



# **AGG USA 2026–2027 UNITED STATES NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

**Term of Agreement**

**September 27, 2026 – October 14, 2027**

**THIS ATHLETE AGREEMENT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE AGG USA ETHICAL COMMITTEE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 (AUTUMN CUP FINALS).**

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED AGREEMENT BY THIS DEADLINE MAY RESULT IN THE ATHLETE BEING INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE AGG USA UNITED STATES NATIONAL TEAM.**

This National Team Athlete Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of September 27, 2026, by and between the **Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation of the USA ("AGG USA")**, a not-for-profit corporation located in San Diego, California, officially recognized by the International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (IFAGG) as the national governing body for the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in the United States, and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Athlete"), a member of AGG USA selected to represent the United States in national and international competitions.

## **I. Athlete's Obligations**

### **1. General Responsibilities**

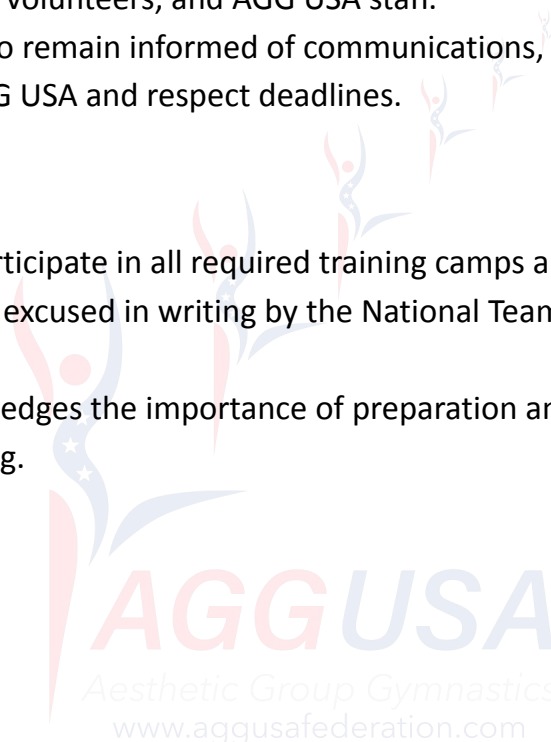
- Athlete acknowledges that selection to the National Team is both an honor and a responsibility.
- Athlete shall serve as a representative of AGG USA, IFAGG, and the United States, conducting themselves with professionalism, integrity, and respect at all times.
- The Athlete agrees to comply with the AGG USA and IFAGG Codes of Ethical Conduct and the AGG USA General Manual, as well as the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and all applicable policies of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC)

### **2. Code of Conduct**

- Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, discrimination, or disrespectful behavior toward coaches, athletes, AGG USA and IFAGG officials, judges
- Athlete shall cooperate as part of Team USA, respecting teammates, coaches, officials, judges, volunteers, and AGG USA staff.
- Athlete agrees to remain informed of communications, schedules, and updates provided by AGG USA and respect deadlines.

### **3. Training**

- Athlete shall participate in all required training camps and organized training activities unless excused in writing by the National Team Coordinator or Program Director.
- Athlete acknowledges the importance of preparation and agrees to use their best efforts in training.



#### 4. Competitions

- Athlete shall participate in all required national competitions, including the West Coast Cup, East Coast Cup, State Championships, National Championships, and Challenge Championships.
- Athlete may be excused only if medically unfit or if participation poses a significant risk of injury, as determined by appropriate medical documentation.
- Once qualified to compete internationally and scheduled to travel, or once international competition dates have been communicated by AGG USA, the Athlete is required to participate for the full duration of the event or comply with the travel dates provided by AGG USA. Arrival must take place on Sunday or Monday prior to the competition, and departure should be scheduled for the Monday following the event, unless otherwise approved by AGG USA.
- Participation in non-sanctioned competitions or events without prior written approval from AGG USA may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the National Team.
- Participation in the **World Cup Finals in Mérida, Mexico, in October 2027** is expected of all athletes selected to the United States National Team. The only exception shall be retirement from competition due to a medically documented injury. In such cases, the Athlete must submit an official physician's statement to AGG USA for review by the Federation.
- Teams that earned National Team status at the 2026 Challenge Championships but have since replaced a majority of their athletes are required to requalify for National Team status at the next AGG USA qualifying event.

#### 5. Anti-Doping Policy

- Athlete shall not use prohibited substances and shall comply with the policies of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), IFAGG, and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- Athlete is responsible for remaining informed of the current WADA Prohibited List and agrees to submit to random, unannounced testing when required.

## II. Medical, Insurance, and Financial Responsibilities

### 1. Medical & Insurance Coverage

- AGG USA does not provide health, accident, or travel insurance.

