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Purpose of Directives:

This document outlines the qualification procedures, competition rules, and event formats for the 2027 Men's Development Program (DP) Championship Season. It details the pathways for Junior National (JN) and Junior Elite (JE) athletes to advance through State, Regional, Eastern/Western National Championships, and Development National Championships, as well as the criteria for specialist qualifications, petitions, and team selections. The directives also include competition formats, scoring systems, and bonus structures applicable to different levels. Additionally, it covers award structures, allotment tables for regional representation, and technical sequence requirements for championship participation. This document serves as the official guide for athletes, coaches, and officials, ensuring clarity in the championship season's structure and process.

Should there be conflicting statements regarding Men's State Championships, Regional Championships, Eastern/Western Championships and Development National Championships, this document shall supersede what is written in the:

Men's Program Rules & Policies

Entry Deadline Policy:

The entry deadline for entering athletes into their respective State Championships is February 1st, 2027. Level and division changes requested by an athlete, coach or club are not permitted after this date. A JE athlete who does not meet the JE qualification standards and is automatically placed in the JN division under Section II is not considered to have made a division change.

I. Junior National (JN) - Championship Season - Qualification Procedures

A. JN Levels 7, 8, 9 & 10

i. **[JN Levels 7-10] State Championships to Regional Championships**:
Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to Regional Championships is determined by:

a. Achieving the regional qualifying score or meeting the qualification requirements established by their region, or

b. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

ii. **[JN Levels 7 – 9] Regional Championships to Eastern or Western Championships**:
Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to the Eastern or Western Championships is determined by:

a. Athletes must fall within their region's total allotment for each level which can be found in the allotment tables at the end of the document as **Attachment A**. Athletes will qualify via all-around rank order within each level, regardless of age, or

b. Qualify as a specialist following the Specialist Qualification Procedures found at the end of this document as **Attachment D**, or

c. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance to attend the Eastern or Western National Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

iii. **[JN Level 10] Regional Championships to Development National Championships:**
Athletes must compete optional routines. Qualification to the Development National Championships is determined by:

a. Athletes must fall within their region's single age year allotment, by all-around rank order, which can be found in the allotment tables at the end of this document as **Attachment A**, or

b. Qualify as a specialist following the Specialist Qualification Procedures found at the end of this document as **Attachment D, or**

c. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance to attend the Development National Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

II. Junior Elite (JE) - Championship Season - Qualification Procedures

***Note* (Levels 8 and 9): Any Level 8 or 9 JE athlete who does not meet the qualification standards established below will automatically be placed in the JN division and will be a part of their Region's JN allotment pool for their level, regardless of age, which could displace other JN athletes in that same allotment pool.

***Note* (Level 10): Any Level 10 JE athlete who does not meet the qualification standards established below will automatically be placed in the JN division and will be a part of their Region's JN allotment pool for their single age year, which could displace other JN athletes in that same allotment pool.

A. JE Levels 8, 9 & 10

i. [JE Levels 8 – 10] State Championships to Regional Championships:

Technical Sequences are required to be performed in order to qualify to Regional Championships as a JE athlete. Technical Sequences may be performed in-person or at a Virtual Event following the guidelines in **Attachment F** below.
Qualification to Regional Championships in the Junior Elite division is determined by meeting both items a and b below, or by petition under item c:

a. Achieving the required Technical Sequence all-around score of 45.00. Athletes achieving less than the required 45.00 Technical Sequence all-around score will be placed in the JN division at their respective regional championships, and
b. Meeting the regional standards/requirements in their respective region, or
c. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

ii. [JE Levels 8 – 10] Regional Championships to Development National Championships:

Athletes must compete in both Technical Sequences and Optional Routines at Regional Championships. To qualify for Development National Championships in the Junior Elite division, athletes must first establish JE eligibility and then qualify through one of the two methods in item b below or by petition under item c.

a. **Establish JE eligibility**

Athletes must achieve the Technical Sequence minimum for their level and age:

Level and age	Required Technical Sequence minimum
Level 8 – age 12	48.0
Level 8 – age 13	49.0
Level 9 – age 14	48.0
Level 9 – age 15	49.0
Level 10 – age 16	48.0
Level 10 – ages 17 and up	49.0

There is no Combined Score minimum for JE eligibility. Meeting the Technical Sequence minimum alone does not qualify an athlete for Development National Championships.

b. **Qualify for Development National Championships**

Once JE eligibility is established, athletes qualify through either:

1. **Regional Allotment:** Place within their region's allotted positions, ranked by Combined all-around score (Technical Sequences plus Optional). Regional allotments are provided in Attachment A.

