

APPENDIX E

NATIONAL TEAM, OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

The High Performance Director (or Designee), with notification to the USA Artistic Swimming (“USAAS”) Vice President Olympic International and the International Relations Committee Chair, 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. Refer to Appendix F. Private invitations are the only exception to the Club Option procedure and require notification to the International Relations Committee Chair.

PREREQUISITES FOR NATIONAL TEAMS, OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP

Below are the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to a National Team, Olympic Development Program or National Elite Camp.

A. **Nationality/Passport Requirements:**

1. An Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of the final selection of the Squad/Team.
 - **Exception:** 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 final selection of the Squad/Team for which the Trials are being conducted, is eligible to compete in the Trials for the USAAS National Teams, Olympic Development Program and/or the National Elite Camp.
 - An Athlete who fails to become a citizen 30 days prior to the final selection of the Squad/Team shall be replaced with the next highest ranked athlete.
 - An Athlete who is not a citizen of the United States who qualifies through the Trials process for the National Elite Camp may participate in the National Elite Camp, at the discretion of the Education Director.
2. An Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for 6 months after the competition/event.

NOTE: Refer to the USAAS website (www.teamusa.org/USA-Artistic-Swimming) to find the most recent information concerning ongoing Trials procedures and/or the National Teams, Olympic Development Program and National Elite Camp.

B. **Other Requirements:**

1. Athletes must be a member in good standing with USAAS.
2. Athletes must meet the requirements of the USAAS National Team/Squad Agreement.

PREREQUISITES FOR EVALUATORS FOR ALL TRIALS

The High Performance Director (or Designee) will select the appropriate number of individuals from the list below to serve on a panel during a Trials event.

- A. Current AQUA and PAQ judges
- B. Current AQUA Evaluators
- C. National Team Coaching Staff
- D. High Performance Director or Designee
- E. AQUA and PAQ Difficulty Technical Controllers
- F. USAAS Level 2 Difficulty Technical Controllers
- G. National Skill Assessors
- H. Former AQUA and PAQ judges and AQUA Evaluators
- I. National Judges

ARTICLE 1

NATIONAL ELITE CAMP PROCEDURES FOR 12 & UNDER ATHLETES

1.01 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2024 12 & UNDER NATIONAL ELITE CAMP ATHLETES

To be eligible for the 2024 National Elite Camp, a registered USAAS athlete must:

- A. Have been born in the years 2012 or later.
- B. Have passed Grade Levels 1 and 2.
- C. Have placed in the top 16 in the Figure competition at the 2024 12 & under U.S. Invitational to be held April 25-28, 2024 in Houston, TX, at a time to be announced. If any of the top 16 athletes decline their selection, the next eligible athlete(s), in rank order, will be invited to the National Elite Camp for a maximum of 16 athletes qualified through the 2024 12 & under U.S. Invitational.

1.02 NAMING THE 12 & UNDER ATHLETES FOR THE NATIONAL ELITE CAMP

- A. Number of Athletes: The 2024 National Elite Camp will be comprised of up to:
 - 16 12 & under athletes based on the criteria and results from Article 1, Section 1.01 A-C.
- 1. The exact number of athletes will be determined by the Education Director. The Education Director will make the final decision based on the criteria and results.
- B. National Elite Camp Requirements: All selected athletes must attend the National Elite Camp, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Education Director.
 - 1. 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, 2024, exact date to be determined.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. 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 2024 National Elite Camp.

ARTICLE 2

2024 YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM AND ADDITIONAL NATIONAL ELITE CAMP ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Phase 1 of the 2024 Youth National Team and National Elite Camp Trials, a registered USAAS athlete must:

- A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition/camp(s).
- B. Have been born in the years 2009 to 2011 (females) and 2008 to 2011 (males).
- C. Have passed Grade Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4.

