



**2023 Men's Development Program Eastern/Western Championships & Development
Program National Championships Qualification Procedures
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This document shall supercede what is written in the [Men's Program Rules & Policies](#) should there be conflicting statements regarding Men's Eastern/Western Championships and Development National Championships.

I. Qualification to the 2023 Men's Eastern & Western Championships

A. Levels 7, 8 JN and 9 JN

State Championships: Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to Regional Championships is determined by:

1. Achieving the regional qualifying score or meet the qualification requirements established by their region
2. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

Regional Championships: Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to the Eastern/Western Championships is determined by:

1. Athletes must fall within their Region's total allotment for each level. Athletes will qualify via all-around rank order within each level, regardless of age, or
2. Individual Event qualification will be determined by an athlete placing in the top 20% of their region's total number of athletes for a particular level. Specific placements for each region and each level is noted in the attached allotment table.
3. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance to attend the Eastern or Western National Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

II. Qualification to the 2023 Men's Development National Championships

A. Level 10 Junior National Division qualification to the Development National Championship is based on the following criteria:

State Championships: Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to Regional Championships is determined by:

1. Achieving the regional qualifying score or meeting the qualification requirements established by their region
2. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

Regional Championships: Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to the Development National Championships is determined by:

1. Athletes must fall within their Region's total allotment or,

2. Athletes must achieve one of the top 3 scores at Regional Championships in each single-age year on any Individual Events to qualify as an event specialist. (Will compete only on qualified event(s) at the Men's Development Nationals) or,
3. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend National Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

B. Junior Elite Division qualification to the Development National Championships is based on the following criteria:

State Championships: Technical Sequences are required to be performed in order to qualify to Regional Championships as a JE athlete. Qualification to Regional Championships is determined by:

1. Meeting the regional standards/requirements in their respective region
2. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

Regional Championships: Athletes must compete both the Technical Sequences and Optional Routines. Qualification to Development National Championships is determined by:

1. Athletes must compete the Technical Sequences on all six (6) events, and
2. Athletes must qualify within their region's total allotment, or
3. Athletes must achieve the following combined total score to advance to the Junior Elite Division at the 2023 Development National Championships:
 - a. Level 8 – 122.00 AA
 - b. Level 9 – 123.00 AA
 - c. Level 10 Jr. – 123.00 AA
 - d. Level 10 Sr. – 124.00 AA
4. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend National Championships through the petition process outlined in Section D below

****Athletes must declare upon submission of entry to Regional Championships their intent to advance to the Junior Elite Division or they will be placed in the Junior National Division.**

III. General Information Regarding Qualification:

Regional Allotment:

1. Regional allotment will be determined by the MDPC based on participant numbers derived from the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System for the respective state championships within that region. Regional percentage is based on the number of a region's participants as a percentage of the national numbers to achieve the target number of athletes qualified to the Eastern and Western Championships as well as the Development National Championships.
2. The allotment will be announced on or before March 24, 2023.

Qualification to the Eastern or Western Championships

1. The published regional allotment numbers will determine the number of athletes in Levels 7, 8 JN and 9 JN, who will compete at Eastern or Western Championships.
2. Athletes will fill those allotment numbers for each level by final all-around ranking, regardless of age. For example, if a region's allotment number is 50 Level 7's, then the top 50 Level 7's by all-around ranking will qualify to the Championships.

Qualification for the Junior Elite Division at Development National Championships:

1. Advancement to the Development National Championships will be determined by the published allotment numbers based upon ranking within the region using the combined optional and technical routine score in each single year age.
2. Junior Elite athletes may also qualify by achieving the combined optional and technical sequence score published in Section I.B.