- Athlete and/or their parent or guardian are responsible for obtaining appropriate travel, accident, and medical insurance for all domestic and international events.
- For international competitions, IFAGG requires athletes to maintain appropriate medical insurance coverage. Therefore, travel insurance with medical coverage is mandatory for all travel outside of the United States. Athlete and/or their parent or guardian are responsible for obtaining and maintaining valid travel and medical insurance coverage for the entire duration of the international trip.
- Each affiliated club must maintain appropriate liability insurance for domestic training and activities.
- AGG USA shall not be liable for any financial loss, personal injury, travel disruption, cancellation, delay, visa denial, illness, accident, force majeure, or any other damages arising from participation in National Team activities or international events.

## **2. Financial Obligations**

- AGG USA is a self-funded organization.
- All travel, accommodation, competition, and related expenses are the responsibility of the Athlete and/or their parent or guardian.
- AGG USA will issue invoices in advance. Payments must be made by Zelle or check by the stated due date.
- A 10% administrative fee will apply to travel arrangements coordinated by AGG USA. This fee is non-refundable.
- Athlete and Parent/Guardian (if the Athlete is under 18 years of age) acknowledge and accept responsibility for all financial obligations related to National Team participation and international travel.

## **3. Travel Arrangements**

- AGG USA will coordinate accommodations, meals, local transportation, and training arrangements in the host country.
- Athlete must stay at the designated team hotel unless otherwise approved in writing by AGG USA.
- Athlete is responsible for booking airfare as directed by AGG USA.
- All international competition participation fees, including but not limited to registration, accommodation, transfers, gala participation, and delegation coordination fees, are non-refundable once payment has been received by AGG USA Federation.
- These payments are not considered a commercial service but an administrative transfer on behalf of participating athletes and clubs to international event organizers.

- AGG USA Federation acts as a nonprofit intermediary and does not retain or control these funds once they have been transferred to the international organizing committee.
- Refunds may only be available in cases where the international organizer cancels the event and authorizes refunds to participating delegations.
- Withdrawals initiated by athletes, parents, guardians, or clubs for any reason do not qualify for refunds, regardless of whether the Athlete ultimately participates in the event.
- Athlete and/or their parent or guardian acknowledge responsibility for all financial obligations related to National Team participation and international travel.
- AGG USA reserves the right to modify schedules, camps, travel arrangements, competitions, and assignments at its sole discretion.

### **III. Public Image and Media**

#### **1. Image Rights**

- Athlete grants AGG USA a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the Athlete's name, likeness, image, voice, and performance for promotional, educational, and marketing purposes related to AGG USA and the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.
- This authorization shall continue indefinitely unless otherwise prohibited by law and shall not require additional compensation.

#### **2. Social Media**

- Athlete shall maintain professionalism on all social media platforms.
- Posts referencing AGG USA or Team USA should tag AGG USA whenever appropriate.
- Athlete shall not publish content that violates the Code of Conduct or damages the reputation of AGG USA, IFAGG, teammates, coaches, officials, or sponsors.

### **IV. Compliance, Termination, and Dispute Resolution**

#### **1. Compliance with Laws**

- Athlete shall comply with all applicable laws, customs, and cultural expectations of host countries while representing AGG USA and the United States.
- Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the National Team.

## **2. Termination**

### **Voluntary Withdrawal**

- An Athlete who wishes to resign from the National Team must submit a written resignation notice to AGG USA.
- The resignation must be submitted by the Athlete (or the Athlete's parent/guardian if the Athlete is under 18 years of age) and shall become effective upon written acknowledgment by AGG USA.
- Resignation from the National Team does not relieve the Athlete of any financial obligations, commitments, or responsibilities incurred prior to the effective date of resignation.

### **Mutual Agreement**

- This Agreement may be terminated by mutual written agreement of both parties.

### **Breach**

- Violation of this Agreement or the AGG USA Code of Ethical Conduct and GENERAL MANUAL may result in disciplinary action, including immediate removal from the National Team.

## **3. Dispute Resolution**

- Payment disputes must be submitted in writing within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of an invoice.
- Complaints, grievances, or allegations of violations of this Agreement shall be submitted in writing to the AGG USA Ethical Committee for review and determination.
- This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.
- Official communications sent by AGG USA by email shall be considered official notice upon transmission to the email address provided by the Athlete and/or Parent/Guardian.
- In any legal action arising from this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

## **V. Data Protection and Privacy**

- AGG USA will collect and securely maintain personal information necessary for participation, including but not limited to passports, membership records, emergency contacts, and travel information.

- Access to personal information shall be limited to authorized personnel and handled in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection laws.
- Athletes shall respect the confidentiality of National Team information, including team strategy, internal communications, selection discussions, and other non-public information, and shall not disclose such information publicly without prior authorization from AGG USA.

## VI. Annual Review

This Agreement is valid for one year, beginning **September 27, 2026** and ending **October 14, 2027**, and is subject to annual review and revision. Updated rules, policies, or procedures will be communicated to all National Team members in advance of implementation.

## Acknowledgement and Signatures

By signing below, the Athlete (and Parent/Guardian if the Athlete is under 18 years of age) acknowledges that they have carefully read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**Printed Name of Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (if Athlete is under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

