

South African

Gymnastics Federation

**Trampoline Program
12th AFRICAN GAMES
Rabat, Morocco
Selection Procedure
23rd – 27th August, 2019**



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Dates & Details	Description	Additional Remarks
15 th March, 2019	12th African Games Submission of intent to participate	
Qualifying Event	2018 Gym Games	In the event of non-attendance at the 2018 National championships, the gymnast must deliver valid documentation as to the reason why she/he missed the event
5 th & 6 th April 2019	South African Cup Competition	Trials for level 7 & 8 gymnasts. Entry fees of R500.00 due and payable with intent to participate, ONLY in the event that the athlete is not entered for 1 st WC or WAGC trials, or for the SA Cup Competition.

1. INTRODUCTION

This document will outline the official selection policy of the Trampoline & Tumbling Gymnastics of the South African Gymnastics Federation for the **2019 12th African Games (23 – 27 August)**.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURE - ATHLETES

This is the criteria for eligible gymnasts and meeting the requirements in this document, does not guarantee a final selection from SAGF and SASCO. A final list of names of gymnasts who met the requirements as laid out in document, will be sent to SAGF board for final approval and then to SASCO who make the decision whether trampoline will participate or not.

3. ATHLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The following information and documents are required to be submitted to South African Gymnastics Federation by March 15th, 2019 for each athlete wishing to be considered for the 2019 African Games Team (late registrations are accepted; outlined in item 4):

- a) The athlete must be a member of a provincial squad in good standing.
- b) Submission of intent to participate, personal information and uniform sizing together with an entry fee payment of R500.00 for category A gymnasts and R250.00 for category C gymnasts (unless athlete is entered for the 1st WC and WAGC trials, in which case no entry fee is due). Entry fee's for trials remain payable even in the event that a gymnast cannot compete, due to medical reasons.
- c) Completed FIG License Application or Renewal (if not valid until December 1, 2019) via South African Gymnastics Federation. This cost will be added to the gymnasts account when the final cost for the same is determined.
- d) A passport valid until at least June 30th, 2020 is required.

4. APPLICATION DEADLINE, Late registrations will be accepted until:

- a) April 1st, 2019 - 11:59 PM : subject to a R600.00 late entry fee for Category A gymnasts and R300.00 for Category C athletes;

Gymnasts with outstanding amounts due to the South African Gymnastics Federation will have to pay any outstanding amounts in order to be eligible for the 2019 12th African Games Team.

5. ENTRY FEE INFORMATION: No entry fees is payable by the athlete as this is a SASCO funded event.

The official entry to the Local Organizing Committee for the 2019 12th African Games which caters only for individual and synchro trampoline events will be based on participation confirmation which must be received by the **20th April, 2019** deadline and additions will not be permitted.

Submission of registration forms and fees (where applicable) implies an agreement that the athlete will participate in the event if named to the team. The official entry to the Local Organizing Committee will be based on the events declared on the registrations received.

6. TEAM SUPPORT FEES: The cost to provide team support personnel (Judges) might be shared among named team athletes. This amount will still be charged to any named team athlete who withdraws after the outlined deadlines.

7. FUNDING

1. Team judges **may** have their travel costs subsidized.

8. AGE GROUP INFORMATION: Athletes in age group of 17 and Over, who are able to perform the set senior fig elements and obtain the required score will be considered for Individual Trampoline and Synchronized Trampoline. Note, age group is determined by the athlete’s age on December 31st, 2019.

9. SYNCHRONIZED TRAMPOLINE PAIRINGS: Synchronized Trampoline pairs will be selected by the TPC from the trampoline individual entries.

10. DELEGATION REGISTRATION LIMITS: The South African Team will consist of a maximum of four (4) males and four (4) females in the age group **Senior** – 17 years and older (Individual Trampoline). The TPC will be responsible to put together Synchro teams from those selected for individual trampoline.

11. SELECTION EVENTS: The two events that will determine the 2019 African Games Team are:

- 2018 National Gym Games
- 2019 South African Cup Competition in April 2019

Scores will be taken from the athlete’s regular category of competition (Senior or Junior) and compared to the qualification scores below. Athlete’s scores will be ranked against other athletes of the same age group.

