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Trinidad and Tobago Gymnastics Federation (TTGF)  
Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)  
CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships  
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Selection Policy and Procedure

**1. Objective**

The objective of this document is to set out the process and criteria for selection of the WAG gymnast(s) as the athlete(s) to represent Trinidad and Tobago at the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships.

**2. Target of Participation**

To compete with teams of WAG athletes at the named event. To achieve podium finishes for teams (where numbers permit) and individuals at all levels and categories of competition. To give priority to locally-based and TTO passport holding gymnasts in the interest of the development of the sport within Trinidad and Tobago.

**3. Athlete Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for participation in the TTGF Selection Procedure described below, an athlete must be:

- a. A citizen of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has priority in selection, although locally-based non-citizen athlete(s) with proof of more than 1 year of residency in TTO can be secondarily considered;
- b. A holder of a valid passport which must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, which is the closing date of the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships;
- c. In full compliance with all relevant TTGF requirements for eligibility.
- d. Be age appropriate for the competing division and level in accordance with the Event Directives.
- e. A WAG athlete member in good standing with the TTGF.
- f. Must have participated at the 2024 TTGF National Championships, with exemptions for medical reasons only. (locally-based gymnasts).

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4. Selection Procedure

\*\*Athlete ages are taken as at 31 December 2024\*\*

USAG DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LEVELS 1 - 10

- a. In accordance with the age, level and team stipulations identified in the CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships' Directives, the highest All-Around finishers from the 2024 TTGF National Championships will become eligible for **CARIFTA Long-List National Team Selection**. A maximum of 10 athletes from each age group (where numbers allow) will be identified and be invited as "CARIFTA Long-List Athletes".
- b. Long-List athletes will be invited to compete for a Team TTO allocation at the TTGF CARIFTA Trials to be held in October 2024 (details TBC). Long-List Athletes will also be invited to National Team Training sessions. (Details TBC).
- c. At the conclusion of the TTGF CARIFTA Trials, where numbers permit, the top 4 All Around athletes within each age group and level as identified in the Event's Directives will secure an automatic spot on the **TTO CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championship Team** at the USAG Levels.
- d. The TTGF Council / TTGF CARIFTA Selection Committee reserves the right to name the 5<sup>th</sup> and final athlete in each of the Age Groups per USAG Level. This 5<sup>th</sup> and final athlete will be selected from the CARIFTA Long-List athletes and will be named within 48 hours of the completion of the TTGF CARIFTA Trials. The 5<sup>th</sup> athlete's selection will be communicated formally via email to the selected gymnast's Club Owner.

USAG Development Program age groups and competing Levels for the 2024 CARIFTA Championships are below. A maximum of 5 athletes per age group, per level are permitted.

USAG Development Program		
Level 1	Age groups (7 - 8) + (9 - 10)	3 scores to count
Level 2	Age groups (7 - 8) + (9 - 10)	3 scores to count
Level 3	Age groups (7 - 9) + (10 - 11)	3 scores to count
Level 4	Age groups (8 - 10) + (11 - 13)	3 scores to count
Level 5	Age groups (8 - 11) + (12 - 15)	3 scores to count
Level 6	Age groups (8 - 12) + (13 - 16)	2 scores to count
Level 7	Age groups (8 - 13) + (14 - 18)	2 scores to count
Level 8	Age groups (8 - 13) + (14 - 18)	2 scores to count
Level 9	Age groups (8 - 13) + (14 - 18)	2 scores to count
Level 10	Age groups (9 - 13) + (14 - 18)	2 scores to count

- e. The USAG Level at which the athlete competed at TTGF National Championships 2024 will be the athlete's level considered for CARIFTA Long-List Qualification.
- f. **ONLY** in the case of insufficient numbers of gymnasts and to achieve improved medal chances for Team TTO, a locally-based gymnast who is "too old" for a USAG level (as determined by the CARIFTA Championships Directives) based on the level competed at the 2024 TTGF National Championships, may be invited to "level up" to the lowest age-appropriate USAG level for TTGF CARIFTA Trials in October 2024.
- g. All athletes selected to represent team TTO will be expected to achieve results at the TTGF CARIFTA Trials that comply with minimum requirements as follows:

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USAG Levels 1 – 5 - a minimum score of 34.00 All Around  
USAG Levels 6 - 10 - a minimum score of 32.00 All Around

- h. Where the number of gymnasts in any specific level(s) do(es) not allow for full Team TTO participation from eligible, locally-based gymnasts, foreign-based-TTO-eligible gymnasts may be considered for TTO representation at the CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships. Foreign-based USAG gymnasts will be required to submit videos of full competition routines and scores attained during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to be considered for eligibility. Routines must be performed at an appropriately-sanctioned and judged competitive event. Videos must be submitted to [ttgymfed@gmail.com](mailto:ttgymfed@gmail.com) and [ttgf.wag@gmail.com](mailto:ttgf.wag@gmail.com). Videos must be taken from as close to a judging perspective as possible.
- i. In the event that athletes' All-Around scores are tied after TTGF CARIFTA Trials (and scoring of submitted routine videos) the appropriate USAG tie-breaking method will be used to separate the gymnasts.

**PAGU HOPES / FIG JUNIOR ELITE / FIG SENIOR ELITE CATEGORIES**

- a. PAGU Hopes and FIG Elite eligible Ages and Categories for the 2024 CARIFTA Championships are identified below. A maximum of three (3) athletes per age division is permitted.

CATEGORY	ELIGIBLE AGES	SCORES TO COUNT
FIG		
WAG Junior	Ages 14 & 15	2 scores to count
WAG Senior	Ages 16+	2 scores to count
PAGU Hopes		
Level 1	Ages 9 - 11	2 scores to count
Level 2	Ages 12 & 13	2 scores to count
Level 3	Ages 14 & 15	2 scores to count

- b. Appropriately-aged, locally-based athletes who demonstrate competency of skills appropriate to the identified levels of competition during the National Team Training will be invited to seek qualification via the TTGF CARIFTA Trials for PAGU Hopes & FIG categories of the CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships. The TTGF Council / TTGF Selection Committee will communicate this opportunity with the gymnast's Club Owner once abilities are identified.
- c. Coaches who believe that their athlete(s) is/are capable of competing at the FIG and PAGU HOPES levels of competition, will be required to submit a list of level-appropriate skills, for each apparatus, which their gymnast(s) is/are capable of competing and which fulfill a minimum of 80% of the Compositional Requirements of the specific level identified for competition. These (locally-based) gymnasts will be required to display competency of skills listed during identified training sessions. Once competency of skills is adequately demonstrated, the athlete(s) will be invited to seek a Team TTO allocation at the identified level via the TTGF CARIFTA Trials.

**Foreign-Based PAGU Hopes / FIG Athletes**

TTGF-Registered, foreign-based athletes who are seeking qualification to Team TTO for the CARIFTA Artistic

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Gymnastics Championships must submit full videos of routines of all four pieces of apparatus by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Videos must be of complete routines, videoed from a judge's perspective and performed live, under "competition" settings. Routines may be performed at the gymnast's regular training facility. Additional landing mats for safety are permitted. Routines must be performed during one session and videoed during the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Apparatus should be set as per PAGU Hopes Rules / FIG settings as stated.

The top two (2) locally-based athlete(s) who attain(s) the highest All-Around score(s) at the TTGF CARIFTA Trials will secure allocations to represent TTO at the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships within the PAGU Hopes and FIG Junior and Senior Elite categories (subject to the below minimum prerequisite scores). The gymnast to fill the third and final allocation spot will be selected by the TTGF Council / TTGF Selection Committee who will consider all athletes' performances / scores received.