2.02 2024 YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP SELECTION PROCEDURES

Number of Phases, Components and Officials:

- A. Phases 1 and 2 shall be held during the U.S. Youth Championship, April 25-28, 2024, in Houston, TX, at a time to be announced.
- B. Figures in Phase 1 will be judged by a panel of AQUA Judges, PAQ Judges, AQUA Evaluators and/or National Judges at the U.S. Youth Championship.
- C. Stationary Water Skill Tests in Phases 2A and 2B and the Individual Routine Swim in Phase 2C will be judged by a panel of 3-5 evaluators as defined in “Prerequisites for Evaluators”.
- D. Phases 2A, 2B and 2C may be conducted simultaneously based on a random draw split into 2-3 groups.
- E. For Phase 2, the Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the Team USA Athlete’s Commission (“Team USA AC”) Representative (or Designee) will be present at the Trials to ensure compliance, though will not serve as official evaluators.

The 2024 Youth National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected as follows:

A. **Phase 1 – Figure Competition:**

- 1. Eligible athletes will compete in the Figure competition during the U.S. Youth Championships, to be held April 25-28, 2024, in Houston, TX.
- 2. Scores from Phase 1 will be calculated according to AQUA rules.
- 3. The top 50 registered Trials athletes* in rank order from the U.S. Youth Championship Figure competition shall advance from Phase 1 to Phase 2.

* NOTE: To ensure that Phase 2A has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the 50th ranked registered Trials athlete(s) in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the Phase 2 participants.

B. **Phase 2A – Stationary Water Skill “A” Test:**

- 1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Stationary Water Skill “A” Test to be selected by the High Performance Director (or Designee) and announced 45 days prior to Trials. A full description of the Test and scoring criteria can be found in the National Skills Testing Protocols which is posted on the USAAS website.
- 2. All athletes from Phase 2A shall advance to Phase 2B.

C. **Phase 2B – Stationary Water Skill “B” Test:**

- 1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Stationary Water Skill “B” Test to be selected by the High Performance Director (or Designee) and announced 45 days prior to Trials. A full description of the Test and scoring criteria can be found in the National Skills Testing Protocols which is posted on the USAAS website.

2. All athletes from Phase 2B shall advance to Phase 2C.

D. 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 Director (or Designee), in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.

E. Phase 2 – Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phase 2 will be calculated using the following percentages:

- Phase 2A – Stationary Water Skill “A” Test 10%
- Phase 2B – Stationary Water Skill “B” Test 10%
- Phase 2C – Individual Routine Swim 45%

F. Phases 1 and 2 - Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phases 1 and 2 will be calculated using the following percentages:

- Phase 1 35%
- Phase 2 65%

(10% Stationary Water Skill “A” Test from Phase 2A, 10% Stationary Water Skill “B” Test from Phase 2B, 45% Individual Routine Swim from Phase 2C)

2. The Final Score from Phases 1 and 2 will be used to select up to 16 athletes* for the Youth National Team and up to 16 athletes for the National Elite Camp.

* NOTE: To ensure that the Youth National Team has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the last athlete(s) being considered for the Youth National Team in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the 2024 Youth National Team.

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 Youth 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 Individual Routine Swim from Phase 2C will be used to break the tie.

2.03 NAMING THE 2024 YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM AND ADDITIONAL ATHLETES FOR THE NATIONAL ELITE CAMP

All members of the Youth National Team will be eligible to be a part of the Olympic Development Program – Youth Camp.

A. Number of Athletes: The 2024 Youth National Team and National Elite Camp will be comprised of up to:

- 16 athletes* (not including petitioners) for the Youth National Team.
- 16 athletes (not including petitioners) for the National Elite Camp.

* NOTE: To ensure that the Youth National Team has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the last athlete(s) being considered for the Youth National Team in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the 2024 Youth National Team.

1. The exact number of female and male athletes for the Youth National Team will be determined by the High Performance Director (or Designee). The High Performance Director (or Designee) will make the final decision based on the results of the Final Score from Phases 1 and 2 of the 2024 Youth National Team Trials and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff and select AQUA Judges.

B. Training and Competition Requirements:

1. All selected athletes must commit to the Youth National Team by May 12, 2024 to be eligible to participate at the Olympic Development Program – Youth Camp (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Director (or Designee)).
2. If a selected athlete decides to decline their Youth National Team or National Elite Camp selection, this athlete must notify the High Performance Director (or Designee), in writing no later than May 12, 2024.
3. If a selected athlete is not present at the start of the Youth National Team training or the National Elite Camp (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Director or Designee), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the 2024 Youth National Team or National Elite Camp, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.
4. If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2024 Youth National Team or National Elite Camp, the High Performance Director (or Designee) has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2024 Youth National Team and/or the National Elite Camp.