2. **At-Large Qualification Score (AQS):** Athletes outside their region's allotted positions may qualify by achieving the applicable Combined AQS at Regional Championships. The following table applies only to JE-eligible athletes outside the Regional Allotment.

Age	Level	Combined AQS score needed to qualify outside the allotment
12	Level 8	123.0
13	Level 8	125.0
14	Level 9	124.0
15	Level 9	125.0
16	Level 10	125.0
17	Level 10	125.0
18	Level 10	128.0
19	Level 10	128.0

**JE-eligible athletes who fall outside their region's allotment and do not achieve AQS will be placed in the JN division and included in their region's applicable JN allotment pool.

c. **Petitions**

Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstances through the petition process in Attachment C.

B. JE Level 6 Future Stars

i. [JE Level 6 Future Stars] State Championships to Regional Championships:

Technical Sequences are required to be performed to qualify to Regional Championships as a JE athlete. Technical Sequences **must** be performed in person and **cannot** be submitted virtually. Qualification to Regional Championships is determined by:

a. Meeting the regional standards/requirements, if any, in their respective region.

b. Submitting a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Regional Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

ii. [JE Level 6 Future Stars] Regional Championships to Eastern or Western Championships: Athletes must compete Technical Sequences. Qualification to Eastern/Western Championships in the Junior Elite division is determined by meeting both items a and b below or by petition under item c:

a. Athletes must compete the Technical Sequences on all six (6) apparatus, and

b. Athletes must qualify within their region's total allotment, or

c. Athletes may submit a petition for injury, illness or extenuating circumstance to attend Eastern/Western Championships through the petition process outlined at the end of this document as **Attachment C.**

iii. [JE Level 6 Future Stars] Eastern or Western Championships to Future Stars Development Team & Camp:

a. A total of 26 athletes will be named to the Future Stars Development Team.

b. The highest ranking 10-, 11- and 12-year-old athletes at the Eastern National Championships will be named to the Future Stars Development Team. The number of athletes selected from each age group at each championship will be determined and published at a later date.

c. The highest ranking 10-, 11- and 12-year-old athletes at the Western National Championships will be named to the Future Stars Development Team. The number of athletes selected from each age group at each championship will be determined and published at a later date.

d. Approximately 30 more athletes will be invited to the Future Stars Camp and Workshop. Invitations will be split in the east and west according to participation numbers by geography and age.

e. Refer to **Attachment E** for Future Stars Development Team and Future Stars Camp allotment tables (Attachment E will be available after the conclusion of all State Championships).

III. Competition Rules & Format for the Men's Development Eastern and Western Championships

A. JE & JN Levels - 6 JE, 7, 8 JN & 9 JN

i. **Levels 6 JE, 7, 8JN & 9JN will utilize Men's Development Program rules**
   a. Level 8 JN will also use the Development Program E Bonus Table only (Attachment B)
   b. Level 9 JN will also use the Development Program D+E Bonus Table (Attachment B)

ii. **The Men's Eastern and Western Championships will each hold eight (8) sessions across levels 6 JE, 7, 8 JN and 9 JN.**
   a. Eastern Championships will hold one (1) session of Level 6 JE, two (2) sessions each of Level 7 and 8, and three (3) sessions of Level 9
   b. Western Championships will hold one (1) session of Level 6 JE, two (2) sessions each of Level 7 and 8, and three (3) sessions of Level 9
   c. Each athlete will compete in one session. Session format information will be provided by the meet host prior to competition.
   d. Each session, excluding Level 6 JE, will be divided into four (4) equal age divisions after all athletes have been registered from each region.