An athlete must attain a minimum prerequisite composite score of **38.0 All-Around** to qualify for consideration in the PAGU Hopes and FIG categories of competition. Competency at a minimum of 80% of Compositional Requirements must be attained by the gymnast to qualify for consideration. A vault of a minimum of 3.0 difficulty value as per the FIG WAG CoP 2022-2024 for FIG Junior and Senior Elite categories must be performed. The TTGF reserves the right to vary the prerequisite composite score in determining whether an athlete is qualified for consideration.

In the event that athletes' All-Around scores are tied after TTGF CARIFTA Trials (and scoring of submitted routine videos) the appropriate FIG tie-breaking method will be used to separate the gymnasts.

TTGF CARIFTA Trials and videos submitted will be judged by appropriately-qualified USAG and FIG judges.

The TTGF reserves the right to make a final decision on nomination and confirmation of the Selected Athlete(s). In extenuating circumstances, an athlete's performance during National Team Training sessions may be taken into account when making a final selection.

#### **5. Replacement of a Selected Athlete**

5.1 In the event that a Selected Athlete becomes injured, decides to withdraw or for any other reason is or is likely to be unable to represent TTO at the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships, the Selected Athlete's Club Head and/or Coach is required to submit electronic correspondence indicating same, to the TTGF Secretariat at [ttogymfed@gmail.com](mailto:ttogymfed@gmail.com) and to the Chairperson of the WAG Committee at [ttgf.wag@gmail.com](mailto:ttgf.wag@gmail.com) within 24 hours of becoming aware of the athlete's injury, decision to withdraw or other reason.

5.2 Such electronic correspondence is to be followed by written correspondence confirming the Selected Athlete's injury or decision and signed/ submitted by the Selected Athlete's Club Head and/ or Coach and by the Selected Athlete or her Parent or Legal Guardian, in the event that she is a minor.

5.3 Written correspondence confirming the Selected Athlete's injury or decision is to be submitted by the Selected Athlete's Club Head and/ or Coach within 24 hours of the submission of electronic correspondence referenced at 5.2 or within 24 hours of the Selected Athlete's injury or decision to withdraw from the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships.

5.4 In accordance with deadlines set out in the Directives for the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships, the athlete who finished with the next highest All-Around score through the Selection Procedure or who had tied with the Selected Athlete's All-Around score, may then become eligible for consideration by the TTGF as the Replacement Athlete to represent TTO at the 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastic Championships.

5.5 Subject to the Replacement Athlete's eligibility being confirmed by the WAG Committee, the TTGF President

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will communicate with the Replacement Athlete's Club Head and/ or Coach to confirm the Replacement Athlete's availability, preparation and readiness for the identified competition. Due to the number of permitted athletes and the number of scores to count towards team totals in the USAG Developmental Program side of the competition, it may not be necessary to replace a USAG team member.

5.6 Subject to confirmation of the Replacement Athlete's availability, preparation and readiness, the Replacement Athlete's name will be confirmed by the TTGF and submitted to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) provided that time permits. The TTGF reserves the right to make a final decision on nomination and confirmation of the Replacement Athlete.

6. Coach(es) for 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships

National Coaches will be selected by the TTGF in line with the Event's Directives. Named coaches must be registered coaching members of the TTGF in good standing and be in possession of a valid passport for travel.

7. Additional Delegates 2024 CARIFTA Artistic Gymnastics Championships


A Team Manager, Medical Practitioner and Head of Delegation may be appointed by the TTGF in accordance with the Event's Directives. Named individuals must be members of the TTGF, and must be willing to assist all Delegation personnel as required.


8. Funding


The TTGF will endeavour to assist with some of the costs for team travel to this event, however, athletes will likely be required to bear some financial responsibility.

9. Additional Information and / or Clarification

Please contact either the TTGF Secretariat at ttgymfed@gmail.com or the Chairperson of the WAG Committee at ttgf.wag@gmail.com for any clarification on any of the information contained herein. The TTGF withholds the right to clarify or change the details of the Selection Process as may be required.

  
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