



Format and Entry Procedure 2018 Winter Cup Challenge February 15-17, Las Vegas, Nevada

Updated November 30, 2017 – Now Includes National Team Selection (highlighted)

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Competition Format for the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge

Two Divisions: Junior Elite and Senior Elite

February 15: 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 (see Attachment C)
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria

February 15: 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 (Attachment C)
- 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 – Final number TBD
- 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.

February 17: 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 (Attachment B)
 - ✓ 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

Qualification to the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge

All Athletes: All participants at the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge must be United States citizens at the time that competition begins.

Senior Division:

- All current Senior National Team members will be invited to participate in the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge.
- All Senior Division athletes who qualified (and registered to participate) to the 2017 P&G Gymnastics Championships will be pre-qualified to participate in the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge.
- 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.
- Approved petitions – see Petitions Section
- The remaining athletes will qualify to participate in the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge based on all around placement in the final results at each of the following competitions:
 1. Valeri Liukin Invitational; December 8, 2017 – Elite Cup Session
 2. Rocky Mountain Open: January 13, 2018 – Open Team and Elite Session
 3. West Point Open: January 12-13, 2018 – College Session/Elite Prelims
 4. Windy City Invite January 13, 2018 – Elite/NCAA Session
 5. Stanford Open: January 27, 2018 – NCAA, Elite Session

Note: A minimum of 12 athletes – excluding athletes pre-qualified to the Winter Cup (list from attachment C) - will qualify to participate at the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge from the qualifying competitions. Number of athletes from each competition will be determined and posted no later than December 7, 2017. The final registration date for all athletes who qualify to the Winter Cup Challenge by all around results is Tuesday, January 30, 2018. No Winter Cup entries will be accepted after that date.

Junior Division:

- Top 36 USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program, age eligible athletes, using the rank All Around results from the 2017 P&G Championships.
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria
- Approved petitions: see Petitions section.

Petitions:

Only the following types of petitions to participate in the 2018 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. 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 2018 World Championships may file a petition.

Petitions for bullet point 1 must be received by the **USA Gymnastics Vice President for the Men's Program no later than December 4, 2017, in order to be considered.** Petitions for bullet point 2 must be received within 48 hours of the conclusion of the applicable qualifying event.

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 2018 Winter Cup Challenge.
- 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.
- 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 retrieval 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)

Senior National Team Selection

12 athletes will be placed on the Senior National Team following the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge according to the following criteria:

1. The top six (6) All-Around athletes based on rank order final results from two days of competition at the Winter Cup Challenge.
2. The Men’s Program Committee will select 6 athletes from the participants at the Winter Cup Challenge or petitioned athletes, with the following contingencies:
 - The MPC will consider the Winter Cup Competitive results, the 10 Points Program results and qualified petitions to select six athletes.
 - Only petitions based on injury, or in the case of a current Senior National Team member, unusual situation or occurrence, will be considered.
 - Based on his World Championships results, Yul Moldauer will be automatically selected to the National Team if he participates at the 2018 Winter Cup and qualifies to the Winter Cup finals.

2018 Winter Cup Entry Procedure

- Registration for the 2018 Winter Cup will begin November 1, 2017 for all pre-qualified athletes (Attachment C).

- Entry into the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge will be made through the USA Gymnastics on-line portal. Entry instructions can be found in **Attachment A**
- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will end December 4, 2017. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 4.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 30.**
- Entry fees are non-refundable with the exception of athletes who withdraw prior to January 30, 2018.
- An athlete who withdraws will be replaced by the next highest ranked qualified athlete in his respective competition division until February 9. The competition draw for starting event at the Winter Cup Challenge will be conducted on or about February 5. After the competition draw is conducted, and up until February 9, 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 9.

Attachment A

How to Register for the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge

Registration for the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge will begin and end according to the following:

- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will begin on November 1, and end December 4, 2017. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 4.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 30.**

The entry fee to enter the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge is \$150. Only one coach per athlete, with a maximum of two coaches per club, is permitted to register for the event.

All athletes **and** coaches must be registered by a Club Administrator through the USA Gymnastics online portal. Athletes and coaches will be unable to register unless they have a valid USA Gymnastics membership. Club administrators – use the following instructions to register athletes and coaches for the 2018 Winter Cup Challenge:

- 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.

For consideration of an additional coach, an Additional Coaches Credential Form must be submitted with a \$50 fee. [Click here for form](#). DO NOT REGISTER ADDITIONAL COACHES. APPROVED ADDITIONAL COACHES WILL BE REGISTERED BY USA GYMNASTICS.