IV. Competition Rules & Format for the Men's Development National Championships

A. Level 10 Junior National Division:

i. **All Junior National Level 10 athletes will compete Men's Development Program rules with Development Program D+E Bonus Tables in effect (Attachment B).**

ii. **JN Level 10 athletes will compete in one of three qualification sessions utilizing an A/B format. There will be a random draw for each qualification session.**
   a. There will be three (3) sessions of Level 10 JN athletes on Friday. The age divisions are 16-17 (Jr) and 18-19 (Sr).
   b. From the pool of Level 10 JN athletes across all three qualification sessions, 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 apparatus are based upon combined score from both days and will be given in single age years.
   c. Level 10 athletes who place in the Top six (6) on an individual event from combined results from all three qualification sessions, who are not already in the Top 48 AA, will advance to finals on that apparatus only from each single age year.
   d. Each Flight (A & B) will be composed of six (6) squads of approximately ten (10) athletes. Athletes from the same club will be placed in the same squad and flight whenever 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 qualification sessions for each age division.

B. Level 8 – 10 Junior Elite Division:

i. **Junior Elite Level 8 & 9 athletes will compete Men's Development Program rules.**
   a. Level 8 JE will also use the Development Program E Bonus Table only (Attachment B)
   b. Level 9 JE will also use the Development Program D+E Bonus Table (Attachment B)
   c. Level 8 & 9 Junior Elite Division athletes will perform Optional routines on the 1st day of competition (Thursday).
   d. Level 8 & 9 Junior Elite Division athletes will perform Technical Sequences in the Finals session on their 2nd day of competition (Saturday).

ii. **Junior Elite Level 10 athletes aged 16-19 will compete World Gymnastics (FIG) rules.**
   a. Level 10 JE athletes will utilize the Individual Event Exponential Bonus Tables (Attachment B)
   b. Level 10 JE ages 16 & 17 will compete Junior World Gymnastics (Jr FIG) rules with Junior Exponential Bonus Table in effect.
   c. Level 10 JE ages 18 & 19 will compete Senior World Gymnastics (Sr FIG) rules with Senior Exponential Bonus Table in effect

d. All Level 10 JE Division athletes will perform Optional routines on the 1st and 2nd day of competition (Thursday/Saturday).
e. All Level 10 JE Division athletes will advance to the Finals session on the 2nd day of competition.

iii. Junior Elite Division athletes will be eligible to receive awards in single age year categories.

C. Final Rankings for Junior Elite Division and Level 10 JN Finals

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

V. 2027 US Championships Qualification & Junior Elite National Team selection from Development National Championships

A. The qualification process to the Junior session at the 2027 US Championships & National Team Selection Chart for Level 8, 9, and 10 JE athletes will be found on the USAG website here: https://usagym.org/men/elite/#selectionTBA

B. The qualification process to the Senior session at the 2027 US Championships can be found on the USAG website here: https://usagym.org/men/elite/

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Attachment A

Allotment Tables

General Information Regarding Allotment Tables:

Regional Allotment:

1. Regional allotment will be determined by the Men's Development Program Committee (MDPC) based on participant numbers derived from the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System. 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. Allotment tables for Eastern Championships, Western Championships and Development National Championships will be made available after the conclusion of all State Championships.

Qualification to the Eastern or Western Championships

1. The published regional allotment numbers will determine the number of athletes in Levels 6 JE, 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 athletes, then the top 50 Level 7 athletes by all-around ranking will qualify to the Championships.

Qualification to Development National Championships:

1. Advancement to the Development National Championships will be determined by the published allotment numbers based upon ranking within the region for each single year age group.

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Note - All Allotment Tables for Eastern/Western National Championships and Development National Championships will be available after the conclusion of all State Championships.

Attachment B

Bonus Systems

1. The table below shows which bonus table is used per division and level at National Championship Events

Development Program Bonus Table Usage						
	8JN	**8JE**	**9JN**	**9JE**	**10JN**	**10JE**
East West	E Bonus	N/A	D+E Bonus	N/A	N/A	N/A
MDPN	N/A	E Bonus	N/A	D+E Bonus	D+E Bonus	IE Exponential
*DP Bonus tables are copied here from page 60 in the DP Manual						