C. Routine Assignments: Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Free Combination assignments for each competition, if applicable, will be determined at a later date by the National Team Coaching Staff for final approval by the High Performance Director (or Designee). All athletes named to the 2024 Youth National Team will be considered for each routine.

D. Replacements: Replacement athletes for the Youth National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected in rank order from Phase 2, then Phase 1 of the 2024 Youth National Team and National Elite Camp Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Director (or Designee), and the National Team Coaching Staff.

2.04 PETITIONS

- A.** Any Youth athlete who has successfully petitioned the National Team Review Subcommittee, pursuant to the Exception noted below, may also be considered for placement on the 2024 Youth National Team, 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.
- B.** Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event and any successful petitioner must be present at the start of Youth National Team training or the National Elite Camp.
- C.** The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Director (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 2.04 A. above to finalize the 2024 Youth National Team, 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 USAAS, or an extreme personal or family emergency or any other extenuating circumstances, prior to or during the Youth 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 3

2024 JUNIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD/TEAM AND ADDITIONAL NATIONAL ELITE CAMP ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Kenneth Gaudet
Audrey Kwon
Calista Liu

The following athletes are the current members of the Senior National Team and are age eligible for the Junior National Team.

Megumi Field
Audrey Kwon
Calista Liu

All current members of the Junior National Training Squad and the age eligible Senior National Team athletes must commit to participating on the Junior National Training Squad by April 7, 2024.

Additional athletes will be selected to join the current Junior National Training Squad at the Junior National Team Trials held April 14-15, 2024, in Houston, TX, 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 will be eligible to compete in the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championships.

3.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Phase 1 of the 2024 Junior National Team and National Elite Camp, a registered USAAS athlete must:

- A. Be eligible to compete in the selected competition/camp(s).
- B. Have been born in the years 2005 to 2009 (females) and 2004 to 2009 (males).
- C. Have passed Grade Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

3.02 2024 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM AND NATIONAL ELITE CAMP SELECTION PROCEDURES

Number of Phases, Components and Officials:

- A. Phases 1 and 2 shall be held during the U.S Junior Championship, April 14-15, 2024, in Houston, TX, at a time to be announced.
- B. All routine testing will be judged/evaluated by a combination of AQUA/PAQ Judges and/or AQUA Evaluators and National Team Coaches as defined in "Prerequisites for Evaluators".
- C. The athletes will be evaluated based on observations by the National Team Coaching Staff during the Trials.
- D. In addition, the athletes will be evaluated during a Trials Interview.
- E. For Phase 2, the Vice President Olympic International (or Designee) and the Team USA AC Representative (or Designee) will be present at the Trials to ensure compliance, though will not serve as official evaluators.

The 2024 Junior National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected as follows:

A. Phase 1A – Individual Routine Swim:

1. 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 Director (or Designee), in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.
2. All athletes from Phase 1A shall advance to Phase 1B.

B. Phase 1B – Observation:

1. Eligible athletes will be evaluated throughout the Trials process by the National Team Coaching Staff. Evaluation will consist of preparedness, attitude, coachability, teamwork and competitiveness.

C. Phase 1 – Final Score:

1. The Final score for Phase 1 will be calculated using the following percentages:
 - Phase 1A – Individual Routine Swim 70%
 - Phase 1B – Observation 30%
2. Number of athletes to advance to Phase 2A:
 - Up to a maximum of 16 athletes*, in rank order, shall advance to Phase 2A.

* NOTE: To ensure Phase 2 has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the last athlete(s) being considered for Phase 2, in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the Phase 2 participants.

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 – Group Swim:

1. Eligible athletes will compete in a Routine competition, which will consist of 1 group technical routine swim. The draw and the number of athletes in each group for the group routine swim will be decided by the High Performance Director (or Designee). The routine will be selected by the High Performance Director (or Designee), in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff.
2. All athletes from Phase 2A shall advance to Phase 2B.

