



MPC Approved: September 27, 2018

2019 – Winter Cup Challenge
February 15-17
Southpoint Hotel Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Competition Format:

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 athletes, rank all around from the 2018 U.S. Championships. Must be junior age eligible by USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program.
- 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 U.S. Championships
- Junior Division athletes, who finished in the top 36 final all around results from the junior division at the 2018 U.S. 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



2019 – Winter Cup Challenge Qualifying Competitions:

- Up to five competitions will be designated as qualifying events for the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge **for the Senior Division at the Winter Cup Challenge.**
- Qualifying competitions must be scheduled within the dates of December 1, 2018 and January 28, 2019.
- 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 2019 Winter Cup Challenge must compete in the same competitive session using the same judging panels for each event.
- **Only FIG senior age eligible athletes 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 no later than October 12, 2018. The application form can be found at:

https://usagym.org/pages/men/events/program_events.html

2019 – Winter Cup Challenge Entry Information:

Detailed entry information for the 2019 Winter Cup will be posted no later than October 20, 2018.

Senior National Team Selection:

Senior National Team selection at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge will be published no later than December 1, 2018.