2. Development Program Bonus Tables (D & E):

D Score Bonus	**L 9 & 10 Only**			
FX	**3.8-4.0**	**4.1-4.3**	**4.4-4.6**	**4.7+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
PH	**3.4-3.6**	**3.7-4.0**	**4.1-4.4**	**4.5+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
R	**3.0-3.2**	**3.3-3.6**	**3.7-3.9**	**4.0+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
V	**3.6-3.9**	**4.0-4.3**	**4.4-4.7**	**4.8+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
PB	**3.2-3.4**	**3.5-3.7**	**3.8-4.0**	**4.1+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
HB	**3.0-3.2**	**3.3-3.5**	**3.6-3.8**	**3.9+**
L9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
L10	0	0.1	0.2	0.3

E Score bonus – L 8, 9, & 10		
All Events	**9.2-9.45**	**9.5-10.0**
L8, 9, &10	0.1	0.2

Note: Neutral Deductions do not apply to D or E Score. Stick Bonus is included in the D-score when calculating D-score bonus.

Bonus Systems (cont.)

2. Junior and Senior Individual Event - Exponential Bonus Tables

a. Level 10 JE athletes ages 16 & 17 will use the Junior Exponential Bonus Table:

2027 Junior Exponential Bonus Table

FX		PH		SR		VT		PB		HB	
Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus	Difficulty	Bonus
4.3	0.102	4.1	0.102	3.5	0.102			3.9	0.102	3.9	0.102
4.4	0.163	4.2	0.163	3.6	0.163			4.0	0.163	4.0	0.163
4.5	0.231	4.3	0.231	3.7	0.231			4.1	0.231	4.1	0.231
4.6	0.308	4.4	0.308	3.8	0.308	4.4	0.102	4.2	0.308	4.2	0.308
4.7	0.393	4.5	0.393	3.9	0.393			4.3	0.393	4.3	0.393
4.8	0.488	4.6	0.488	4.0	0.488	4.8	0.531	4.4	0.488	4.4	0.488
4.9	0.594	4.7	0.594	4.1	0.594			4.5	0.594	4.5	0.594
5.0	0.711	4.8	0.711	4.2	0.711	5.2	1.002	4.6	0.711	4.6	0.711
5.1	0.841	4.9	0.841	4.3	0.841			4.7	0.841	4.7	0.841
5.2	0.984	5.0	0.984	4.4	0.984	5.6	1.516	4.8	0.984	4.8	0.984
5.3	1.143	5.1	1.143	4.5	1.143			4.9	1.143	4.9	1.143
5.4	1.318	5.2	1.318	4.6	1.318			5.0	1.318	5.0	1.318
5.5	1.511	5.3	1.511	4.7	1.511			5.1	1.511	5.1	1.511
Athletes achieving higher D-scores than the maximum difficulty listed will receive the maximum bonus shown per apparatus, ie. (FX D-score 5.7 = 1.511 bonus)											

b. Level 10 JE athletes ages 18 & 19 will use the Senior Exponential Bonus Table:

2027 Senior Exponential Bonus Table

FX		PH		SR		VT		PB		HB	
D	Bonus	D	Bonus	D	Bonus	D	Bonus	D	Bonus	D	Bonus
5.5	0.202	5.4	0.202	5.0	0.202	5.0	0.217	5.3	0.202	5.7	0.202
5.6	0.305	5.5	0.305	5.1	0.305	5.2	0.471	5.4	0.305	5.8	0.305
5.7	0.408	5.6	0.408	5.2	0.408			5.5	0.408	5.9	0.408
5.8	0.513	5.7	0.513	5.3	0.513	5.4	0.766	5.6	0.513	6.0	0.513
5.9	0.618	5.8	0.618	5.4	0.618			5.7	0.618	6.1	0.618
6.0	0.725	5.9	0.725	5.5	0.725	5.6	1.109	5.8	0.725	6.2	0.725
6.1	0.833	6.0	0.833	5.6	0.833			5.9	0.833	6.3	0.833
6.2	0.941	6.1	0.941	5.7	0.941	5.8	1.504	6.0	0.941	6.4	0.941
6.3	1.051	6.2	1.051	5.8	1.051			6.1	1.051	6.5	1.051
6.4	1.162	6.3	1.162	5.9	1.162			6.2	1.162	6.6	1.162
6.5	1.274	6.4	1.274	6.0	1.274			6.3	1.274	6.7	1.274
6.6	1.387	6.5	1.387	6.1	1.387			6.4	1.387	6.8	1.387
6.7	1.502	6.6	1.502	6.2	1.502			6.5	1.502	6.9	1.502