Athletes must have competed at South African Championships in order to be eligible for selection. Only approved medical reasons will be allowed for any athlete missing South African Championships and/or any qualifying selection events. Gymnasts **MUST** compete in this trial event – failure to do so, without paying the required entry fee will nullify the gymnasts “intent to participate” application form, gymnasts who cannot compete in these trials, even if due to a medical reason cannot be considered for the team unless they participated in the 2018 Gym Games.

12. SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE SELECTION: The top four (4) male and female ranked athletes aged 17 & Older will be named to the 12th African Games Team.

13. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Only two (2) gymnasts and one (1) synchro pair per member federation may compete in the Final.

TRA Individual Men and Women	TRA Synchro Men and Women
Qualification: 2 routines First routine includes special requirements. Second is a voluntary routine.	Qualification: 2 routines First routine includes special requirements. Second is a voluntary routine.

Final: 1 voluntary routine No more than two awards per Country	Final: 1 voluntary routine No more than one award (or 2 gymnasts in a synchro pair) per Country.
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14. SCORE REQUIREMENTS: The remaining athletes must meet the following scores in order to be eligible to be named to the 12th African Games:

- TRA-IND: Qualification scores have to adhere to requirements for the compulsory routine as well as for one of the two voluntary routines. The best voluntary routine will be used together with the compulsory score to determine a final score.

Women	SNR
Individual Trampoline	97.0
Men	SNR
Individual Trampoline	104.50

15. Difficulty Requirements: The athletes must also meet the following minimum difficulty in the routine counted for total preliminary score in order to be eligible to be named to the 12th African Games Team:

Women	SNR
Individual Trampoline (total of 10 elements in voluntary routine)	12.0
Men	SNR
Individual Trampoline (total of 10 elements in voluntary routine)	14.5

To complete the delegation, consideration may be made for athletes meeting the score requirement but not the difficulty requirements.

16. Athlete Ranking Procedure: The remaining athletes who have met the qualifying score will be ranked based on the following scores taken from the 2019 South African Cup Competition.

- TRA-IND: Best preliminary round total score PLUS one (1) other voluntary (optional) from any of the remaining three (2) voluntaries (which includes finals);

17. FIG License: Athletes must have a FIG license, valid until at least December 1, 2019. FIG Licenses can be applied for and/or renewed by contacting Stacey Adams (stacey@sagf.co.za).

18. South African Citizenship and Passport: Athletes must be South African citizens to compete at the 12th African Games (refer to Regulation. 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations and Regulations 43 and 44 of the FIG Statutes). All team members' passports must be valid to at least July 30, 2020.

19. International Experience: It is recommended that athletes compete at an international competition prior to competing at 12th African Games, approved by South African Gymnastics Federation.

20. TPC Ratification: All team members must be ratified by Trampoline Program Committee.

Petitions: No petitions will be allowed or accepted.

21. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION AT THE 12th AFRICAN GAMES

1. The ranking list as outlined above will be drawn using the following policy:
The last athlete may be nominated by the PM (Program Manager), in consultation with the TPC.
 - A transformation athlete
 - Additional gymnasts may be added at the discretion of the TPC and SAGF EXCO to satisfy the transformation goals of the federation and in terms of the SRSA MOU
 - Or an athlete considering their projected ability to achieve one or more of the following performance objectives at the 12th African Games:
 - Win an individual medal;
 - Rank in the top eight (8) and qualify to Finals.
 - Assessment of the ability or projected contribution will include reference to ranking and scores achieved at the following events:
 - Current National Team Trials including finals;
 - Previous WC & WAGC;
 - Previous international competitions.

The caliber and field of competitors will be considered when weighing the relevance of results, as will the date of competition. Demonstrated professional attitude and ability to positively contribute to the team dynamic may also be considered. If no athlete can fulfill the above criteria to be nominated by the Program Manager (PM), then the last athlete with the highest score per event will be selected.
2. Alternates (athletes with the next highest score per event) will be named to replace any athletes who must or choose to withdraw after being named to the 12th African Games Team or in case of an injury. Athletes can only be considered as an alternate if they met the qualifying score on that event. No unofficial team member will be allowed to travel as a member of the 12th African Games Team.

