



2011 Winter Cup Challenge Competition Information (Subject to Change)

Competition Date: February 2 – 5, 2011 **Arrival Date:** February 2, 2011
Entry Deadline: January 3, 2011
Meet Host: Dusty Ritter, Meet Director **Event Location:** LV Sports Center
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702/768-1459 (between 10:00 am & 3:00 pm Pacific Time)
Ticket Prices: Daily pass: TBD
All Event Pass: TBD
Winter Cup Finals: TBD

Participants

Approximately 108 athletes in one age division – age 14 & up are invited to compete in an FIG scored event. Winter Cup Challenge participation is based on:

- Open to all senior elite athletes who are not age eligible juniors (must be post high school).
- All athletes who participated at the 2010 Visa Championships
- Members of the Senior National or Junior Elite National Team.
- Approved injury or unusual circumstance petitions – these petitions should be submitted directly to the Men's Program Committee through the Men's Program Director. In the case of junior age athletes, only juniors who have previously qualified to compete at the Visa Championships are eligible to submit a petition.
- If more than 108 entries are received the Men's Program Committee (MPC) reserves the right to limit entries based on all around and individual event results from the 2010 USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships, 2010 National Qualifier and 2010 NCAA Championships. See note below.
- **Only U.S. citizens may participate in the Winter Cup Challenge.**

Note: *This is a senior elite level competition and while open to all seniors, athletes who enter should, as a guideline, be scoring in the range of 75.00 or above in the All Around, averaging 13.5 or higher for two or more events or scoring 14.00 or higher in a single event (15.0 for vault). If registered athletes are eliminated from the competition due to high participant registrations as noted above, these scores recommendations will be used to help finalize the competitive field. A final participant list will be posted on the USA Gymnastics web site no later than Monday, January 10, 2011.*

Entry Procedures for 2011 Winter Cup Challenge

- Only athletes from the pool listed above will be eligible to enter the 2011 Winter Cup Challenge
- Athletes will be entered when their completed entry form is received at USA Gymnastics. Completed entries must include the **non-refundable entry fee** and must be submitted through on-line registration at: http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/pages/men/events/2011/wintercup_reg.html (Online registration will begin December 1, 2010)
- Entry deadline is January 3, 2011. Entries received after January 3 require a 50.00 late fee and late entries are not guaranteed to be accepted.
- **If a registration is not accepted for any reason the entry fee will be refunded.**

- Athletes unable to compete in any of the listed qualifying events due to injury, illness or special circumstance may submit a petition to compete to the MPC. Petitioning athletes must show that they would be competitive with the field through past competitive results. Petitions must be received by USA Gymnastics by January 3, 2011.

Session Details

The competition will consist of four sessions held over two days. Day one will feature three sessions with approximately one third of all registered athletes in each session. Athletes who competed at the 2010 Visa Championships and Junior Elite National Team members will be drawn into the second or third sessions of competition on Thursday February 3. Day two will feature one session of approximately 42 athletes. Programs will be placed into no more than two sessions on Thursday in preliminary competition. Random draw of competitors is by program in order to keep all competitors from one program together.

Session I – Preliminary Competition

- Random draw of all competitors who did not participate in the Senior Division at the Visa Championships or are not members of the Junior Elite National Team.
- Athletes from the same program drawn into this session will be placed into the same competition group unless the number of athletes exceeds the average rotation size.

Session II – Preliminary Competition

- Random draw of all competitors who participated in the Senior Division at the Visa Championships or are members of the Junior Elite National Team.
- Random draw from all other competitors if needed to balance session participant numbers
- Athletes from the same program drawn into this session will be placed into the same competition group unless the number of athletes exceeds the average rotation size.

Session III – Preliminary Competition

- Random draw of all competitors who participated in the Senior Division at the Visa Championships or are members of the Junior Elite National Team.
- Random draw from all other competitors if needed to balance session participant numbers
- Athletes from the same program drawn into this session will be placed into the same competition group unless the number of athletes exceeds the average rotation size.

Session IV – Finals Competition

- Top 42 athletes qualifying according to an MPC approved points system (see page 3). Ties for the final placement into the Session IV Final will be broken by the points system from Day 1.
- Top 3 individuals from each event from combined results of Day 1 competition.
- Random draw of all competitors for starting event
- Athletes from the same program drawn into this session will be placed into the same competition group unless the number of athletes exceeds the average rotation size.

Basic Schedule (Subject to change):

Wed., Feb. 2	Registration Open training for Winter Cup athletes only Coaches' Technical Meeting	LV Sports Center LV Sports Center	2:00 pm-8:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs., Feb. 3	<i>Winter Cup Preliminary Competition</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Session I – 8:00 am – 10:00 am Open Warm Up 10:00 am – 12:30 pm Competition</i> ▪ <i>Session II - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Open Warm Up 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Competition</i> 		

- **Session III - 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm Open Warm Up
7:45 pm - 10:00 pm Competition**

Fri., Feb. 4 Training for Winter Cup Finals Participants
 ▪ **10:45 am to 12:30 pm for all Session IV participants only**

Sat., Feb. 5 **Winter Cup Finals**
 ▪ **Session IV - 5:25 pm - 7:00 pm Open Warm Up
- 7:15 pm – 9:30 pm Competition**

- Final All-Around ranking based on combined all-around scores from Day 1 and Day 2.
- Individual Event ranking based on combined scores from Day 1 and Day 2

Senior National Team Selection

The seven 2010 World Championships Team members (6 team members plus alternate) will retain their place on the Senior National Team until the 2011 Visa Championships. The remaining eight members of the Senior National Team will be determined at the 2010 Winter Cup Challenge by the following:

1. The top ranked all around athlete (not already a member of the Senior National Team) based on a total of two days of competition.
2. Four athletes selected by rank order using the National Team Points Program noted on page 4.
3. Two athletes selected by the Men's Program Committee
4. One athlete selected by the National Team Coordinator

Entry Fee: \$100/athlete **NON Refundable** – The entry fee will be waived for all current Senior National Team Members & top three Junior Elite National Team members age 14-15 and Junior Elite National Team members age 16 – 18 from the all around results of the 2010 Visa Championships . If a registration is not accepted for any reason the entry fee will be refunded.

Deadline: Entry is through on-line registration. Registrations, with entry fees for ALL Winter Cup Challenge participants, are due no later than **Monday January 3, 2011.**

Completed entries must include the **non-refundable entry fee** and must be submitted through on-line registration. http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/pages/men/events/2011/wintercup_reg.html

Rules, Equipment and Additional Matting

- This will be an FIG rules event with the following exceptions:
 - FIG *Code of Points* –the current 2009 version which can be found at <http://www.sportcentric.com/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,5187-188050-205272-nav-list,00.html> plus any official Men's Technical Committee Newsletters (currently include #23 & #24)
 - USA/NGJA Rules Interpretations which can be found at <http://www.ngja.org/>
 - 2011 Bonus/Special Requirements Document – page 6 of this document
 - All vaults will receive a score (no zero vaults), with the exception of vaults which fail to touch the horse.
- Equipment will be provided by AAI

- The following additional matting will be allowed for the Winter Cup Challenge:

Floor Exercise	Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed – mat cannot be moved once in place
Still Rings	Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed
Vault	30 cm mats required, up to 20 cm additional will be allowed
Parallel Bars	Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed
High Bar	30 cm mats are required, up to 20 cm additional allowed
High Bar	Use of an 8-inch safety mat under horizontal bar is allowed for release moves.

Qualification 20 Point System for Finals Competition Determination

Men’s Program Committee Approved Points System for Qualification from the Winter Cup Preliminary Sessions I, II or III on Thursday to the Winter Cup Finals Session on Saturday.

Details

- Points will be awarded to the top 20 rank order athletes on each event in descending order (Example, 1st place earns 20 points, 20th place earns 1 point)
- No points will be given for All Around placement
- Athletes who tie for individual events will be awarded duplicate points with the next point total being skipped. (example: tie for first – both athletes awarded 20 points, the next highest ranking athlete receives third place points and is awarded 18 points)
- The points awarded for the six events will be totaled for a final point total for each athlete.
- In the case of a tie for the last position, ties will be broken by:
 1. The athletes highest single event points total, if still tied then,
 2. The athletes two highest events points total and so on until all six event totals are considered, if still tied then,
 3. All tied athletes advance.