Attachment C
Petition Process

1. Petitions are available for all-around athletes only. Petitions may only be submitted by the athlete's coach, must meet protocol procedures, and must be fully documented for consideration. Petitions may only be submitted for athletes who are unable to compete at, or unable to complete, the qualifying competition due to injury, illness, or extenuating circumstance.
    a. Coaches are responsible for submitting ALL required documentation for a petition to the appropriate Chairperson.
    b. **Sectional or State Championships** - Proper documentation for petitions must be received and vetted by the State Chairperson and then approved by the State Chairperson using the approved Sectional/State standards.
    c. **Regional Championships** - Proper documentation for petitions must be received and vetted by the State Chairperson and then approved by the Regional Chairperson using the approved Regional standards.
    d. **East/West and Development National Championships** - Proper documentation for petitions must be received and vetted by the Regional Chairperson and then approved by the National Petition Working Group using the following **National Standards.** Petitions must be received before the appropriate competition begins and provide all documentation including:
        i. In the case of injury or illness, a statement from a physician (M.D. or D.O.) which clearly states the nature of the injury or illness. Statements from non-physicians, e.g., athletic trainer, physical therapist, nurse practitioner, etc. will NOT be accepted; and
        ii. required results listed in Section 2 or 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 appropriate Chairperson. Entry fee must be paid for the event being petitioned.
    e. Petitions that do not meet either the time or documentation requirements will not be accepted
    f. Petitions for athletes injured during State Championships must be turned in to the State Chairperson or during a Regional Championships to the Regional Chairperson 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 1.d above.
    g. Petitions may be approved pending medical clearance from a physician.

i. For Eastern or Western National Championships, documentation of medical clearance must be provided **at least 2 weeks** prior to the first day of competition.
ii. For Development National Championships, documentation of medical clearance must be provided **at least 2 weeks** prior to the first official training day.
iii. If medical clearance is not provided, the athlete will not be allowed to compete.

2. **Junior National Division**
   a. **Level 7-10:** In addition to the requirements outlined in Section 1 above, coaches must submit complete all-around scores from a minimum of two USA Gymnastics–sanctioned meets from the current competitive season.
      i. **Level 7-9**: Each submitted score must meet or exceed the median all-around score for the petitioning athlete's combined age group, based on scores from athletes who qualified to the Eastern and Western Championships from their respective Regional Championships in the current year.
      ii. **Level 10**: Each submitted score must meet or exceed the median all-around score for the petitioning athlete's single age year, based on scores from athletes who qualified to the Men's Development National Championships from their respective Regional Championships in the current year.
   b. **The petition will not be accepted if these requirements are not met.**

3. **Junior Elite Division**
   a. **Level 6 JE Future Stars:** In addition to the requirements stated in section 1 above, Level 6 JE athletes can petition into Eastern or Western National Championships in the following way:
      i. Athletes petitioning within Level 6 JE must have placed in the top 50% of their respective single year age group at the previous year's Level 6 JE Eastern or Western National Championships
   b. **Level 8 – 10 Junior Elite Division**: In addition to the requirements stated in section 1 above, Level 8 – 10 JE athletes can petition into Development Program National Championships in the following ways:
      i. **Athletes who have competed in the current season**:
         a. Coaches must submit results from one Optional all-around score and one Technical Sequence all-around score from USA Gymnastics sanctioned meets during the current competitive season.

b. The submitted scores must meet or exceed the TS requirement for the level/age being petitioned and the combined score must meet the AQS for the level/age being petitioned.

(See the tables in section II. A ii)

ii. **Athletes lacking current season scores**

a. For athletes petitioning into the same level as they competed last season, athlete must have placed in the top 25% of the combined 2-day total JE score from the previous season's Development Program National Championships in their single year age group.

b. For athletes moving from L8 JE to L9 JE, or L9 JE to L10 JE, athlete must have placed in the top 25% of the combined 2-day total JE score from the previous season's Development Program National Championships in their single year age group.

c. Athletes petitioning from L6 JE to L8 JE (age 11 and 12 only) must have finished in the top 25% of their respective single year age group at the previous year's Eastern or Western National Championships.

c. **For all JE Levels 6-10, the petition will not be accepted if these requirements are not met.**

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Attachment D

Specialist Qualification Procedures

Men's Development Program into Eastern/Western National Championships and Development National Championships.