E. Phase 2B – Trials Interview:

1. Eligible athletes will participate in an interview conducted by the National Team Coaching Staff.

F. Phases 1 and 2 - Final Score:

1. The Final score from Phases 1 and 2 will be calculated using the following percentages:
 - Phase 1 – Final Score 40%
 - Phase 2A – Group Swim 40%
 - Phase 2B – Trials Interview 20%

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 Artistic Impression score from the Individual routine swim from Phase 1A will be used. If there is another tie, the overall score for the Technical Required Element # 1 from the Individual routine swim from Phase 1A will be used to break the tie.

3.03 NAMING ADDITIONAL ATHLETES TO THE 2024 JUNIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD

A. **Number of Athletes:** Up to 14 athletes* (not including petitioners) will be named as additional athletes to the Junior National Training Squad. The exact number of female and male* athletes will be determined by the High Performance Director (or Designee). The High Performance Director (or Designee) will make the final decision based on the results of the Final Score from Phases 1 and 2 of the 2024 Junior National Team Trials and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff and select AQUA Judges.

* **NOTE:** To ensure that the Junior National Training Squad has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the last athlete(s) being considered for the Junior National Training Squad, in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the Junior National Training Squad.

B. **Training and Competition Requirements:** All selected athletes after Phase 2 must attend the National Team training camps and National Team competition(s) per their selection, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Director (or Designee).

1. All current members of the Junior National Training Squad must commit to participating on the Junior National Training Squad by April 7, 2024.
2. A current Senior National Team athlete, who is age eligible for the Junior National Team, will have the opportunity to participate on the Junior National Training Squad, if it does not interfere with their ability to compete on the Senior National Team, and is agreed upon by the High Performance Director (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 Training Squad by April 7, 2024.
3. All selected athletes from Phase 2 must commit to the Junior National Training Squad by April 21, 2024 to be eligible to participate at the 2024 AQUA Junior World Championships (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Director or Designee).
4. If a selected athlete decides to decline their Junior National Training Squad selection, this athlete must notify the High Performance Director (or Designee), in writing no later than April 21, 2024.
5. If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2024 Junior National Training Squad, the High Performance Director (or Designee) has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2024 Junior National Team.

3.04 NAMING THE 2024 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM AND ADDITIONAL ATHLETES FOR THE NATIONAL ELITE CAMP

A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2024 Junior National Team and National Elite Camp will be comprised of up to:

- 14 athletes* (not including petitioners) for the Junior National Team.
- 10 athletes (not including petitioners) for the National Elite Camp.

* **NOTE:** To ensure that the Junior National Team has a minimum of 1 male and not more than 2 males, the High Performance Director (or Designee) may go below the last athlete(s) being considered for the Junior National Team, in order to replace the last ranked athlete(s) with up to 2 males, if necessary, to finalize the 2024 Junior National Team.

1. The exact number of female and male athletes for the Junior National Team will be determined by the High Performance Director (or Designee). The High Performance Director (or Designee) will make the final decision based on the results of the Final Score from Phases 1 and 2 of the 2024 Junior National Team Trials and in consultation with the National Team Coaching Staff and select AQUA Judges.

2. If a selected athlete decides to decline their Junior National Team or National Elite Camp selection, this athlete must notify the High Performance Director (or Designee) in writing no later than April 21, 2024.
 3. If a selected athlete does not continue with full-time training (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Director or Designee) or is not present at the start of the National Elite Camp (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Director or Designee), this athlete may no longer be considered a member of the 2024 Junior National Team or National Elite Camp, and a replacement athlete will be selected instead.
 4. If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2024 Junior National Team or National Elite Camp, the High Performance Director (or Designee), has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2024 Junior National Team and/or the National Elite Camp.
- B. **Routine Assignments:** Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Acrobatic Routine assignments for each competition, if applicable, will be determined at a later date by the National Team Coaching Staff for final approval by the High Performance Director (or Designee). All athletes named to the 2024 Junior National Team will be considered for each routine.
- C. **Replacements:** Replacement athletes for the Junior National Team and National Elite Camp shall be selected in rank order from Phase 2, then Phase 1 of the 2024 Junior National Team and National Elite Camp Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Director (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 2024 Junior National Team, 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.
- B. Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event and any successful petitioner must be present at the start of Junior National Team training or the National Elite Camp.
- C. The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Director (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 2024 Junior National Team, 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 USAAS, or an extreme personal or family emergency or any other extenuating circumstances prior to or during the Junior 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 4

