USA GYMNASTICS

The Qualification Process for the Men's 2012 Junior Olympic National Championships will be in four parts.

Part 1: Qualification by score from the Regional Championships:

An athlete may qualify by score in the following manner:

- **All Around Qualifying Score:**

Level 9	=	72.50
Level 10 (14-15 yrs.)	=	76.50
Level 10 (16-18 yrs.)	=	78.00

- **Multiple Event Score: For 2012 <u>Level 10</u> athletes may qualify using their best 5, 4 or 3 event scores:**

5 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (86 % of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yrs.)	=	65.8 points
Level 10 (16-18 yrs.)	=	67.0points

4 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (70 % of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yrs.)	=	53.5 points
Level 10 (16-18 yrs.)	=	54.6 points

3 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (55% of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yrs.)	=	42.0 points
Level 10 (16-18 yrs.)	=	42.9 points

Part 2: Qualification by Top 3 event finish at the Regional Championship

An athlete who finishes in the top three on any individual event at his Regional Championship and *<u>has not qualified by virtue of All-Around score or by score as a 5,4, or 3 event competitor</u>* (as detailed in Part 1) will qualify to J.O. Nationals as a **Single Event Specialist** on that event. Note that it is *possible* for an individual to qualify in this manner on multiple events.

- Single Event Specialists may only qualify to the J.O. Nationals through top three event placement at their Regional Championship.

- Single Event Specialists may compete at the J.O. Nationals only on the event(s) on which they qualified by virtue of a top three finish at their Regional Championship.

Part 3: Qualification by Regional Allotment

It has been determined by the Junior Olympic Program Committee that there will be a minimum of 666 athletes participating at the Men's 2012 Junior Olympic National Championships. The total allotment per Level will be as follows:

Level 9:	=	294 athletes
Level 10 (14-15 yrs.)	=	186 athletes
Level 10 (16-18 yrs.)	=	186 athletes

The Junior Olympic Program Committee has determined that those athletes who qualify as single event specialist or multiple event qualifiers will not be included in the allotment.

The allotment number for each region will be based on the number of athletes entered into the State Championship meet per level plus any athletes petitioned into Regional Championships. This number will be determined following all of the State championships and released prior to the Regional Championships.

Please note the following concerning the qualification process:

- **Allotment Composition:** All qualifiers by score in the 6 event All-Around.

  Note: Regardless of a region's allotment numbers, any athlete who achieves the qualifying score through all around, 5 event, 4 event, or 3 event total will qualify to the JO National Championships.

  Example: Region A has an allotment of 15 Level 10 (14-15) athletes. 17 gymnasts exceed the qualifying score, either as all around or multiple event athletes. Region A will send 17 gymnasts to J.O. National Championships.

- All multiple event qualifiers may compete in the all around at the JO National Championships.
- Individual Event qualifiers may only compete on the event on which they qualified at the JO Nationals.

- **If a region fails to qualify their allotment of athletes by score within a Level, then the remaining allotment slots will be filled with all around athletes by rank order finish at the Regional Championships for that Level.**

  Example: Region B has an allotment of 15 Level 10 (14-15 yrs.) athletes. Only 12 Level 10 (14-15 yrs.) athletes achieve the qualifying score. This leaves three slots available to the next three rank order all around Level 10 (14-15 yrs.) athletes from the results at that Regional Championship.

Part 4: Qualification by Petition

Petitions to the J.O National Championships may be submitted to the Regional Chairman in the event of injury. All petitions will be sent by the Regional Chairman to Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre for evaluation and approval. Petitions will be very strictly evaluated. Petitions without the required supporting documentation will not be considered.

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- **Petitions:** Only approved petitions to the J.O. National Championships will qualify to compete and are ***not*** part of a Regions allotment number. Required documentation for all petitions is stated in the Rules & Polices. (Section V Junior Olympic Program (Section XI).