National Team Points Program

Men’s Program Committee Approved Points System for Senior Team Selection from the Winter Cup Using Combined Results from Winter Cup Challenge Preliminary Sessions and Finals.

- Top 10 athletes on each event will receive points from the Preliminary Competition and again from the Finals Competition at the Winter Cup Challenge. The points from each day of competition will be added together to create the athletes Final Points Total.
- Points will be awarded on each event according to the following:

First place	= 11 points	Sixth place	= 5 points
Second place	= 10 points	Seventh place	= 4 points
Third place	= 9 points	Eighth place	= 3 points
Fourth place	= 7 points	Ninth place	= 2 points
Fifth place	= 6 points	Tenth place	= 1 point

National Team Points Program - continued

- Points will be awarded to the all around using the same formula as the individual events with the exception that all around points will only be awarded for the combined two day all around total (prelims + finals = two day total). Therefore the all around points will only be awarded once following the second day of competition.
- Athletes who tie for individual events or all around will be awarded duplicate points with the next point total being skipped. (example: tie for individual event third – both athletes awarded 9 points, the next highest ranking athlete receives fifth place points and is awarded 6 points)
- The points awarded for the six events will be totaled for each athlete each day. All around points are based on the two day all around total and will be added to the athlete's day two total. An athlete's day one and day two competitive points will be totaled for that athlete's Final Points results.
- In the case of a tie for the last National Team position by the Final Points, ties will be broken by:
 1. The athletes highest all around two day points total, if still tied then,
 2. The athletes highest single event two day points total, if still tied then,
 3. The athletes two highest events two day points total and so on until all six event totals are considered, if still tied then,
 4. The same process as in #1, #2 and #3 using the second day of competition point totals only, if still tied,
 5. The same process will be used as in #1, #2, #3 and #4 using the lowest single E (presentation) score (deductions) from the competitive results.

Bonus/Special Requirements Document

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Appears on Page 6

**Bonus/Special Requirements Document
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Event	Bonus	D Panel	E Panel
Floor Exercise			
SV 6.4	.1		
SV 6.5	.2		
SV 6.6 or higher	.3		
Pommel Horse			
SV *6.0 – 6.1	.1		
SV *6.2	.2		
SV *6.3 or higher	.3		
Rings			
SV 6.5	.1		
SV 6.6	.2		
SV 6.7 or higher	.3		
Inverted Cross		Credit if performed up to 45° above horizontal (as per FIG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 15° - no deduction • 16° - 30° - small deduction • 31° - 45° - med deduction • > 45° - large deduction/no credit
Vault			
SV 6.8	.2	SV Bonus can be awarded when only one vault is performed	
SV 7.0	.4		
SV 7.2	.5		
Combined SV for 2 Vaults		2 nd Vault must be from different family as per FIG	No fall on either vault to receive bonus
• 13.4 – 13.6	.2		
• 13.8 – 14.0	.3		
• 14.2 – 14.4	.4		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first vault performed will count for all results, qualifications and National Team points • All bonus will be added to the first vault's SV • All attempted vaults will receive a score (no zero vaults) 			
Parallel Bars			
SV 6.3	.1		
SV 6.4	.2		
SV 6.5 or higher	.3		
Uncontrolled regrasping and/or hitting bars for dbl saltos that land in upper arm support			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small deduction • Medium deduction (replace FIG medium and large deduction range)
High Bar			
SV 6.6	.1		
SV 6.7	.2		
SV 6.8 or higher	.3		
Turning skills – completed turn angle note: Applies to 1/1 or more turning skills that finish in el-grip or mixed grip			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 45° - no deduction • 46° - 60° - small deduction • 61° - 90° - med deduction • > 90° - large deduction

Additional Execution Bonus	Bonus	
**Routine w/ .9 - .55 E panel	.1	Excludes vault
**Routine w/ .5 or less E Panel	.2	Excludes vault

***Change from 2010 National Qualifier and VISA Championships**

****Only routines that have already received SV bonus are eligible for execution bonus**