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2018 Men's National Qualifier and U.S. Gymnastics Championships Information

National Qualifier Information

Date:	July 12-15, 2018	Entry Fee:	\$125
		Due Date:	Friday June 15, 2018
Location:	U.S. Olympic Training Center 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Tickets:	Available day of competition \$5/children 5 and up and adults No charge children 4 and under
Host:	USA Gymnastics Men's Program 130 E. Washington St, Suite 700 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317/237-5050 or visit us at www.usagym.org	Hotel Options:	Holiday Inn Express DoubleTree Hilton Antlers

Tentative Schedule (Subject to change)

Thur. July 12	Open Training	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Fri. July 13	Open Training	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Sat. July 14	Junior and Senior Division Optional Competition	Session I: 12:30 PM Session II: 6:00 PM
Sun. July 15	Junior Division Technical Sequences	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eligibility to Enter the National Qualifier competition

To be eligible to enter the National Qualifier, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a United States citizen by the start of competition and a current USA Gymnastics athlete member.
- Entry to the National Qualifier must be made through the USA Gymnastics online portal (entry instructions below) and are due with a \$125 entry fee by Friday June 15. Any approved entries received at USA Gymnastics after June 15, will require a \$50 late fee to validate the entry. Approval for entries received after June 15 is not automatic.
- Any USA Gymnastics athlete member 18 years of age or older (must be 18 in 2018) may enter the National Qualifier with the intent of qualifying to the Senior Division at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships.
- Junior Division athletes will compete in two age divisions, 15 to 16 and 17 to 18, based on the athlete's age as of May 31, 2018. All junior division athletes must compete both optional and technical sequence routines to be eligible for the Junior Division at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships.
- Junior athletes who participated at the 2018 Junior Olympic National Championships must have competed in the Junior Elite Division in order to be eligible to enter the National Qualifier.
- **Special Note:** An athlete who turns 15 in the year of the U.S. Gymnastics Championships may participate at the National Qualifier in the 15 to 16-year-old age group for qualification to the U.S. Gymnastics Championships. (MPC 2-8-13)

Special Note Concerning Right to Participate on the USOTC Complex.

All athletes *and* coaches who have not been to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in calendar year 2018 **MUST** complete the online USOTC forms in order to participate. Once participants are confirmed, the USOC will email electronic forms. Please make sure coaches and athletes email addresses are entered into the respective membership profile.

All coaches, judges and staff must be current USA Gymnastics professional members and must have completed the U110 USOC SafeSport course within the last two years. The USOC will not allow a coach, judge or staff member participate in any event on the USOTC complex without this being completed.

2018 National Qualifier Competition Format

- A. The 2018 National Qualifier is being held to determine qualifiers to the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in both the Senior and Junior Divisions.
- B. There will be two sessions of optional routine competition on Saturday July 14, and one session of Technical Sequences competition on Sunday July 15. See tentative schedule above.
- C. Make up of the competitive groups within the session
 - Programs with athletes who are attempting to qualify for the Junior Division at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships will have all of their athletes placed into the first session on Saturday July 14.
 - Athletes from the same program will be placed into the same competition group.
 - There will be a random draw of all programs/competitors for starting event and for the session with the exception noted above.

D. This will be an FIG rules event with the exceptions noted here.

The following documents will be used:

- FIG *Code of Points* –the current FIG version which can be found at <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/rules/disciplines/art> plus any official Men’s Technical Committee Newsletters.
 - Most recent USAG/NGJA Rules Interpretations which can be found at <http://www.ngja.org/>
 - Senior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for seniors
 - Junior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for juniors with no USA Gymnastics age group competition program exceptions.
- E. A 30 second (50 seconds for PB) one-touch warm-up will be used. A one-touch warm-up will be provided at the beginning of each rotation followed by competition on that event.
 - F. Warm-ups will be open, with the exception of Parallel Bars which will have assigned time blocks with the rotation based on starting event (i.e. – the group which starts on PB will have the last warm-up block time at PB)
 - G. Matting -- for the National Qualifier the following mat exceptions will be allowed:
 - FIG matting at all events, with the exception of Still Rings and Horizontal Bar
 - At SR, athletes will be allowed the use of up to 10 CM of additional matting.
 - At HB, athletes will be allowed the use of up to 20 CM of additional matting for release moves only (not allowed for dismounts)

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Online Entries are due by June 15.

All athletes **and** coaches must register for the 2018 Men’s National Qualifier 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 2018 Men’s National Qualifier 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.](#) If you would like to apply for a credential for a trainer, use the same form; however, a trainer credentialed in this manner will not have access to the field of play or any USOC Sports Medicine facilities or supplies.

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

NOTE: Use the process outlined here and **DO NOT go through “MEET RESERVATIONS”** as Meet Reservations will NOT capture a registration for the Men’s Qualifier.

- 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 National Qualifier”
- 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 are not taken to a payment options site, you are not successfully registered for the Men’s National Qualifier.

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.