Who Is a Specialist?

A specialist is any Level 7, 8 JN, 9 JN and 10 JN athlete at Regional Championships **who does not qualify in the All-Around** but does qualify for the Men's Development Program National Championships or Eastern/Western National Championships on a specific event. Specialists are determined after the competition based on individual event results—no pre-declaration is required.

How Specialists Qualify:

Level 10 JN

Top 10% Placement: An athlete must place within the top 10% on a specific event among Level 10 JN athletes in their single age year group. (JE athletes are excluded from the results).

Top 3 Placement in Smaller Divisions: A Smaller Division is defined as fewer than 30 athletes in a single year age group. An athlete must place in the top 3 in a specific event for their respective single year age group. (JE athletes are excluded from the results).

Level 7, 8 JN and 9 JN

Top 10% Placement: An athlete must place within the top 10% on a specific event among all athletes in their level. (JE athletes are excluded from the results).

Top 3 Placement in Smaller Divisions: A Smaller Division is defined as fewer than 30 athletes for a particular level. An athlete must place in the top 3 in a specific event for all athletes in their respective level. (JE athletes are excluded from the results).

****Note:**

Division Eligibility: All specialists and individual event qualifiers for all levels will compete exclusively on the events they qualified for, at their respective National Championships.

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Attachment E

JE Level 6 Future Stars Development Team and Future Stars Camp

Allotment Tables

If an athlete declines an invitation to the Future Stars Camp the next athlete, in rank order for that age division, will be selected and this process will continue until all spots are filled.

Participants			
	10 yo	**11 yo**	**12 yo**
East	TBD	TBD	TBD
West	TBD	TBD	TBD
		total	TBD

Future Stars Development Team			
	10 yo	**11 yo**	**12 yo**
East	TBD	TBD	TBD
West	TBD	TBD	TBD
		total	TBD

Participants minus FS Team			
	10 yo	**11 yo**	**12 yo**
East	TBD	TBD	TBD
West	TBD	TBD	TBD
		total	TBD

Additional Invites After FS Team is Named							
	Allotment	Invites	Allotment	Invites	Allotment	Invites	
	10 yo	**10 yo**	**11 yo**	**11 yo**	**12 yo**	**12 yo**	
East	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
West	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
	total	TBD		TBD		TBD	**TBD**

Attachment F

State Championship Technical Sequence Requirements

This attachment applies to Level 8-10 JE athletes. Level 6 JE Future Stars must perform Technical Sequences in person (see Section II.B.i)

Options for Implementation of Technical Sequences:

1. **In-Person Event:**
    - **Description:** Incorporate the Technical Sequence as one of the sessions during the in-person State Championships.
    - **Benefits:** Streamlines events under one sanction and venue, maintaining the traditional competition format.
2. **State-Level Virtual Event:**
    - **Description:** Conduct a virtual Technical Sequence event exclusive to the state. This event must be completed by the end of the regular in-person State Championships.
    - **Judging:** If judged by the same panel as the State Championships and videos are submitted within one week prior to the event, it can operate under the same sanction.
    - **Benefits:** Offers scheduling flexibility and reduces on-site logistical demands.
3. **Regional-Run State Virtual Event:**
    - **Description:** The region hosts a separate, sanctioned virtual Technical Sequence event using the same judges from the Regional Championships. This event must occur prior to the In-Person State Championships.
    - **Benefits:** Ensures consistency in judging and routine evaluations as athletes progress toward regional competitions.

Details for Virtual Events:

- **Sanctioning:**
    - A virtual sanction is required to legitimize the event.
    - If integrated with the State Championships sanction (and judged by the same panel), additional virtual sanctioning may not be necessary.
- **Entry Fee:**
    - The entry fee may not exceed $165 per athlete.
- **Judges' Fee Reduction:**
    - The State/Regional Chairpersons will work closely with the Judges Association to negotiate a reduced fee or potentially waive fees for judging the virtual Technical Sequence event, aiming to minimize costs for athletes and organizers.
- **Judging Panel:**
    - Can consist of judges from the State Championships or from the Regional level.

