



2011 WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (JO-NIT)

Held in conjunction with the Jr. Olympic National Championships

Dates: May 13 Check-in for credentials and meet packet at Long Beach Sports Arena
May 14 Training Day Check-in 7:30 – 8:00; Training 8:00 – 10:30 am
May 15 Competition Day (4 sessions: 8:55, 12:10, 3:10 & 6:40)

Site: Long Beach Sports Arena, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

Hotel: Go to www.ntssportstravel.com to make hotel reservations

Who's invited?

Gymnasts ranked 8th and 9th All-Around in each of the 8 age divisions at the Level 10 Regional Championships qualify (provided they achieve a minimum AA of 34.00), plus any Regional Individual Event champions who did not qualify to JO Nationals or the JO-NIT in the AA will qualify on that event. Occasionally a Region will be allotted more than two qualifiers because another region cannot fill their slots.

What is the JO-NIT?

Only 448 athletes out of the almost 1500 Level 10's competing at the State Championships level have the opportunity to qualify to the Jr. Olympic National Championships. The JO-NIT was developed to allow an additional 192 athletes an opportunity to compete at the National level.

In many of the larger populated regions, the 8-9th ranked gymnasts achieve very high AA scores but are not able to qualify to JO Nationals. Sometimes an excellent athlete has made uncharacteristic mistake at the Regional Championships and doesn't qualify to Nationals. This NIT competition will allow these excellent athletes another chance to participate on the National level.

For the athletes who are in High School and aspiring to earn a college scholarship, this competition will also provide them with an opportunity to perform their routines for the NCAA coaches who will already be in attendance for JO Nationals.

How does this work? I'm an alternate to JO Nationals & a qualifier to the JO-NIT?

Athletes ranking #8th and 9th at Regionals are considered the 1st and 2nd alternates for their age division and region for JO Nationals. Most regions encourage their alternates to attend the competition in the event that an injury might occur last minute to one of the Regional Team members. Now those athletes who have invested in the travel to the National competition will definitely have an opportunity to compete in the JO-NIT if they are not needed to replace an injured athlete from their region.

How do I enter the JO-NIT?

Your name will be placed on the JO Nationals entry list as an alternate. No entry fee is paid to the JO Nationals meet host. If you wish to enter the JO-NIT competition, your club must enter you **ONLINE** as a club entry your club must **enter you ONLINE as a club entry NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 2011**. The entry fee is the same as JO Nationals - \$100. If you are called in to compete in JO Nationals, your entry fee will be automatically forwarded to the JO Nationals Meet host.

The link to the JO-NIT club registration is:

<http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/pages/membership/pages/club-group-processing.html>

Alternates for the JO-NIT: Athletes ranked 10-11th will be named as alternates to the JO-NIT. If any of the JO-NIT qualifiers needs to replace a JO National qualifier, we will call upon the next athlete in line to compete at the JO-NIT.

Questions??

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