



2021
Winter Cup
Elite Team Cup
February 25-28
Indianapolis, Indiana



Directives v.1 (December 2020)
Information in these directives is subject to change

Host **Venue**

USA Gymnastics

Indianapolis Convention Center
100 S. Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Hotels

Participants should make reservations via USA Gymnastics travel partner [Click Here](#)

Participants

The Westin
241 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
\$129 +tx

Judges

Hyatt Regency
1 S. Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Website

<https://www.wintercup.com/>

Meet Reservation

USA Gymnastics meet reservation system will be used to confirm participation in the 2021 Winter Cup and Elite Team Cup. See Exhibit F for meet reservation instructions.

Winter Cup

- Entry Fee \$150 per athlete
- Reservation system will be open January 4-31, 2021

Elite Team Cup

- No entry fee for Elite Team Cup athletes
- Meet reservation must be made by Regional Chairperson.

Daily Schedule

See Attachment A

Competition Format

Two Divisions: Elite Team Cup and Senior Elite

February 26: Day 1, Session I – Senior Division: Approximately 42 athletes plus approved petitions

- Senior FIG Rules with any USA/MPC approved exceptions
- Current Senior National Team members
- All athletes who qualified to Day 2 of 2020 Winter Cup in the Senior division
- All current 2020-21 Junior National Team members that are Senior FIG age eligible in 2021

- Senior age eligible athletes, that have not already qualified, may submit a petition to the MPC to compete based on performance through video submission. NGJA judging panels on the USAG approved virtual platform will evaluate video submissions.
 - AA athletes must achieve a minimum score of 80.0 to be eligible to compete at Winter Cup
 - Individual event athletes must achieve, at minimum, the final score of the 8th place qualifying spot to an IE final at the 2019 World Championships (see chart below) to be eligible to compete. **IE qualifiers to Winter Cup may only compete on their qualified event(s).**

2019 World Championships (8th place qualifying score):

FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB
D: 6.1 14.6	D: 6.4 14.633	D: 6.1 14.566	D: 5.5 14.566	D: 6.3 14.8	D: 6.1 14.366

- MPC approved petitions
- Only FIG senior age eligible athletes may qualify for or compete in the Senior Division.
- A blind draw will take place on February 11, 2021 and posted on the USA Gymnastics website, usagym.org.
- Athletes from the same program will be placed into the same rotation with the exception of any replacement athletes who will take the position of the athlete he is replacing.
- **The Senior All Around results will be determined by Day 1 only.**

February 27: Session II – Elite Team Cup

- Junior FIG Rules (with no Junior Olympic modifications)
- 6-5-4 format designed for team score: Five (5) will be designated for team score on each event. Top four (4) scores on each event will determine final team score. The 6th member of each Regional Team may compete on each event to attempt to qualify to Individual Apparatus finals, but their scores will not contribute to the team score.
- No alternate athletes will be permitted in 2021
- 9 Rotations: 6 events with 3 byes. If less than nine regions participate the number of bye events will be adjusted accordingly.
- In each rotation, each region's team will have a one-touch warm-up and then compete. Competition on all 6 events must conclude before the team rotation and the one-touch will begin for the next event.
- Only two (2) credentialed coaches from a region may be on the podium at any time during the competition.
- The competition will consist of six competition events in a traditional format. There will be a 2-hour timed warm-up with assigned parallel bar warm-up rotations prior to the competition.
- There will be a blind draw for each region's starting event.
- Regions will choose the start order of competition for their athletes in each rotation.
- The regional team competition order must be submitted, using Attachment D, to Dusty Ritter, Junior Development Program Coordinator, no later than Thursday February 18. The team line-up will be confirmed at the Elite Team Cup Technical Meeting on Friday February 26. Changes to the lineup can be made at that time.
- **The Junior All Around results will be determined by ETC competition.**

February 28: Session III – Junior & Senior Division

- Senior Day 2:
 - Qualified Senior athletes from Day 1:
 - Number of athletes and qualification process TBD in January 2021
- Junior Individual Apparatus Finals:
 - 7 Junior athletes will qualify on each event to Apparatus Finals from the ETC competition. Qualification will be based on the following:
 - The top 4 athletes on each event by final ranking from ETC
 - The next 3 athletes on each event in rank order by highest start value from ETC
 - In case of a tie for 4th place by final score ranking, tie will be broken by the higher start value. If still tied, both athletes will compete and only two additional athletes will be qualified by start value ranking.

