



2019 Elite National Qualifiers Bid Information

If you are interested in hosting a USA Gymnastics 2019 Elite National Qualifier, bids must be received by April 6, 2018. Please send them to Rhonda Faehn at rfaehn@usagym.org

Requirements:

- Elite National Qualifiers may be conducted in conjunction with an invitational. The preferred weekends are:
 - Jan 31- Feb 2
 - Feb. 7-10
 - Feb. 14-17
 - March 7-10
 - May 31-June 2
 - June 7-9
 - June 13-15

- Elite National Qualifiers must offer at least 3 sessions of optionals and **2** sessions of compulsories.
 - Optional competitions are to be conducted in the traditional format with no more than 32 judgments in each optional session. (Although you can allow 36 to register per session since we know there will most likely be scratches).
 - Compulsory competition may be conducted in the Capital Cup format with no more than 40 judgments per session.
 - Competitions (Optional and Compulsory) must be conducted on consecutive days.

- The host club will collect entry fees. \$125 entry fee for Optional competition and \$75 for Compulsory competition -- \$200 for both. There will be no refunds. It will be your option to refund an athlete with proof of injury.

- All expenses associated with the competition will be the responsibility of the host club. In addition, the host club must pay expenses (flight, hotel, rental car, food) for one USA Gymnastics representative to be on hand during the competition to oversee the event.
- Competition date and site must be approved by the IEC
- Final competition schedule must be approved by the Sr. Vice President of Women's Program.
- Webcast/web streaming/televising of the competition must be approved by USA Gymnastics prior to the event.
- FIG Brevet "pool of Classic/Championships judges" must be used for the Optional competition. 50% of the Compulsory judging panel may be USA Brevet (in addition to the Elite Brevet Pool of Judges). A list of approved Brevet Judges will be provided to you upon awarding of your bid.
- Elite National Qualifiers are to be conducted with the following apparatus requirements (as listed in the *Women's Rules and Policies* page 130):
 - Athlete safety guidelines, as listed in the USA Gymnastics Safety Handbook, should always be considered.
 - 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>
- Additional Apparatus Specifications
 - In addition to the 20 cm of matting in the dismount areas an additional 10 cm of matting must be used and NOT moved.
 - Supplemental Matting:
 - Up to two-manufactured sting mats allowed to be placed separately on the Floor Exercise area and 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).
 - 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.
 - ONLY Junior International athletes may place a manufactured 10 cm mat under the bars during competition.
 - Only the AAI manufactured 100 by 120 cm Round Off Entry mats are allowed for use in front of the vaulting board for hand placement on Round Off entry vaults.

***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 .50

deduction will be taken for any gymnast working beyond specifications. Bar height increases are allowed in the following case in line with FIG rules:

At the increased height the inner diagonal distance between the bars shall be not more than 182 max* 1,0 cm Height increases of 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.

- There will be two spring board configurations used at vault. Beam and bars will use only one board (soft). Six spring (3-1-2) and 8 springs (3-3-2). Springs may not be moved or replaced. Spring configuration may be altered for the HOPES athletes.
- The 10 cm mat on vaulting must have FIG channel markings.

If you or your club is interested in bidding for a 2019 Elite National Qualifier, please complete the following information and return to Rhonda Faehn at rfaehn@usagym.org

A "sample" contract will be sent to you upon receipt of this bid form.

Name of club:

If in conjunction with an invitational, what is the invitational?

Number of athletes in previous years competitions :

Contact Name:

Contact Email:

Proposed dates of Elite Qualifier:

Proposed venue for competition. Please include the square footage of the competition area:

Name of meet director(s):

I accept the above requirements & responsibility for hosting the Elite National Qualifier in the best interest of the athletes.

Signature_____

Date