



Format and Entry Procedure for the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge

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Competition Format for the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge

February 16: Preliminary Competition

- The competition will be comprised of approximately 96 athletes who meet the criteria listed in the Qualification and Entry Procedures outlined in this document.
- For Preliminary Competition, the field of approximately 96 participants will be divided into two competitive sessions of approximately 48 athletes each.
- Athletes will be seeded into the two preliminary sessions based on the following:
 - The basis for seeding will be the MPC approved 20-point program based on two days of competition at the 2016 P&G Championships. The ranking includes all participating athletes. **The Two-Day 20 Point P&G Championships ranking is included as Attachment B**
 - The top 42 athletes from the Two-Day 20 Point P&G Championships Ranking who are participating in the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge will compete in Session 2.
 - The MPC will consider placing up to 6 athletes into Session 2 from among the athletes petitioning to the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge. Placement into the 2nd Session will be based on past competitive accomplishments and perceived competitiveness within the field. Any unused petition positions into the 2nd Session (up to 6) will be filled from the rank order Two-Day 20 Point P&G Championships Ranking results.
 - All other athletes qualified to the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge will compete in Session 1.

February 18: Finals Competition

- The top 24 athletes rank order from the preliminary competition All-Around results as well as the top 18 rank order athletes (not included in the 24 All-Around athletes from the MPC approved Points Program) will advance to the Finals Competition for a field of 42 athletes. The points program will be published a minimum of 45 days prior to the start of the Winter Cup Challenge.
- The top 3 athletes on each event (including ties) in Preliminary competition will advance to the Finals Competition. Athletes who advance to the Finals session based on the top three individual event qualifications may only compete on the events(s) in which they qualified.

Qualification to the Winter Cup Challenge

- All participants at the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge must be United States citizens.
- All current Senior National Team members will be invited to participate in the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge.
- All athletes who qualified (and registered to participate) to the 2016 P&G Gymnastics Championships (both Senior and Junior Divisions) will be pre-qualified to participate in the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge.
- Per MPC: All current Level 9 Junior National Team members who are age eligible to compete as Level 10 athletes.
- The remaining athletes will qualify to participate in the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge based on placing in the top five all around in the final results at each of the following competitions:
 1. Rocky Mountain Open: January 14, 2017 – Open Team and Elite Session
 2. Stanford Open: January 21, 2017 – NCAA, Elite and Qualified L10 Session
 3. Valeri Liukin Invitational; December 10/2016 – Elite Cup Session
 4. West Point Open: January 13, 2017 – College Session/Elite Prelims
 5. Windy City Invite January 13-15, 2017 – Elite/NCAA Session

Note: The top five All Around athletes – excluding athletes pre-qualified to the Winter Cup (list from attachment A) - will qualify to participate at the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge. The final registration date for all athletes who qualify to the Winter Cup Challenge by all around results is Tuesday, January 24. No Winter Cup entries will be accepted after that date.

Additional Note: Meet directors for the five meets listed above should make it clear in their meet directives whether FIG or NCAA scoring will be used.

- Petitions – Only the following types of petitions to participate in the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge will be considered by the MPC.
 1. Athletes who were injured or, due to an unusual circumstance, were not able to participate in any of the events used for qualification ranking will have the opportunity to petition by submitting previous years' scores from past Winter Cup Challenge or U.S. Championships that show them to be highly competitive in the field.
 2. Athletes who qualified for the 2016 P&G Championships, but who withdrew from the competition due to injury may petition for consideration of being placed into Session 2 of the Preliminary Competition.
 3. An athlete who participated in one of the five events listed above and who believes that an unusual aspect of the specific competition in which he participated occurred which prevented him from qualifying to the Winter Cup Challenge may file a petition – detailed specifics of the situation must be included in the petition.
 4. An athlete who believes that his individual event(s) result(s) from one of the events listed above place him at a level that is competitive for an individual event medal at the 2017 World Championships may file a petition.
 - Athletes who qualified for the 2016 P&G Championships, but who withdrew from the competition due to injury may petition for consideration of being placed into Session 2 of the Preliminary Competition.
 - Petitions for bullet point 1 and 2 must be received by the **USA Gymnastics Vice President for the Men's Program no later than December 1, 2016, in order to be considered.** Petitions for bullet points 3 and 4 must be received within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event.

Note: All petitions filed must include scores from past championships level events that demonstrate that the athlete is highly competitive with the field of athletes who have qualified to the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge.

Competition Rules

The following documents will be used:

- FIG *Code of Points* –the current FIG version which can be found at http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/mag/CoP_MAG_2017-2020_ICI-e.pdf plus any official Men's Technical Committee Newsletters.
- Most recent USAG/NGJA Rules Interpretations which can be found at <http://www.ngja.org/>
- Note – there will be no special USA Bonus used at the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge.
- The FIG competition apparel rules will be in effect (**i.e. – no dark colored competition pants**).
- A Broken Hand Guard rule will apply, i.e., a retrial for the breaking of a hand guard or dowel is allowed, at the discretion of the head judge.
- Matting:
 - Horizontal Bar: The use of an 8-inch (20 cm) safety mat under horizontal bar is allowed for release moves. Additionally, the use of an 8-inch (20 cm) safety mat for dismounts is allowed for the Winter Cup (as per additional matting below).
 - Use of a 10 cm on top of the 20 cm base mat is required for landings on Vault and on both sides of Horizontal Bar. This matting configuration can be changed according to the additional matting allowance noted below; however the 20 cm base mat must remain in place and the minimum of 30 cm is required.

Additional Matting:

- FX Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed – mat cannot be moved once in place. Matting may be used only for landings – no value skills may be initiated on the additional matting.
- SR Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed (maximum 30 cm)
- V 30 cm mats required, up to 20 cm additional will be allowed (maximum 50 cm)
- PB Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed
- HB 30 cm mats are required, up to 20 cm additional allowed (maximum 50 cm)

Note: All Winter Cup participants will follow Senior rules.

Senior National Team Selection

Selection for the 2017 Senior National Team at the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge has not be determined by the Men's Program Committee at this time. National Team selection criteria will be posted on the men's page of the USA Gymnastics website no later than December 20, 2016

2017 Winter Cup Entry Procedure

- Registration for the 2017 Winter Cup will begin December 1, 2016 for all pre-qualified athletes shown in Attachment A and for approved petitions.
- Entry into the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge will be made through the USA Gymnastics on-line portal. Entry instructions can be found in **Attachment C**
- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will end December 20, 2016. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 20.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 24.**
- Entry fees are non-refundable with the exception of athletes who withdraw prior to January 25, 2017.
- The competition draw for starting event at the Winter Cup Challenge will be conducted and posted February 3. Up until the draw is conducted, an athlete qualified to compete in Session 2 on February 10 who withdraws from the competition will be replaced in Session 2 from the rank order list of athletes from the Two-Day 20 Point P&G Championships Ranking results. After the competition draw is conducted, and up until February 10, Session 2 athletes who withdraw will be replaced but the replacement athlete will go into the draw competition slot of the athlete who withdraws. No athlete will be replaced after February 10.

Attachment A

Pre-Qualified Athletes

Registration for these athletes begins December 1, 2016 and ends December 20, 2016

Senior National Team and Junior and Senior Division 2016 P&G Gymnastics Championships Competitors and eligible Level 9 Junior National Team members

Athlete	Program
Vitaliy Guimaraes	5280 Gymnastics
Kiwan Watts	Above the Bar
Colt Walker	Acro Tex Gym
Timothy Wang	Air Force
Blake Sun	Alamo Gymnastics
Kyte Crigger	Apollo Gymnastics
Shane Sadighi	Azarian Gymnastics
Jordan Kovach	Bart Conner Gym
Paul Juda	Buffalo Grove
Brody Malone	Cartersville Twisters
Davis Grooms	Champions Gym
Khalil Jackson	Champions Gym
Alexei Vernyi	Cypress Academy
Ian Gunther	Cypress Academy
Joshua Williams	Cypress Academy
Matthew Wenske	Cypress Academy
Garrett Braunton	Cypress Academy
John 'JR' Chow	Cypress Academy
Mitchell Brown	DeVeau's
Parker Clayton	DeVeau's
Russell Johnson	DeVeau's
Brennan Pantazis	Gymnastics Nevada
Thomas Chin	Gymnastics Olympica
Angel Leon	Gymnastics World
Sam Phillips	Gymnastics Olympica
Julian Brutchin-Roose	Gymnastics Olympica
Andrew Bitner	Gymnastix
David Willett	High Point Gym
Trevor North	Hocking Valley
Alex Diab	Illinois
Connor Lewis	Integrity Gymnastics
Max Andryushchenko	Lakeshore Academy
Addison Chung	Levon's Gymnastics
Jonathan Wang	Levon's Gymnastics
Shane Wiskus	MHG
Adrian de los Angeles	Michigan
Anthony McCallum II	Michigan

Athlete	Program
Dmitri Belanovski	Michigan
Emyre Cole	Michigan
Ellis Mannon	Minnesota
Tristan Duran	Minnesota
Evan Hymanson	Monmouth
Michael Fletcher	New England Acad.
Nicholas Merryman	New England Acad.
Brandon Wynn	Ohio State
Drew Moling	Ohio State
Sean Melton	Ohio State
Tristan Burke	Ohio State
Levi Anderson	Oklahoma
Colin VanWicklen	Oklahoma
Jacob Dalton	Oklahoma
Kanji Oyama	Oklahoma
Steven Legendre	Oklahoma
Yul Moldauer	Oklahoma
Alexander Frack	Parkettes
Leroy Clarke	Penn State
Matthew Felleman	Penn State
Trevor Howard	Penn State
Tristan Duverglas	Penn State
Curran Phillips	Prairie Gymnastics
Bailey Perez	Premier Gymnastics
Kevin Penev	RGA
Cameron Bock	SCATS
Daniel Yoon	SCATS
Thomas Lee	Stanford Boys
Akash Modi	Stanford
Grant Breckenridge	Stanford
Robert Neff	Stanford
Jacob Moore	Twistars USA
Chris Brooks	U.S.O.T.C.
CJ Maestas	U.S.O.T.C.
Donnell Whittenburg	U.S.O.T.C.

