2018 Hopes and American Classic
Bid Information

**BID PROCEDURE**
Interested parties should complete the Intent to Bid and submit it to Rhonda Faehn, USA Gymnastics Senior Vice President of Women’s Program, at rfaehn@usagym.org no later than April 15, 2018.

**REQUIREMENTS**
1. Facility must be available for exclusive use Friday, July 6 – Sunday, July 8 2018
   - Friday, July 6, 2018 – Training Day (2-3 sessions)
   - Saturday, July 7, 2018 - Hopes Classic Competition (1-2 sessions)
     - Possible additional training for Junior/Senior Elites
   - Sunday, July 8, 2018 - American Classic (1-2 sessions)

USA Gymnastics will collect entry fees and coordinate the sanction, scoring, schedule, awards and competition draws for the meets. USA Gymnastics will be responsible for all judges’ fees, flights and hotel rooms.

Host club will be responsible for all venue costs including rental and maintenance. Venue to allow spectator seating up to 200 people.

Host club will provide wireless internet and power access to USA Gymnastics at no additional cost.

Host club will receive all gate receipts and concession sales. Ticket prices must be mutually agreed upon by The Host and USA Gymnastics.

USA Gymnastics will contract all hotel rooms for the event through National Travel Systems.
GK Elite has the right to sell competitive gymnastics apparel on site. Any other vendors or merchandise sales must be approved by USA Gymnastics.

USA Gymnastics retains the rights to live stream/televise the competition. The Host may NOT record, stream, or photograph the event without expressed, written consent of USA Gymnastics.

USA Gymnastics will determine and enforce access to the competition space and field of play. Spectator seating must be completely separate from the field of play.

The Host will provide a reasonable number of tables and chairs, access to equipment for music play back and public address, use of a medical room/area, a private changing space for athletes, and access to a photocopy machine.

**APPARATUS REQUIREMENTS for ELITE COMPETITIONS** as listed in the *Women’s Rules and Policies*, page 130.

1. Athlete safety guidelines, as listed in the *USA Gymnastics Safety Handbook*, should always be considered.
2. Elite competitions must adhere to the FIG apparatus norms. They can be found on the FIG website at: [http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/rules/app-norms](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/rules/app-norms).

**ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

1. **20 cm of matting in the dismount areas is required.** An additional 10 cm of matting must be used and NOT moved.
2. **Supplemental Matting**
   a. Up to two (2) manufactured sting mats are allowed to be placed separately on the Floor Exercise area. If the sting mat covers any portion of the boundary line(s), the mat must be clearly marked with tape or chalk to indicate the actual boundary line(s).
   b. **ONLY** Junior International athletes may use a skill cushion (maximum thickness of 8") in addition to the 20 cm (-2 cm tolerance) competition landing mat for release elements on bars. Matting must be removed after release moves.
   c. **ONLY** Junior International athletes may place a manufactured sting or 10 cm mat under the bars during competition.
   d. Only the AAI manufactured Round-Off Entry mats (100 cm x 120 cm) are allowed for use in front of the vaulting board for hand placement on Round-Off entry vaults.
   e. Uneven Bars heights may not be raised above or lowered from FIG specifications. The spread of the uneven bars should be 180 cm. Bars will be marked, and a 0.50 deduction will be taken for any gymnast working beyond specifications. In accordance with FIG rules, bar height increases are allowed in the following case:
      - At the increased height the inner diagonal distance between the bars shall be not more than 182 cm, max 1.0 cm
✓ Height increases of ten (10) cm shall be allowed in competitions for gymnasts who touch the mat with their feet during the exercise.
✓ This must be announced to the organizers at the time of the nominative entry and verified by the President or a member of the Superior Jury during the training.
✓ Equipment suppliers / organizers must provide trained staff for a safe, fast and competent height increment if necessary.

f. There will be two (2) spring board configurations used at vault.
   ✓ Six (6) springs (3-1-2) and eight (8) springs (3-3-2).
   ✓ Springs may not be moved or replaced.

g. Beam and bars will use only one board (soft). Spring configuration may be altered for the HOPES athletes.

h. The 10 cm mat on vaulting must have FIG channel markings.
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CONTACT INFORMATION
Contact Name:
Organization:
Organization (if different from above) that will be responsible for the event locally:
Contact Title:
Contact E-mail:
Contact Phone:

VENUE INFORMATION
Proposed venue(s) with seating capacity or number and types of seats available for event:

Describe any and all equipment that will be available for this event:

Please provide photographs of the proposed venue as well as a facility diagram, if one exists.

Can the Host guarantee that no other activities will take place in the competition area for the three days of the event?  yes  no

Comments:
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

List of partner organizations committed to assist with event:

List of local organizations that may provide financial or other assistance to event:

List of previous gymnastics or high-level sporting events hosted by organization within the last three years:

Name other events taking place within six (6) months prior to our event or at the same time: