designee).
   2. If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2027 Senior National Mixed Duet, the Chief of Sport (or Designee) has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2027 Senior National Mixed Duet.

C. **Replacement Athlete:**
   1. To preserve the opportunity to compete in a mixed duet event, the Chief of Sport and the Senior National Team coaches may identify, invite, and/or select an alternate female athlete to replace a selected female athlete who declines selection, withdraws, becomes unavailable, or is unable to continue participating. Any replacement athlete must satisfy all applicable eligibility requirements. The Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the Team USA-AC Representative (or Designee) will be informed of plans and serve as advisers to ensure compliance.