D. Petitions:

1. Petitions may **only be submitted by the athlete's coach** and submitted petitions must meet protocol procedures and be fully documented for consideration. Petitions may only be submitted for athletes who are unable to compete at the qualifying competition due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance.
 - a. Coaches are responsible for submitting ALL required documentation for a petition to the Regional Chairperson.
 - b. Petitions must be received by either the State Chairperson (for Sectional or State meets) or the Regional Chairperson (for Regional and National meets) before the competition begins. Petitions should provide all documentation including:
 - i. doctors' statement (in case of injury or illness); and
 - ii. required results listed in Section D.2 or D.3 below
 - iii. petitioned athletes must be registered for the respective event when all other qualifiers are entered
 - iv. petition form will be delivered in the form of a **GOOGLE FORM**. Link will be provided by Regional Chairperson. Entry fee must be paid for the event being petitioned.
 - c. Petitions that do not meet either the time or documentation requirements will not be accepted
 - d. Petitions for athletes injured during a competition must be turned in to the State Chairperson (Sectional or State meet) or to the Regional Chairperson (at the Regional Championships) by the conclusion of the event where the injury occurs (unless an emergency situation dictates otherwise). Documentation must be received by the State Chairperson (State Championships) or the Regional Chairperson (Regional/National Championships) within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event and must include the same documentation stated in Section D.1.b.
 - e. Petitions that have been approved pending medical clearance must provide documentation of clearance prior to the first official training at any National Championship event. If medical clearance is not provided, the athlete will not be allowed to compete.
2. **Level 7 and all Junior National athletes (levels 8-10):** In addition to the requirements stated in Section D.1, coaches must also submit results from a minimum of **two** USA Gymnastics sanctioned meets during the **current competitive season**, showing that their athlete's scores would place them in the **top 50%** of athletes in their level, who qualified by score from their region using the published national allotment for each of the Championship events. **The petition will not be accepted if these requirements are not met.**
3. **Junior Elite Division:**
 - a. For athletes that were unable to compete in their Regional Championships (or designated qualifying competition for Development Nationals), coaches must follow the requirements in Section D.1. They must also include a copy of results showing their athlete's Optional AND Technical Sequences results that achieved the qualification score to Development

Nationals in Section B.3. These results can be from any USAG sanctioned event in the **current or previous competitive season**. The Optional and Technical Sequence scores do not have to be from the same competition.

IV. Format for the Men's Development Eastern and Western Championships

1. The Men's Eastern and Western Championships will each hold seven sessions across levels 7, 8 JN and 9 JN.
2. [Eastern Championships](#) will hold two sessions of Level 7 and 8, and three sessions of Level 9
3. [Western Championships](#) will hold two sessions of Level 7 and 8, and three sessions of Level 9
4. Each athlete will compete in one Capitol Cup or modified Capitol Cup session.
5. Each session will be divided into 4 equal age divisions after all athletes have been registered from each region. The top eight (8) athletes in each age division category will be awarded in the all-around and on each individual event.

V. Format for the Men's Development National Championships

A. Format for Level 10 Junior National Division:

1. JN Level 10's will compete in four Capital Cup sessions. Thursdays Regional Team session (#3) will consist of five Level 10 (16-17 year olds) and five Level 10 (18-19 year olds) per region for a total of 90 athletes. Three additional squads of non-regional team athletes will be placed in this session by random draw.
2. There will be three additional sessions of Level 10 JN's on Friday in Capital Cup format. The age divisions are 16-17 (Jr) and 18-19 (Sr).
3. From the pool of Level 10 eligible athletes, 48 All-Around athletes will advance in rank order from each single age year to the finals session on Sunday from both the Level 10 Jr. and Level 10 Sr. divisions. Awards for All Around and Individual Events are based upon combined score from both days and will be given in single age years.
4. Level 10 Athletes who place in the Top 6 on an individual event who are not already in the Top 48 AA will advance to finals on that event only from each single age year.
5. Each Flight (A & B) will be composed of 6 squads of approximately 10 athletes. Athletes from the same club will be placed in the same squad and flight wherever possible. One flight will compete while the other flight warms up. Squad assignments for finals qualifiers will be published and posted on the day following the preliminary optional session for each age division.

B. Format for Junior Elite Division:

1. Level 8 & 9 Junior Elite Division athletes will perform Optional routines on the 1st day of competition (Thursday). Level 10 Junior Elite Division athletes will perform Optional routines on the 1st day of competition (Thursday).
2. Level 8 & 9 Junior Elite Division athletes will perform Technical Sequences in the finals session on their 2nd day of competition (Saturday). Junior Elite Level 10 (16-17 & 18-19) athletes will perform optional routines in their 2nd day of competition (Saturday).
3. All Junior Elite Division athletes will advance to the Finals session on the 2nd day of competition.
4. Junior Elite Division athletes will be eligible to receive awards in single age year categories in each age division.

C. Format for Junior Elite Division and Level 10 JN Finals:

1. Final ranking will be determined by combined scores of 1st and 2nd day for both the All-Around and Individual Events.

VI. Qualification for Junior Elite National Team selection from Development National Championships

The Junior National Team Selection Chart for Level 8, 9 and 10 JE athletes can be found on the USAG website here: https://www.usagym.org/PDFs/Pressbox/Selection%20Procedures/m_23jrnt.pdf as well as in the Junior Selection Committee minutes from January 22, 2023 found here: https://www.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Committee%20Minutes/jsc_012223.pdf.

VII. 2023 Allotment Tables

2023 JN & JE Allotment Tables will be finalized and distributed in Version 2 of this document, following all State Championship events.