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Formats for 2018 Winter Cup Challenge, National Qualifier and P&G Gymnastics Championships

2018 – Winter Cup Challenge:

Two Divisions: Junior Elite and Senior Elite

Session 1 – Junior Elite Division: Approximately 36 athletes plus approved petitions

- Junior FIG Rules (with no Junior Olympic modifications)
- Top 36 by USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program, age eligible athletes, rank All Around from the previous P&G Championships
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria

Session 2 – Senior Division: Approximately 48 athletes plus approved petitions

- Senior FIG Rules with any USA/MPC approved exceptions
- All Senior Division athletes from the previous P&G Championships
- Junior Division athletes, who finished in the top 36 final all around results from the junior division at the previous P&G Championships and who are no longer age eligible for the junior national team in 2018, are qualified into the senior division.
- Minimum of 12 athletes, rank order in All Around, from the MPC approved qualifying competitions
- Individual Event athletes may petition for participation based on performance at one of the approved qualifying meets. Scores should demonstrate that the athlete is internationally competitive on an event(s)
- Only FIG senior age eligible athletes may qualify for or compete in the senior division.

Finals Session – Junior & Senior Division

- Seniors:
 - 28 Senior athletes competing in 4 squads using:
 - ✓ Top 28 athletes from Session 2 rank order using the 10 Point Program
 - ✓ If 28 athletes do not receive points, then highest AA score from prelims not already qualified will be invited up to 28 athletes
 - ✓ MPC has ability to invite any athlete from Session 2 to participate in the finals based on extenuating circumstances
- Juniors:
 - Top 14 Junior AA from Session 1 (2 squads of 7) using Jr FIG rules
 - ✓ MPC has ability to invite any athlete from Session 1 to participate in the finals based on extenuating circumstances



2018 – Winter Cup Challenge Qualifying Competitions:

- Up to five competitions will be designated as qualifying events for the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge **for the Senior Division at the Winter Cup Challenge.**
- Qualifying competitions must be scheduled within the dates of December 1, 2017 and January 28, 2018.
- The Men's Program Committee will determine the sites for the Qualifying competitions as well as the number of athletes who will qualify based on all around ranking from each event.
- The event must be a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event.
- All athletes attempting to qualify to the Senior Division at the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge must compete in the same competitive session using the same judging panels for each event.
- **Only athletes who are FIG senior age eligible are eligible for qualification.**
- A minimum of two judges per event must be used.
- FIG Code of Points (Senior) or NCAA rules must be used.
- The qualifying session of competition must be open to any Winter Cup age eligible elite level USA Gymnastics athlete member. The athlete would be responsible to meet competition entry deadlines as well as first come/first serve participant number limitations.

Event directors who would like for their event to be considered as a qualifying competition should submit the qualifying competition application and submit it no later than October 6, 2017. The application form can be found at:

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Mens%20Program%20Events/18wintercup/qualhostapp.pdf>

2018 – National Qualifier:

Two Divisions: Junior Elite and Senior Elite

Session 1 – Junior Division: Open registration for Jr Elite Qualification to P&G Championships as per MPC approved qualification document TBD

- Optional (Session 1) and Technical Sequence (Session 3) competition
 - Junior FIG Rules (with no Junior Olympic modifications)
 - Limited number of qualification positions to the P&G Championships as per MPC approved qualification document TBD

Session 2 – Senior Division: Open registration for Senior Division Qualification to P&G Championships

- Senior FIG Rules with any USA/MPC approved exceptions
- Limited number of qualification positions to the P&G Championships as per MPC approved qualification document TBD



2018 – P&G Gymnastics Championships:

Two Divisions: Junior Elite and Senior Elite

Session 1&3 – Junior Elite Division, Approximately 42 athletes + Approved Petitions

- 36 athletes will qualify from JO National Championships and 6 athletes from the National Qualifier as per MPC approved procedures TBD.
- 17/18 years old FIG can qualify to Senior Division at Qualifier and be selected to Jr Team at P&G Championships as per approved team selection procedures
- Junior FIG Rules (with no age group program modifications) used in Junior sessions
- Junior National Team to be selected as per MPC approved procedures TBD

Session 2&4 – Senior Elite Division, Approximately 30 plus approved petitions

- Qualification as per MPC approved procedures TBD
- Senior National Team to be selected as per MPC approved procedures TBD