2024 SENIOR NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following athletes are the current members of the 2024 Senior National Training Squad:

LA Based Training Athletes

Anita Alvarez

Jaime Czarkowski

Nicole Dzurko

Megumi Field

Keana Hunter

Audrey Kwon

Calista Liu

Jacklyn Luu

Bill May

Anna Daniella Ramirez

Ruby Remati

Natalia Vega

Remote Training Athletes

Full details of the 2024 Senior National Team Selection process can be found here:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming/team-usa/national-team-trials>

ARTICLE 5

2024 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES

(All new)

5.01 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials, a registered USAAS athlete must:

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

5.02 2024 SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET SELECTION PROCEDURES

Number of Phases, Components and Officials:

- A. Phase 1 will be held 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 3 Senior National Team Coaches, the High Performance Director (or Designee) and 2 former and/ or current AQUA judges and/or former and/or current AQUA Evaluators, selected by the High Performance Director (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 at the Trials to ensure compliance, though will not be serve as official evaluators.

The 2024 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 High Performance Director (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.
- B. The Mixed Duet Technical Routine may be evaluated, as determined by the High Performance Director (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 2024 WORLD CUP SENIOR NATIONAL MIXED DUET

- A. **Number of Athletes:** The 2024 World Cup Senior National Mixed Duet will be comprised of 1 male and 2 female athletes (not including petitioners).
 1. The High Performance Director (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 2024 World Cup (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the High Performance Director or Designee).
 2. If a selected athlete does not continue with full-time training (unless otherwise agreed upon by the High Performance Director 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.

3. If an insufficient number of athletes accept their selection to the 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet, the High Performance Director (or Designee) has the right to revise the overall plan for the 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet.
- C. **Replacements:** Replacement athletes for the Senior National Mixed Duet shall be selected in rank order from Phase 1 of the 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet Trials. Replacement athletes must be able to demonstrate competitive readiness as determined by the High Performance Director (or Designee), and the National Team Coaching Staff.

5.04 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 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet. Consideration is regardless of their prior participation or ranking in any of the Selection Process that has taken place.
- B. Petitions must be submitted prior to the end of the Trials event and any successful petitioner must be present at the start of National Team training.
- C. The National Team Review Subcommittee approves or denies the petition. However, the High Performance Director (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 5.05 A. above to finalize the 2024 Senior National Mixed Duet.

EXCEPTION: In the event of an athlete injury or illness as certified by a Physician approved by USAAS, 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.

ARTICLE 6

US ANTI-DOPING AGENCY, WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA AND ATHLETE RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

6.01 US Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”), World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”) Athlete Selection Criteria:

This procedure outlines the athlete selection criteria to meet the requirements of USADA, WADA and World Aquatics (“AQUA”, formerly known as the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur “FINA”) for Out-Of-Competition (“OOC”) testing. USA Artistic Swimming (“USAAS”) will notify USADA, WADA and AQUA of the athletes who meet the criteria. It is the responsibility of the athlete to maintain current documentation with USADA, WADA and AQUA once the athlete is participating in the program. Severe sanctions can be imposed on the athlete, as well as the Federation, if this requirement is not met. It is the responsibility of the athlete to become acquainted with the responsibilities in regards to compliance with these important requirements.

- A. **United States Anti-Doping Obligations:** It is the duty of members of USAAS to comply with all anti-doping rules of USADA, WADA and AQUA, and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”), including but not limited to the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (“USADA Protocol”) and the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and all other policies and rules adopted by USADA, WADA and AQUA. Members agree to submit to drug testing by USADA and/or AQUA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that a member may have committed a doping violation, the member agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of USAAS and/or AQUA, if applicable or referred by USADA.

6.02 Athlete Retirement Notification to USADA, WADA and AQUA:

All athletes on the current OOC list must submit an official Retirement Letter to each of the above agencies once a decision to retire from the sport has been reached. This can only be done by the actual individual retiring from competition. Athletes will remain on the list, and therefore subject to OOC testing and to technical and financial sanctions, if a Retirement Letter is not received by the above organizations.