Senior National Team and Junior and Senior Division 2016 P&G Gymnastics Championships Competitors and eligible Level 9 Junior National Team members – Continued

Athlete	Program
Donothan Bailey	U.S.O.T.C.
Eddie Penev	U.S.O.T.C.
John Orozco	U.S.O.T.C.
Joshua Dixon	U.S.O.T.C.
Marvin Kimble	U.S.O.T.C.
Paul Ruggeri III	U.S.O.T.C.
Sam Mikulak	U.S.O.T.C.
Kevin Wolting	UC Berkeley
Kyle Zemeir	UC Berkeley
Danell Leyva	Universal Gymnastics
Justin Ah Chow	Universal Gymnastics
Travis Wong	Universal Gymnastics
Brandon Briones	USA Flairs
Andrew Brower	US Gym Dev Center II
Favian Valdez	US Gym Dev Center II
Alex Naddour	USA Youth Fitness
Andrew Herrador	WCOGA
Bennet Huang	WCOGA
Griffin Kehler	WOGA
Joshua Davis	WOGA
David Pochinka	WOGA - Plano

Attachment B

Two-Day 20 Point 2016 P&G Championships Ranking Results

Points determined by adding Day 1 points results to Day 2 points results for all participating athletes.

Only athletes who received points are listed.

	First	Last	Total Points
1	Sam	Mikulak	178
2	Jacob	Dalton	161
3	Chris	Brooks	137
4	Donnell	Whittenburg	136
5	Akash	Modi	135
6	Sean	Melton	124
6	Yul	Moldauer	124
8	Paul	Ruggeri III	118
9	Marvin	Kimble	112
10	Alex	Naddour	109
11	John	Orozco	107
12	CJ	Maestas	96
13	Danell	Leyva	86
14	Eddie	Penev	80
15	Donothan	Bailey	76
16	Steven	Legendre	72
17	Colin	VanWicklen	68
18	Brandon	Wynn	63
19	Kanji	Oyama	60
20	Matthew	Wenske	54
21	Joshua	Dixon	52
22	Kevin	Wolting	50
23	Ellis	Mannon	45
24	Kyle	Zemeir	38

	First	Last	Total Points
25	Timothy	Wang	30
26	Emyre	Cole	29
26	Trevor	Howard	29
28	Adrian	De Los Angeles	25
29	Anthony	McCallum II	20
29	Shane	Wiskus	20
31	Tristan	Duverglas	18
32	Alex	Diab	17
33	Grant	Breckenridge	15
33	Matthew	Felleman	15
33	Drew	Moling	15
33	Kiwan	Watts	15
37	Levi	Anderson	14
37	Leroy	Clarke	14
37	Bennet	Huang	14
40	Tristan	Duran	13
41	Blake	Sun	12
42	Robert	Neff	10
43	Andrew	Bitner	7
44	Alexei	Vernyi	4
45	Dmitri	Belanovski	3
45	Vitaliy	Guimaraes	3
47	Nicholas	Merryman	1

Attachment C

How to Register for the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge

Registration for the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge will begin and end according to the following:

- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes (Attachment A, from this document) and approved petitions will begin on December 1 and end December 20, 2016. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 20.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 24.**

All athletes **and** coaches must register for the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge through the USA Gymnastics online portal. Athletes and coaches will be unable to register unless they have a current USA Gymnastics membership. Club administrators may register using the instructions listed below.

The entry fee to enter the 2017 Winter Cup Challenge is \$125. Only one coach per athlete, with a maximum of two coaches per club, is permitted to register for the event.

For consideration of an additional coach, an Additional Coaches Credential Form must be submitted with a \$50 fee. [Click here for form.](#)

Club Administrators can register qualified athletes and coaches by following these instructions:

- Log into your USA Gymnastics Membership record
- Click on "Member Services" at the top of the web page
- Click on "Club Administration" – a drop down will show
- Click on "Group Processing"
- Click the drop down in the middle of the page and choose "Register for a Camp or Competition"
- Click the next drop down and choose "Men's Winter Cup Challenge"
- Look for your name on the list and choose the options you would like to register for
- Click "Submit" - From here, it will take you to the payment site.

If you have any technical difficulties in registering, please contact Mike Bowman at mbowman@usagym.org.

For any other questions or inquiries, please contact Lisa Mendel at lmendel@usagym.org.