Programs that are considering bringing their own team trainer must complete an Additional Coaches Credential Form and submit payment for \$50. Approved trainers will not have access to the competition floor or corals and will have to remain in the stands. A submission does not guarantee that a trainer will be approved.

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

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

Attachment B

POINTS SYSTEM FOR 2018 WINTER CUP CHALLENGE

MPC Approved 10 Point System

- 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
- 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 position by the Final Points, 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. The same process will be used in #1, #2, #3, and #4 using the lowest single E (presentation) score (deductions) from the competitive results.

Attachment C

Pre-Qualified Athletes

Senior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2018 Winter Cup Challenge

Note: Pre-Qualified athletes must register by December 4 to confirm participation

Name	Program
Bailey, Donothan	U.S.O.T.C.
Bock, Cameron	U.S.O.T.C.
Bower, Allan	University of Oklahoma
Castro, Antonio	University of Nebraska
De Los Angeles, Adrian	U.S.O.T.C.
Eggleston, Chandler	University of Illinois
Epperson, Austin	University of Nebraska
Howard, Trevor	Ohio State University
Kehler, Griffen	University of Nebraska
Kimble, Marvin	Salto Gymnastics Center
King, Kyle	University of Nebraska
Kovach, Jordan	Bart Conner Gymnastics
McCallum II, Anthony	University of Michigan
Melton, Sean	Ohio State University
Mikulak, Samuel	U.S.O.T.C.
Modi, Akash	Stanford University
Moldauer, Yul	University of Oklahoma
Mollett, Zack	Sun Devil Gymnastics
Naddour, Alexander	USA Youth Fitness Center
Nedoroscik, Stephen	Penn State University
Neighbarger, Sean	Ohio State University
Ngai, Brandon	University of Illinois
Oyama, Kanji	U.S.O.T.C.
Penev, Eddie	U.S.O.T.C.
Powarzynski, Alex	University of Oklahoma
Reid, Michael	Southlake Gymnastics
Stephens, Jalon	University of Minnesota
Stephenson, Christopher	University of Nebraska
Valdez, Jordan	University of Minnesota
Van Wicklen, Colin	University of Oklahoma
Watts, Kiwan	Above The Bar Gymnastics
Wenske, Matthew	University of Oklahoma
Whittenburg, Donnell	U.S.O.T.C.
Wilner, Michael	Gymnastics Spot
Wilson, Alexander	Ohio State University
Wiskus, Shane	University of Minnesota
Yoder, Alec	Ohio State University

Attachment C - continued

Junior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2018 Winter Cup Challenge

Note: Pre-Qualified athletes must register by December 4 to confirm participation

Name	Program
Ah Chow, Justin	Universal Gymnastics
Andryushchenko, Max	Ohio State University
Baker, Nehemiah	Flip Force Gymnastics
Barnhill, Lazarus	Cypress Academy
Bischoff, Jeremy	Waller's GymJam Academy
Bold, Crew	TAG USA Gymnastics
Bolotsky, Nikita	Kingdom Gymnastics
Braunton, Garrett	Cypress Academy
Camillus, Alan	Southlake Gymnastics
Chou, John	Cypress Academy
Davis, Evan	Cypress Academy
Davis, Joshua	WOGA Frisco
Doherty-Herwitz, Liam	Brestyan's Gymnastics
Fletcher, Michael	New England Academy
Freeman, Jack	Cypress Academy
Goodell, Spencer	OMEGA
Guimaraes, Vitaliy	5280 Gymnastics
Gunther, Ian	Cypress Academy
Huang, Bennet	WCOGA
Inhaber-Courchesne, Yan	New England Academy
Jackson, Khalil	Champions Gymnastics
Jaroh, Michael	Michigan Elite Gymnastics
Juda, Paul	Buffalo Grove Gym Center
Kriley, Evan	La Fleur's
Loos, Riley	Technique Gymnastics
Malone, Brody	Cartersville Twisters
McKinney, Donte	Triumph Gymnastics
Nelson, Kameron	Hayden's Gymnastics
Penev, Kevin	Rochester Gymnastics
Phillips, Samuel	Gymnastics Olympica USA
Pochinka, David	WOGA Plano
Randolph, Matthew	Payke Gymnastics
Seyler, Morgan	Southlake Gymnastics
Walker, Colt	Acro Tex Gymnastics
Willett, David	High Point Gymnastics
Williams, Jordan	Liberty Gymnastics
Wong, Travis	Universal Gymnastics
Yoon, Daniel	SCATS
Young, Dylan	Gymnastics Olympica USA