2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships Information

Site: Boston, MA
Date: August 16-18

Qualification to the 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships

Must be a United States citizen and a current USA Gymnastics athlete member at the time competition begins

Senior Division (approximately 36 athletes)

- Senior National Team members following the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge
- A minimum of 18 athletes will qualify to the 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships based on the National Points Ranking System from the 2018 National Qualifier (Attachment A)
- Individual Event Champions at the 2018 National Qualifier (1st place ranking) will advance to the 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships
- From the 2018 NCAA Championships: The top 6 rank order all-around (U.S. citizens), not including any pre-qualified athletes to the 2018 U.S. Championships, provided they finish top 8 (of U.S. citizens) in the all-around.
- From the 2018 NCAA Championships: Individual Event Champions, which may include pre-qualified athletes to the 2018 U.S. Championships.
- Approved petitions

Junior Division (approximately 42 athletes in two age divisions)

- Top 22 athletes by rank order all around from two days combined competition (optional and technical sequences) in the Junior Elite Level 10 (15-16) age group at J.O. Nationals.
- Top 14 athletes by rank order all around from two days combined competition (optional and technical sequences) in the Junior Elite Level 10 (17-18) age group at J.O. Nationals.
- Top 6 athletes by rank order all around from two days combined competition (optional and technical sequences) from the combined results of Level 10 (15-16) and Level 10 (17-18) age groups at the National Qualifier.
- Any open positions due to withdrawal of any participant in the Junior Elite Division will be filled from rank order Junior Elite Division results noted above from the National Qualifier
- Approved petitions

Note: No athletes who withdraw will be replaced unless the participant numbers fall below 36 for the Senior Division or 42 for the Junior Elite Division. No athletes who withdraw from U.S. Gymnastics Championships will be replaced after August 2, 2018.

2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships Entry Deadline

Senior & Junior Division

All athletes and their coach who qualify to the 2018 U.S. Championships will be emailed a link and instructions to register for the event, thus confirming participation in the 2018 U.S. Championships. There is no charge to enter the U.S. Championships. The deadline for qualified athletes and their coach to register is July 17.

2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships Competition Format

- A. Junior Division and Senior Division athletes will compete in two days of optional competition.
- B. Preliminary Competition – Thursday, August 16:
- Session I: Junior Elite Division
 - Session II: Senior Division
- C. Finals Competition: Saturday, August 18:
- Session I: Junior Elite Division – all Junior Elite Division athletes from Day 1
 - Session II: Senior Division – all Senior Elite Division athletes from Day 1
- D. This will be an FIG rules event with the exceptions noted here.
The following documents will be used:
- FIG *Code of Points* –the current FIG version which can be found at <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/rules/disciplines/art> plus any official Men’s Technical Committee Newsletters.
 - Most recent USAG/NGJA Rules Interpretations which can be found at <http://www.ngja.org/>
 - Senior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for seniors
 - Junior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for juniors with no USA Gymnastics age group competition program exceptions.
- E. Makeup of the competitive groups within the session:
- Athletes from the same program will be placed into the same competition group unless the number of athletes from one program exceeds the size of the rotation groups. If a program will have athletes split between two competition groups, the program will be given the opportunity to identify which athletes should be kept together in the groups.
 - Random draw of all programs/competitors for starting event, except as previously noted.
- F. There will be a 30 second (50 seconds for PB) one-touch warm-up will be used. A one-touch warm-up will be provided at the beginning of each rotation followed by competition on that event.
- G. Warm-ups will be open, with the exception of Parallel Bars that will have assigned time blocks with the rotation based on starting event (i.e. – the group which starts on PB will have the last warm-up block time at PB).
- H. Matting -- for the P&G Gymnastics Championships, the following mat exceptions will be allowed:
- FIG matting at all events, with the exception of Horizontal Bar.
 - At HB, athletes will be allowed the use of up to 20 cm of additional matting for release moves only (not allowed for dismounts).
- I. **SPECIAL NOTE: Athletes in the Senior Division who wish to be considered to compete on vault at the 2018 World Championships may perform two vaults on each day of competition at the U.S. Championships. The first vault performed will be used to determine the All-Around and Individual event results. The second vault performed will be used for consideration by the World Championship Selection Committee. The score for the second vault will be communicated verbally to the coach of the athlete.**

National Team Selection at the 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships

Senior Division:

National Team selection will be determined by the Men's Program Committee (MPC) and published no later than 30 days prior to the start of the National Qualifier.

Junior Elite Division:

Athletes competing in the Junior Division will be automatically selected based on the rank order all around results from two days of competition as follows:

15 year olds:	4 athletes
16 year olds:	3 athletes
17 year olds:	3 athletes
18 year olds:	1 athlete

In addition, 3 athletes, in the age categories listed above, will be selected from among the Junior National Team age eligible participants at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships from either the Junior or Senior Divisions or from approved petitions. The three athletes will be selected by a committee comprised of the High Performance Director, Junior Olympic Program Coordinator and three members of the Junior National Coaching Staff.

Note: There will be a mandatory meeting for all Junior Elite and Senior National Team members and their coaches held on Sunday morning August 19. The meeting will conclude by 12:00 noon.

2018 World Championships Selection Procedures can be found at:
http://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html

The World Championships Selection Committee will be made up of:

TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Coach Representative
TBD	Athlete Representative
TBD	At Large Representative (coach, athlete or administrator)
Brett McClure	High-Performance Director
Dennis McIntyre	Vice President of Men's Program: Voice – No Vote, ex-officio

Attachment A

Points System for the 2018 Qualifier and U.S. Gymnastics Championships

Men's Program Committee Approved Points System for Qualification from the National Qualifier to the U.S. Gymnastics Championships.

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

MPC Approved Points System for Senior Team Selection from the U.S. Gymnastics Championships Using Results from U.S. Gymnastics Championships 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 U.S. Championships. 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
- Athletes who tie for individual events 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. 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,

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.

Attachment B

Links

FIG Code of Points	http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/rules/disciplines/art
MTC Updates	http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/page/view?id=502
NGJA	http://www.ngja.org/
2018 World Championships Selection Procedures	http://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/selection_procedures.html
Additional Coaches Credential Request Form	https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Men/addlCoachCredential.pdf
USA Gymnastics Men's Program	https://usagym.org/pages/men/pages/index.html
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