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UPDATES TO RULES AND POLICIES, CH. 3:

I. Automatic Qualification to Elite Championships

a. Senior Division

- i. The top 6 Seniors from the Rhythmic Challenge will automatically qualify to the Elite Championships.
- ii. Current National Team athletes in the Senior division unable to compete at Elite Qualifier due to injury or illness verified by a doctor, or extenuating circumstance verified by the Program Director and the Rhythmic Program Committee, may advance to the Elite National Championships
- iii. Any gymnast who meets the above criteria and chooses not to compete at Elite Qualifier must notify the Rhythmic Program Director within four weeks of the Elite Qualifier.

b. Junior Division

- i. Current National Team athletes in the Junior division unable to compete at Elite Qualifier due to injury or illness verified by a doctor, or extenuating circumstance verified by the Program Director and the Rhythmic Program Committee, may advance to the Elite National Championships. All other Junior athletes must compete at Elite Qualifier to qualify to the Elite Championships.

II. Use of Forms at Level 9/10 Regional Championships

- a. The Regional Committee may choose to require the use of Level 9 D forms at Regional Championships. When D forms are used, a single panel of minimum ~~four~~ **three** judges (**1-D, 1-A, 1-T**) is required. In cases where there are no forms, a single panel of minimum ~~six~~ **four** judges is required (**1-D1/2, 1-D3/4, 1-A, 1-T.**)
 - i. Note: because Regional Championships is no longer a qualifying event for level 9/10, averaging is not required.

III. National Team Selection

- a. USA Gymnastics Senior Individual National Team will be comprised of the top 10 Seniors in the Elite Senior All-Around Competition.
- b. USA Gymnastics Junior Individual National Team will be composed of the top 12 Juniors in the Elite Junior All-Around Competition.
- c. The selection process for the USA Gymnastics National Group, will be determined by the International Elite Coaches Committee.
- d. Any gymnast on the National Team who is unable to compete at the Championships due to injury or illness verified by a doctor, **or extenuating**

circumstance, verified by the Program Director and Rhythmic Program Committee, may be invited to participate in National Team camps at her own expense and compete at the Rhythmic Challenge. She is also subject to any official Selection Procedures related to the USA Gymnastics Championships.

IV. Rhythmic Challenge

- a. The top 12 Juniors from the National Championships and the top 12 Seniors from the National Championships are eligible to compete in the Rhythmic Challenge.
- b. All FIG level groups must attend the Rhythmic Challenge as the first step to advance to Elite Championships.
- c. All participants must be citizens of the United States. Non-citizens and athletes who have represented another country in international competition, regardless of citizenship (Foreign Athletes) are ineligible to participate.
- d. Gymnasts will compete in their valid age-divisions based on the year of the Challenge.
 - i. If either the Junior or Senior divisions in the year of the Challenge have less than 6 gymnasts, the next gymnast(s) in all-around rank-order from the respective age-division of the Championships will be invited.
- e. National Team members will not pay entry fees
- f. Competition information will be sent to qualified athletes
- g. The Rhythmic Challenge may serve an international selection event **per the international competition plan** and any official Selection Procedures.
- h. **A current National Team member who is unable to compete in the Rhythmic Challenge due to illness, injury or extenuating circumstance, may request permission to verify international readiness at a later domestic event approved by the Program Director and Athlete Selection Committee and may be assigned to international competition upon demonstrated readiness following international selection criteria.**

V. International Competitions

- a. National Team athletes are eligible to be selected **by the Athlete Selection Committee** for international competition based on criteria established by the IEC.
- b. Only current National Team members are eligible for assignment to FIG-sanctioned events hosted by foreign federations.
- c. The organization of National Team planning and international development is the responsibility of the International Elite Coaches Committee.
- d. Clubs requesting permission to compete at club-level international tournaments **must send their request to the Program Director for Athlete Selection Committee; a gymnast may only request to compete at a club tournament if she has competed at her current level in at least one sanction domestic event.** Clubs must follow all USA Gymnastics rules and policies in Chapter 1 (N.B: Chapter 1, Section 3, III).

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