    - Utilizing Regional judges helps identify and rectify routine construction errors before athletes advance.
- **Routine Requirements:**
    - Athletes must submit routines for all six events.

    - A minimum all-around score of 45.00 is required for this season.
- **Submission Method:**
    - Athletes submit video recordings of their routines via a secure platform (e.g., Google Drive) for judges to assess.
- **Equipment Standardization:**
    - All equipment used must meet the specifications outlined in the **Development Program (DP) Manual**.
- **Landing Standards:**
    - **Athletes should perform landings as realistically as possible, adhering to standard competition procedures and using proper matting.** Allowing some flexibility ensures that no athlete is disadvantaged due to facility constraints.
    - **Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, and Parallel Bars:**
        - Landings on these events typically aren't an issue since they occur on the floor, and standard matting is usually available.
    - **Rings and High Bar:**
        - For setups over pits, gyms should place mats at the correct competition height to simulate a firm landing surface.
        - Athletes benefit from making the landing area as firm as possible because it's difficult to stick dismounts on soft surfaces.
    - **Vault:**
        - Mats should be raised to the correct competition height, even if the vault is over a pit.
        - Although vault does not have a landing deduction, maintaining proper mat height ensures consistency.

- **Recording Requirements:**
    - **Single-Day Recording:**
        - Athletes are required to film all six routines in one day at their gym, simulating the conditions of an in-person competition.
        - Athletes must wear the appropriate competition uniform and salute at the beginning and end of each routine, just as they would in an in-person competition.

    - **Hardship Exceptions:**
        - In cases of hardship (e.g., gym access issues), athletes can request approval to record over multiple days.
        - **Approval Process: Coaches must contact the appropriate Chairperson explaining the hardship situation:**
            - **For State-Level Virtual Events: contact the State Chairperson.**

        - **For Regional-Run State Virtual Events: contact the Regional Chairperson.**
    - **Data Collection: Regional Chairpersons will work with State Chairpersons to document these exceptions to review after the season and assess if adjustments to the policy are needed.**

- **Video Requirements:**
    - **Perspective:**
        - Videos must be filmed from a judge's perspective, capturing all accurate angles of each skill performed.

    - **Equipment and Matting Verification:**
        - If the Judges feel that the equipment and/or matting is not at regulation height, you will be asked to re-submit a new video with appropriate adjustments made, or the routine will not be evaluated/counted.

Attachment G

Awards Plan

Eastern/Western Championships

I. Individual Awards Levels 7 – 9:
   a. The top eight (8) athletes in each of the four age divisions will be awarded in the all-around and on each individual apparatus. Ties are not broken, and duplicate awards will be given.

II. Individual Awards Level 6 JE:
   a. The top five (5) athletes in each of the three age groups (10, 11 & 12) will be awarded in the all-around and on each individual apparatus. Ties are not broken, and duplicate awards will be given.

III. Regional Team Awards
   a. The top three (3) Regional Teams per level will be recognized (announced ONLY). Team scores will be determined by the top three (3) scores per event (apparatus).

IV. Club Team Awards
   a. The top three (3) clubs will be recognized with a banner for Levels 6 JE, 7, 8 & 9 each. Club scores will be determined by the top three (3) scores per event (apparatus).

Development National Championships

Junior National Division

I. Individual Awards
   a. Junior National Division All-Around and Individual Event awards will be presented to the top ten finishers within Level 10 (16, 17, 18, 19) based upon single age year categories. Ties will not be broken, and duplicate awards will be given. Ten all-around awards and ten individual event awards will be given except in the case of a tie for tenth place.
   b. Awards will be presented for All-Around and Individual Events following the second day of competition based upon combined score of both days of competition.

II. Club Team Award
   a. Junior National Level 10 Club Team Award – The Top six (6) Club Teams will be recognized on their first day of optional competition based on Junior National Division results only. A Championship banner will be awarded to the Top three (3) teams. The Club Team score will be calculated using the top three (3) scores on each event from the Junior National Division. All participants must be in competition attire to appear in the award presentation.