However, it must be clear that the TPC will not accept substandard performance.

22. PERFORMANCE TARGETS

1. Preparation event for the 2020 African Gymnastics Championships.
2. To finish in the top 50% of the competition field at the 12th African Games
3. To produce finalists at 12th African Games

23. SELECTION PROCEDURE - COACHES

- a. Submission of complete Intent and Personal Information form.
- b. A passport valid until at least **July 30th, 2020** is required to be submitted by Mar 15th, 2019;
 1. Coach Registration Limits. A total of up to two (2) coaches can be accredited for the 12th African Games;
 2. Official Coaches are selected using the following procedures:

Special Requirement:

- Head Coach of delegation – appointed by the discipline from eligible coaches with correct qualifications (SAGF level 3 minimum, with previous international experience and who attended an International judges course).
- The coach for the senior team will be the coach with the most gymnasts in the team and a minimum qualification of FIG2).
- In the case of a tie than the highest ranked gymnast will be the deciding factor.
- The TPC may select a transformation coach in order to fulfil transformation goals of the federation.

**The TPC will make the final decision regarding the appointment of coaches and will always try to ensure that coaches who travel with the team are responsible, conscientious, team players who are capable of treating all gymnasts fairly and without bias.
Coaches will be required to sign and abide by the SAGF Code of Conduct.**

24. DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS

1. **Application Forms and Deposits Commitments:** Intent to participate forms must be submitted to SAGF by **March 15th, 2019** (date of receipt at SAGF). Late registration dates and fees are outlined in Selection Procedure - Athletes, item 2.
2. **Withdrawal Deadline:** Athletes and coaches have until **20th April 2019** to withdraw their application without penalty.
3. **Nominative Entry:** The Nominative Entry will be submitted to the Local Organizing Committee based on the events (TRA-IND, TRA-SYN) declared on each athlete's personal information application form. All intents to participate (athletes and coaches) not withdrawn by **20th April, 2019** will be processed and deposited as per the calendar of payments if applicable (Selection Procedure - Athletes, item 2). Entry fees based on declared events are non-refundable.
4. **Named Team Member Refund Procedures:** In case of withdrawal by a named team member (for any reason, including medical), the following procedures apply:
 - a) The entry fee payments are not refundable under any circumstances;
 - b) The uniform cost will not be refunded once the uniform has been ordered;
 - c) Refunds for accommodation payments will be based on the refund policy of the Local Organizing Committee;

25. SELECTION PROCEDURE – JUDGES

TPC will be the selectors for the event – selection will consider the transformation goals of the federation and the SRSA MOU. Brevet judges on rotation for international events. However, a maximum of 2 judges will be eligible for funding, depending on funding availability.

23. TEAM MANAGER SELECTION

A Manager may be appointed following team approval

24. REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM.

- Athletes who fail to show competition readiness may be replaced. Competition readiness is defined as minimally showing appropriate full Compulsory and Optional Routines. **Showing both the first 5 and the last 6 of the optional routine can replace showing the full routine.** This is only to be used when there is illness, injury or some extenuating circumstance, as a means to determine competitor's competition readiness.
- The procedure for substitution of the alternate athlete to compete in the qualification round at the 12th African Games can be initiated in the following ways:
- The athlete self-declares they are unable to compete. The reason for the proposed withdrawal should be discussed with and approved by the TPC.
- If a named athlete is unable to demonstrate a base level of preparedness (as described above) by the conclusion of the last training session or by the deadline in which changes can be made to the start list, the TPC can substitute the alternate athlete into the competition to replace the named athlete.
- Non-compliance in training, performance potential decreased
- Not complying with rules for National Squads
- Violation of the codes of behavior

25. TRANSFORMATION TARGET (As Per SAGF Equity Goals)

The technical committee will enforce the equity rules and goals of the Federation that are in force at the time of selection.

26. TEAM APPROVAL

The selected gymnasts and officials will be forwarded to the SAGF, via the Technical Manager, for approval. The Technical Manager facilitates and motivates the selection

27. NOTE:

The development of minimum scores needed to represent South Africa internationally is a work in progress. The intention is that the minimum standard is one which if not achieved would place South African athletes in the bottom third of non-failed routines.