- In case of a tie for 7th place in start value ranking, tie will be broken by final score on that individual event. If still tied, the tie will be broken by the All-Around score. If still tied, both athletes will compete.

Competition Rules

- FIG *Code of Points* –the current FIG version which can be found at https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_MAG%20CoP%202017%20-%202020.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 2021 Winter Cup.
 - 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 at 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)
- I. Vault:
- All vaults will receive a score (no zero vaults), with the exception of vaults that fail to touch the table.
 - Men’s vault numbers must be shown prior to each vault. Flash boards for vault numbers will be provided at the end of the vault runway.
- J. No personal electronic items (Headphones, MP3 players, phones, etc.) will be allowed in the field of play (FOP) during competitive sessions (one touch warm up, event preparation etc.). The judges at the event will assess an unsportsmanlike deduction for any infraction from athlete or personal coach.
- K. There will be three (3) judges per event for all sessions of competition. One (1) judge will perform D and E jury duties, one (1) judge will perform only D jury duties and one (1) judge will perform only E jury duties.
- L. **IMPORTANT:** In order for a coach to inquire about a start value at the 2021 Winter Cup, he must use a prepared inquiry form. The form must be typed and filled out completely prior to submission. Coaches may use the form included as Attachment C or they may use their own form. However, the following information must be included:
- The athlete’s entire routine must be recorded – typed (may include written update during the competition).
 - The Difficulty value of each skill must be shown.
 - The Element Group of each skill must be shown.
 - Any connection bonus must be shown.
 - The total number of counting A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H elements in the exercise.

- The total difficulty value, total element group value and final start value for the exercise must be shown.

M. Coach's professional attire is required at ALL podium training and competition sessions - *violators will be asked to leave the floor.*

- Closed toe shoes - no sandals
- Slacks, warm-up pants or hemmed shorts (No denim, and no cargo pants or shorts will be allowed)
- Collared shirts
- No hats

N. Coach's attire at off-day training:

- Closed toe shoes - no sandals
- Slacks, jeans, warm-up pants or shorts
- Collared shirts or t-shirts
- No backpacks may be worn while spotting

O. Elite Team Cup athlete's attire requirements:

- GK Elite event assigned competition apparel
- GK Elite event assigned warm-up jacket
- GK Elite event assigned warm-up pants

No apparel with region-specific insignia/logos are to be worn during warm-ups, competition or awards ceremonies. Region specific apparel may be worn at the scheduled training sessions.

P. Jury of Appeals: The Jury of Appeals will oversee the conduct of the competition. Any protests to the Jury of Appeals must be submitted as soon as possible following any incident and not later than five (5) minutes following the final competitor. The Jury of Appeals will review the situation to ensure that proper procedure and protocol were followed. The Jury of Appeals will be made up of the Chairman of the MPC, an Athlete's Representative and the Vice President of Men's Program. In the event of an absence by one of the jury members, the MPC will designate a replacement member.

Q. Elite Team Cup Eligibility:

1. Athletes competitive age (as of May 31, 2021) 13-18 are eligible to compete
2. Athletes must be selected from the Regional Elite Team Program

Equipment

Equipment for training, warm-up and competition will be provided by American Athletic, Inc.

Meetings

A. Coaches Technical Meeting –

- Winter Cup: a meeting will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday February 25, at the Convention Center, Room TBD, to cover the general details of the competition. Each participating program should have at least one coach in attendance.
- Elite Team Cup: a meeting will be conducted at 4:00 p.m. on Friday February 26, at the Convention Center, Room TBD, to cover the general details of the competition. Each participating program should have at least one coach in attendance.

B. Judges Technical Meeting - The judges' technical meetings will be held Friday February 26, at 6:00 p.m., Saturday February 27, at 3:30 p.m., and Sunday February 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Convention Center, Room TBD.

Submission of New Elements

- A.** Any new elements, unusual difficulty, unknown difficulty or combinations that are being performed at the 2021 Winter Cup must be submitted to Butch Zurich, Technical Director, by the conclusion of the Coaches Technical Meeting on Thursday February 25. Please use the form Attachment B in this packet.

B. New elements will be evaluated at the Judges' Meeting on Friday February 26, at 6:00 p.m.

Training Information

- A. Please refer to the Event Schedule for dates and times (Attachment A).
- B. Except where noted, all training sessions will be divided between Junior and Senior sessions and open (not timed). Please respect the use of equipment by limiting your time on the equipment to two (2) minutes per turn.
- C. See Coaches Attire above: Competition Rules, M-O for all scheduled training sessions and competitions.

