



**2025 National Team Program Report**  
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The year 2025 proved to be another incredible chapter in our organization's journey, marked by challenges, transitions, and triumphs for all levels of our national team program. Building on the momentum from the Paris Olympic Games, the program navigated significant milestones while continuing to achieve remarkable results. None of this would have been possible without the relentless commitment and support of athletes, coaches, officials, and families, whose unwavering dedication remains the cornerstone of our progress. We take immense pride in the perseverance demonstrated by our community and celebrate the achievements of our high-performance athletes.

**Senior National Team (SNT):**

After the extraordinary silver medal success at the Paris Olympic Games, the Senior National Team faced a major transition when former Head Coach Andrea Fuentes made the difficult decision to return to her home country, Spain, to pursue opportunities closer to her family. With little time to transition, the program welcomed an entirely new coaching staff, whose commitment and expertise were critical to sustaining momentum and upholding the program's standards.

Under the guidance of the new coaching staff, SNT made appearances at two World Cups, delivering strong results. At the France World Cup, the team achieved significant success, earning gold in acrobatics and bronze in the brand new technical team routine, closing the competitive gap with Japan. The second World Cup took place in Canada, where the team debuted their new free team routine, titled "The Body." The routine received glowing feedback for its innovative choreography, earning a third-place finish. In acrobatics, the team also secured third place, demonstrating their growing strength.

The season culminated at the World Championships in Singapore, the team's most important and competitive event of the year. The SNT competed in three team events—team free, tech team, and acrobatics, as well as a new duet tech pairing. The results were a fourth-place finish in free team, sixth place in team tech, and tenth place in acrobatics after a base mark in one of the lifts in the final event. While the results showed room for growth, the team proved their resilience and dedication to competing at the sport's highest level as they look ahead to LA 2028.

Following the World Championships, the program underwent another important change. During an end-of-season debrief and with thoughtful, positive conversations between high-performance staff, Senior Team Head Coach Tammy McGregor and USA Artistic Swimming leadership agreed on an amicable separation. This mutual decision balances short-term priorities with the long-term goals and continued development of athletes and the program toward the LA 2028 Olympic Games.

**Junior National Team:**

The Junior National Team embarked on its 2025 journey by carefully selecting nine of the best junior athletes to represent the U.S. at the Junior Pan American Games in Asunción, Paraguay. With just six weeks of preparation under the expert guidance of coaches Megan Abarca and Heather Carraco, the



team trained intensively in three team events—Tech, Free, and Acrobatics—as well as technical and free duets. Highlighted by a second-place finish in the tech routine and a bronze medal in the duet, with AnaMaria Camero and Hannah Ryo the U.S. team rose to the occasion while gaining invaluable experience on the international stage.

The results reflect their progression as individual athletes and teammates. Most importantly, this competition provided them with a platform to grow, improve, and develop under high-pressure scenarios. The junior national team: Anamaria Camero, Dempsey Raftus, Eloise Krigbaum, Hannah Hannah Ryou, Isabella Bae, Jennifer Ryu, Mona Schwickert, Olivia Zhu and Samantha Chu.

#### Youth National Team:

The Youth National Team embarked on an busy summer in preparation for the Youth World Championships in Greece (August 26–30). Fourteen athletes aged 13–15 were selected to represent the U.S. across every event, including men's and women's solo, duet and mixed duet, team free, combo, and figures. The eight-week training camp in Las Vegas focused on perfecting routines and sharpening competitive readiness under Head Coach Ludivine Perrin-Stsepaniuk and Assistant Coach Anna Yesipova. The staff was enhanced further by Bill May serving as consultant and Laura Mase managing the team while also supporting as assistant coach.

Jaclyn Zhuge secured a bronze medal in the solo event, an indication of her immense talent and potential. Jacklyn will join the Senior National Team in November, where we look forward to supporting her continued development at the highest level. Xavier Wang delivered the surprise performance of the competition, earning a world silver medal in the solo event, proving that the U.S. men's program is burgeoning with promise and talent.

In team competitions, the U.S. performed historic routines. In the Team Free Routine, the U.S. captured an extraordinary silver medal, outscoring major competitors like China, Japan, and Spain. This accomplishment underscores not only the technical skill of our athletes but their ability to unify as a cohesive team. In the Combo Routine the team delivered a strong fourth-place finish, narrowly missing the podium due to a base mark penalty. With cleaner execution, the athletes may have surpassed competitors such as Spain and China. Our rising stars are Isabella Chen, Chloe Fu, Annie Xiang, Siyu Sicely Wu, Chloe Kim, Genevieve Thiebaut, Hevin Park, Ella Wu, Nira Shakeri, Arielle Lichter, Xavier Wang, Yilian Yuan, Olivia Zeng, Jaclyn Zhuge.

Jaclyn Zhuge and Yilian Yuan delivered a strong performance in the women's duet, placing fourth. Xavier Wang and Hevin Park competed with passion and precision, finishing fifth in the mixed duet.

Overall, Team USA finished in the top five in every routine, an extraordinary feat that cements their status as a rising international contender. These results are not just significant for now. They are a promise of what's to come in the years ahead.

#### Looking Ahead to the Future

We remain proud of all the athletes, coaches, and administrative staff involved in the national team program in 2025. Their efforts represent the continuation of our mission to develop athletes in and



out of the water while inspiring them to strive for their best. This season was an important building block in our program's evolution, paving the way for greater success in 2028 and beyond.

#### Special Thanks

I extend our deepest gratitude to our CEO, Adam Andrasko, and the National Office staff, Kennedy Shriver, and Emily Burlison for their tireless work behind the scenes. Their unwavering commitment ensures the success of the national team program as we build a program capable of podium contention in 2028 and beyond.

As a unified organization, we look forward to the future with pride in our achievements and optimism for what's to come. Together, we are building an enduring legacy, inspiring the next generation of athletes and ensuring artistic swimming continues to thrive on the world stage.

Respectfully,

Lara Teixeira,

**Chief of Sport and Chair of the USAAS National Team Program Committee.**