PART TWO
JR. OLYMPIC PROGRAM

SECTION VI
JR. OLYMPIC AWARDS

The minimum numbers and/or types of awards that must be distributed are listed below. A meet director may present more awards, but not less, than those listed.

I. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

A. LEVELS 1, 2, 3, and 4

1. Achievement awards must be given. Placement awards may also be given. Whenever a gymnast earns a placement award in addition to an achievement award, then only the placement award need be given in that event. The State Administrative Committee may establish additional achievement awards and/or lower or raise the scores to suit the needs of the state. The following are score guidelines for Achievement Awards:

a. Local/Pre-Sectional Competitions
   1) Individual Events -
      Blue Ribbon  9.0
      Red Ribbon  8.0
      White Ribbon 7.5
      Yellow Ribbon 7.0

   2) All-Around awards may be given, at the discretion of the State Administrative Committee.

b. Sectional Competitions
   1) All-Around -
      Blue Ribbon 35.00
      Red Ribbon 33.00
      White Ribbon 31.00
      Yellow Ribbon 29.00

   2) Individual Events awards may be given, at the discretion of the State Administrative Committee.

c. State Championships (Level 4, if held)
   1) All-Around achievement awards must be given.
   2) Individual Event achievement awards may be given, at the discretion of the State Administrative Committee.

2. The State Administrative Committee may determine achievement scores, if necessary.

3. The State Administrative Committee may also allow additional awards for placement at local, sectional or state competitions.

4. For Invitational meets, the Meet Director may determine the achievement scores. If the scores differ from the State guidelines, this information should be indicated in the Meet Information packet.

B. LEVEL 5

1. The State Administrative Committee determines whether achievement awards only, placement awards only, or a combination of both, are given at Level 5.
   a. If Achievement awards are given, the SACC will determine the guidelines for scores.
   b. If Placement awards only are given, Level 5 will follow the guidelines for Level 6 and above.

C. LEVELS 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10

1. If only one gymnast is entered in an age division, she receives the 1st place All-Around medal only.

2. If 2-10 gymnasts are entered in an age division:
   a. Award 1st place in each event
   b. Award 1st and 2nd All-Around for 2 gymnasts
   c. Award 1-3 All-Around for 3-5 gymnasts
   d. Award 1-4 All-Around for 6-10 gymnasts

3. If 11-20 gymnasts are entered in an age division:
   a. Award 1-6 All-Around places
   b. Award 1-3 event places

4. If 21-50 gymnasts are entered in an age division:
   a. Award 1-6 All-Around places
   b. Award 1-6 event places
5. If 51 or more gymnasts are entered in an age division:
   a. Award 1-10 All-Around places
   b. Award 1-10 event places
6. When conducting Event Specialist competition, the Individual Event Specialists must receive separate
   awards from the All-Around competitors.
7. If the draw is by club teams, awards for all age divisions must be presented at each session.
8. A State Chairman may request that the Regional Chairman grant a deviation from these minimum
   recommendations based on financial conditions of the State Meet. The Regional Administrative Committee
   may choose to deviate from these minimum recommendations based on financial conditions of the
   Regional meet.
9. At Jr. Olympic Nationals, the top four gymnasts per age division will receive a Jr. Olympic National Team
   plaque.
10. Duplicate awards will be given in the case of a tie at the Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships and at
    the Level 10 Jr. Olympic National Championships.
11. Any gymnast competing in the wrong age division is ineligible for any awards.

C. ELITE: See Part Seven - Elite for information regarding awards.

II. TEAM AWARDS
   A. Team awards are to be determined by the State Administrative Committee.
   B. Club team competition at Regional, East/West and National competitions is not allowed.
   C. State and/or Regional Team competition
      1. Level 8 and 9 Regional Championships: State Team awards may be presented (at the discretion of the
         Regional Administrative Committee).
      2. Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships:
         a. Regional team awards are presented to all members of the top two regional teams per age
            division.
         b. An overall Regional Team score will be determined by the following method:
            1st place team 4 pts.
            2nd place team 3 pts.
            3rd place team 2 pts.
            4th place team 1 pt.
         a. Regional Team Awards are presented to all members of the top three teams in all eight age divisions.
         b. An overall Regional Team Champion will be determined based upon the rankings of the Regional
            Teams in each age division. Points will accumulate based upon the following team placement per age
            division:
               1st place team 8 points
               2nd place 7 points
               3rd place 6 points
               4th place 5 points
               5th place 4 points
               6th place 3 points
               7th place 2 points
               8th place 1 point

III. TIE BREAKING SYSTEM
   THIS SYSTEM IS TO BE USED WHEN AWARDING TROPHIES OR ENGRAVED MEDALS. It may also be used when
   awarding ribbons; however, if financial conditions permit, it is strongly recommended that duplicate awards be presented.
   A. Recognition of tied gymnasts
      1. If there is a tie for first place, BOTH GYMNASTS are champions and should be announced as such,
         although one will receive the second place award if duplicate awards are not possible.
      2. In the case of ties for other places, the gymnasts will be announced as being tied for that rank; however,
         the tie-breaking procedure determines which gymnast receives the higher award, if duplicate awards are
         not given.
      3. All gymnasts who tie for a place receive an award. When there is a tie for the last place awarded, the
         tie-breaking procedure is used to determine which gymnast will receive the award that day. Duplicate
         awards should be sent, within one month, to the remaining tied gymnasts.
B. Distribution of Awards: Example of tie for first place:
1. Award the first place medal by one of the tie breaking procedures.
2. The second place medal is then presented to the tied gymnast.
3. There is NO second place ranking.
4. The third place medal is then presented to the next gymnast, and so on.

C. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
For meets that cannot provide duplicate awards for placement, the tie-breaking system should be used. However, whenever there is a tie, the computer should be programmed to skip the next place (example, Tie for 1st - both gymnasts are recognized as 1st place winners, with one gymnast receiving the gold, the other silver based on the tie-breaking procedure. The next highest scoring gymnast receives the 3rd place award and no 2nd place award is presented.)
1. TIES IN THE ALL-AROUND (COMPULSORY OR OPTIONAL)
   a. The gymnast with the highest individual event score receives the award for the tied place.
   b. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the second highest individual event score receives the award.
   c. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the third highest individual event score receives the award.
   d. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the flip of a coin in the presence of both coaches will break the tie for the award.
   e. At Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships, Level 10 National Championships, JO – NIT, Elite Challenge and Classic competitions, athletes tied in the All-Around will receive duplicate awards. However, for the purpose of presenting awards, use the above criteria, if necessary. The gymnast receiving the lower place award will be sent a duplicate award, if not available at the competition.
   f. At Level 10 National Championships, if there is a tie for fourth place All-Around, both (all) tied athletes will qualify to the Jr. Olympic National Team.
2. TIES IN THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - COMPULSORY ONLY OR OPTIONAL ONLY
   a. The gymnast with the highest All-Around total receives the award for the tied place.
   b. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the flip of a coin in the presence of both coaches will break the tie for the award.
   c. At Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships, Level 10 National Championships, JO – NIT, Elite Challenge and Classic competitions, athletes tied in the All-Around will receive duplicate awards. However, for the purpose of presenting awards, use the above criteria, if necessary. The gymnast receiving the lower place award will be sent a duplicate award, if not available at the competition.
3. TIES AT INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS (NEW LIFE) AT INVITATIONALS
   a. The gymnast with the highest preliminary score on that event receives the award for the tied place.
   b. If still tied, then the gymnast with the highest All-Around score from the preliminary competition receives the award for the tied place.
   c. It is recommended that tied gymnasts receive duplicate awards. Use the above tie-breaking criteria if duplicate awards are not given for financial purposes or if duplicate awards are not available at the competition. The gymnast receiving the lower place award should be sent a duplicate award, if not available at the competition.
4. TIES IN TEAM SCORE - COMPULSORY ONLY OR OPTIONAL ONLY
   a. The team with the highest team score on a single event receives the award for the tied place.
   b. If still tied, the team with the next highest team score on an event receives the award for the tied place.
   c. If still tied, continue to the next highest of the events.
   d. If there is a tie for Regional team score at Level 10 Nationals or for the team score at Level 9 East/West, both teams will receive duplicate awards. However, for the purposes of presenting awards, use the above criteria. All gymnasts on the team receiving the lower place award will be sent a duplicate award.
   e. In case of a tie for last awarded place, both teams are to receive awards. Use the tie breaking procedures to determine which team receives the award that day and send a duplicate award to the members of the other team.
   * In the case of a tie for the overall Regional Team Champion award, both regions will be recognized as the champion and will share the recognition.
IV. ORDERING AWARDS

A. Medals
   1. Awards for state meets and above must be ordered from the national medal company.
   2. Order forms are available from the national medal company.
   3. Awards should be ordered a minimum four (4) weeks before the competition.
   4. The State Administrative Committee Chairman orders the awards for the State Meets.
   5. The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman orders the awards for the Regional meets.
      a. The USA Gymnastics National Office is financially responsible for the following Regional awards:
         ▪ 1st - 3rd per age division for Jr. Olympic Level 10
         ▪ 1st - 3rd per age division for Jr. Olympic Level 9
   b. Since Level 8 Regional competition is optional (not required), the Regions are financially responsible
      for all awards.
   c. The Regional Administrative Committee will determine whether the Meet Director or the Regional
      Committee has the financial responsibility for the medals needed beyond the above listed medals.
   6. Awards for Jr. Olympic National Championships and Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships are ordered
      and provided by the National USAG office.

B. Certificates of Participation
   1. The State and Regional Administrative Committee Chairmen must order their State and Regional Meet
      certificates from the USA Gymnastics Women’s Jr. Olympic Program Director.
   2. The USA Gymnastics Women’s Jr. Olympic Program Director orders the certificate for the Jr. Olympic
      National Championships (Level 10) and Eastern/Western Championships (Level 9).
   3. The USA Gymnastics Women’s Jr. Olympic Program Director orders the Graduating Senior recognition
      certificates for Jr. Olympic National Championships, JO-National Invitational Tournament, and Level 9
      Eastern/Western Championships.