Medical

USA Gymnastics will provide medical personnel. They will be available during scheduled training and competition. Detailed medical protocols will be communicated closer to the competition.

Awards

- A. Elite Team Cup plaques will be presented to the top three regional teams and will be awarded to each of the team members following the ETC session.
- B. Winter Cup All-Around awards:
 - Seniors - All-Around awards will be presented to the top six All-Around competitors by rank order from Day 1 only. These awards will be presented immediately following the Senior Day 1 competition.
 - Juniors – All-Around awards will be presented to the top six All-Around competitors by rank order from the ETC competition. These awards will be presented immediately following the ETC competition.
- C. Winter Cup Individual Apparatus awards:
 - Seniors - Individual Apparatus awards will be presented to the top three competitors on each event by rank order from Day 1 and Day 2 combined final scores. These awards will be presented immediately following the Day 2 competition.
 - Juniors – Individual Apparatus awards will be presented to the top three competitors on each event by rank order from Individual Apparatus finals. These awards will be presented immediately following the Finals competition.
- D. **Athletes must be in full warm-ups and footwear to receive their award.**

Competition Apparel, March-In and Delegation Seating

- A. **Athletes may NOT wear USA Gymnastics National Team apparel (past or present) for the march-in or for competition.** All participating gymnasts are required to participate in the competition march-in for Elite Team Cup and both Winter Cup Preliminary and the Winter Cup Finals competitions. At the conclusion of the march-in, the participants will clear the floor and report to the staging area to proceed to their first event. Participants should continue to march as a squad to the next apparatus to present themselves to the judges at the beginning of each rotation.
- B. Delegation seating in the arena: A credential is necessary in order to sit in the participant seating area. All family members and friends must purchase a ticket for the competition and sit in the ticketed seat.
- C. Only competing athletes and their coaches are allowed in the corals during competitions.
- D. Participants must remain in the coral until called on deck.
- E. Participants bags and personal items must remain in the coral until rotating to next event. No bags, shoes, etc., are allowed outside of the coral.

Interviews

Interviews by general media will take place for medalists and other requested athletes immediately following the competition at the arena. Please be available for interviews upon request.

Registration

- A. Credentials for athletes, coaches and officials will be issued at the USAG Registration Desk, which will be located at the Indiana Convention Center. Check the schedule for registration times.
- B. Please check for the correct spelling of your name as it will be used on the official USA Gymnastics score sheets.
- C. **No one will be allowed onto the arena floor without the appropriate credentials. Credentials must be worn at all times so that they are visible on the outside of your clothing (except athletes during warm-ups and competition). Coaches, officials and USA Gymnastics Staff must wear credential visibly at all times.**
- D. If your credential is lost, please contact USA Gymnastics staff immediately. There may be a charge to replace a credential.
- E. For Winter Cup, due to the large number of athletes and coaches, programs will be allowed one coach per competitor, maximum of two coaches per club, on the competition floor. A request for one additional coach's credential may be submitted to the Men's Program Manager for consideration. If approved, a fee of \$100 may be charged. Those teams with a large number of athletes in the Winter Cup may contact Lisa Mendel for an exception to this policy.

For Elite Team Cup, each of the six team members, the Head Coach, the Assistant Coach, and the Regional Chairperson will be eligible for a credential. **No alternate athletes or personal coaches (unless credentialed) will be permitted.**

We appreciate your cooperation on this matter to help with security and traffic flow of this competition. Floor managers will enforce this policy.

- F. Any participant found trading credentials in order to admit friends or relatives to the arena during any training or competition schedule will have their credential removed and will not be allowed to participate in the event. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Ticket Information

There will be no public ticket sales. The spectator policy will come at a later date and will be based on local COVID guidelines in place.

For Event Information, Contact:

Jason Woodnick
Vice President of Men's Program
317-829-5634

or

Lisa Mendel
Men's Program Manager
317-829-5664

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





Technical

Competition Director	Jason Woodnick
Men's Technical Director	Butch Zunich
Superior Jury	Dan Bachman
Scoring	Scott Slater & Jim Welch, ProScore, provided by Auburn Electronics

**2021 Winter Cup
List of Officials**

Technical Director: Butch Zunich

Superior Jury: Dan Bachman

						
D1 / E1	Brian Meeker	Jonathan Corbitt	Mike Juszczyk	Tom McNamee	Dean Schott	Mike Ashe
D2 / E2	Scott Schaffer	George Krenk	Craig Nesbitt	Lenny Lucarello	Mark Sherman	Peter Wieging
E3	Ron Hill	Chris Adams	Nat Hammond	Gerrit DeJonge	Nate Dotson	Dave Johnson