Junior Elite Division

I. Individual Awards
   a. Junior Elite Division All-Around awards will be presented to the top ten finishers in each single age year within Level 10 (16, 17, 18, 19), Level 9 (14 & 15), and Level 8 (12 & 13). Ties will not be broken, and duplicate awards will be given. Ten all-around awards will be given except in the case of a tie for tenth place.
   b. Individual Event awards will be presented to the top six (6) finishers in each single age year. Ties will not be broken, and duplicate awards will be given. Six places will be awarded except in the case of a tie for sixth place.
   c. Awards will be presented for All-Around and Individual Events following the second day of competition based upon combined score of both days by division.

II. Club Team Awards
   a. Junior Elite Club Team Award – The top three (3) Club Teams in each level (Level 8, Level 9, and Level 10) will be awarded after the first day of optional competition. The Club Team score will be calculated using the top three (3) scores on each event in each level, using the optional routines only. A Championship banner will be awarded to the Top three (3) teams in each level. All participants must be in competition attire to appear in the award presentation.

Special Recognition Awards

I. Frank J. Cumiskey Service Award
   a. The Frank J. Cumiskey Service Award is given as an honor to an individual or individuals for their thoughtful and unselfish contributions to the service of the USA Gymnastics Development Programs. Mr. Frank Cumiskey founded the USA Gymnastics Men's Development Program. He endowed the Men's Development Program with its present design, format and character. It is indeed an honor to receive the prestigious award in Frank Cumiskey's name for duty and service to the Men's Development Program in America. Potential recipients for the awards include but are not limited to coaches, judges, administrators, and club directors who have contributed to the improvement and continuance of the USA Gymnastics Development Program at a Local, Regional or National level.

II. Dusty Ritter Visionary Award
   a. The Dusty Ritter Visionary Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated years of exceptional foresight, leadership and advocacy for the U.S. Men's Program. More than a service award, the Dusty Ritter Visionary Award identifies individuals who have become well respected teachers within our community. Dusty understood the evolving landscape of Men's Gymnastics and had an ability to foresee future trends. As the USAG Men's Development

Program Coordinator, he motivated athletes and guided coaches through his oversight of the Men's Development and Junior National Team Programs. This award shall pay homage to a true icon in U.S. Men's Gymnastics by being presented to leaders who stand firm in their beliefs and convictions in the pursuit of progressing the U.S. Men's Program into the future.

III. National Service Awards
   a. To be eligible for the National Service Award, an individual must be a member of the MDPC (or a subcommittee of the MDPC), on the Jr. National Coaching Staff, Competition Manual Committee, or a State Chairperson. Years of service do not have to be in consecutive years.

IV. Mas Watanabe Recognition Award
   a. The Mas Watanabe Award is given to recognize achievement through gymnastics competition at the national level. Mas Watanabe remains a leader in gymnastics in the United States. His direction gives purpose to many of his contemporaries in the sport. Mas Watanabe is closely devoted to the athlete. An athlete receiving this award is doubly honored as he has shown outstanding achievement.
   b. The Mas Watanabe Award is presented at Development National Championships to the athletes with the highest All-Around placement in the Junior Elite Level 10, 16-17 (combined) and 18-19 (combined) year-old divisions.

V. Roberto Pumpido Coaching Excellence Award
   a. Roberto Pumpido was a friend to many and was a well-known coach of coaches. Roberto Pumpido was dedicated to coaching excellence and the true artistic value of gymnastics. He gave the coaching community and the athletes he worked with a unique perspective that not only developed one technically and physically but focused on the proper respect and mental aspects of becoming a champion. This award seeks to recognize coaching excellence and to continue Roberto's legacy of communicating the alluring intricacies of gymnastics.
   b. The Roberto Pumpido Coaching Excellence Award will be presented at Development National Championships to the coach of the athlete with the highest All-Around placement in the Junior Elite Level 10, 16-17 (combined) and 18-19 (combined) year-old divisions.

Attachment H

Equipment and Matting Specifications

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Equipment and matting specifications will be added to this attachment at a later date. All items are already published in the Development Program Manual, which remains the governing source

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