Auxiliary Judge Coordinator: Craig Nesbitt

EVENT ASSIGN'T	SESSION I 2/26	SESSION II 2/27	Session III – Finals 2/28
FX - Master Scorer			
FX – Timer			
FX - Line Judge – 1			
FX - Line Judge – 2			
PH - Master Scorer			
SR - Master Scorer			
V - Master Scorer			
V – Line Judge			
PB - Master Scorer			
PB – Timer			
HB - Master Scorer			

ATTACHMENT A

EVENT SCHEDULE

Tentative & subject to change:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Set-up	Main Venue/Training Gym
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Open Training: TENTATIVE	Training Gym

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Winter Cup Podium Training	Main Venue
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Elite Team Cup Training	Training Gym
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Winter Cup Podium Training	Main Venue
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Winter Cup Technical Meeting	Convention Center, Rm TBD
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Elite Team Cup Banquet	Westin Hotel, Rm TBD

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Elite Team Cup Podium Training	Main Venue
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Winter Cup Training	Training Gym
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Elite Team Cup Training	Training Gym
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Elite Team Cup Technical Meeting	Convention Center, Rm TBD
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Winter Cup Warm-up	Main Venue
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Judges Meeting	Convention Center, Rm TBD
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Winter Cup Competition	Main Venue

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Elite Team Cup Training	Training Gym
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Winter Cup Finalists Training <i>-- Incl. 2 alternates on each event</i>	Training Gym
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Elite Team Cup Warm-up	Main Venue
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Judges Meeting	Convention Center, Rm TBD
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Elite Team Cup Competition	Main Venue

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Winter Cup Jr & Sr Finalists Podium Training – tentative	Main Venue
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Winter Cup Jr & Sr Finalists Warm-up	Main Venue
4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Judges Meeting	Convention Center, Rm TBD
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Winter Cup Finals Competition	Main Venue
8:00 PM	Awards	Main Venue

ATTACHMENT B

2021 Winter Cup

NEW ELEMENT, DIFFICULTY, OR COMBINATION FORM

Please complete and submit the following form to the Technical Director by the completion of the Technical Meeting on Thursday February 25.

Name of Program: _____

Gymnast: _____ Number: _____

Floor Exercise

Pommel Horse

Still Rings

Vault

Parallel Bars

Horizontal Bar

ATTACHMENT D

2021 ELITE TEAM CUP TEAM LINE-UP / COMPETITION ORDER

This Form must be submitted to Dusty Ritter at dustyritter@gmail.com no later than 12:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday February 18, 2021.

Competition order will be confirmed at the Coaches Technical Meeting on Friday February 26. Changes to the competition order can be made at that time.

Region _____

Enter athlete competition number, name and order in the team line-up on each event.

Athlete No.	Athlete Name	Competition Order					
		FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
Example	John Doe	4	2	3	6	8	7

Submitted By: _____



Meet Reservation Registration Instructions

Registration for the 2021 Winter Cup and Elite Cup will begin and end according to the following:

- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will begin on January 4, 2021, and end January 31, 2021. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after January 31.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through video submission ends February 8, 2021.**

The entry fee to enter the 2021 Winter Cup is \$150. Only one coach per athlete, with a maximum of two coaches per club, is permitted to register for the event. There is no entry fee for Elite Team Cup athletes.

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. All athletes 18 years of age and older must have completed the U110 Safe Sport course or completed its refresher course.

Club Administrators / Regional Chairpersons - The USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System will be utilized to register athletes and coaches for the 2021 Winter Cup and Elite Team Cup.

Instructions to register athletes and coaches:

- Log into your USA Gymnastics Membership record
- Click on "Club Administration" on left side of page
- On drop down, click on "Meet Reservation" – a drop down will show
- Set search up for Men's discipline and IN
- Click on "2021 Winter Cup (M)" or "2021 Elite Team Cup"
- Follow prompts to complete reservation process

Note that if an athlete or coach's name does not show up on your roster, the member does not have a valid membership.

For consideration of an additional coach, an Additional Coaches Credential Form must be submitted for consideration with a \$100 fee. [Click here for form.](#) **DO NOT REGISTER ADDITIONAL COACHES. APPROVED ADDITIONAL COACHES WILL BE REGISTERED BY USA GYMNASTICS.**

If you have any technical difficulties in registering, please contact the USA Gymnastics help desk at helpdesk@usagym.org.

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