



2026 Winter Cup Qualification & Entry Procedures v. November 2025

Athletes who are FIG age eligible and U.S. citizens are qualified to the Senior division of the 2026 Winter Cup through the following process (up to approximately 48 athletes):

- I. Pre-qualified athletes:
 - a. All current Senior National Team & Senior Development Team members
 - b. All Senior National Team or Senior Development Team members from the previous two (2) selection events (2025 US Championships & 2025 Winter Cup)
 - c. All FIG Senior age-eligible athletes on the current Junior National Team
 - d. The next five (5) athletes by rank order from final [Points Program results](#) (combined 2-day total) from the 2025 US Championships, who have not already qualified

- II. Automatic Spots:
 - a. The top two (2) non-qualified all-around athletes from each of the four (4) designated Winter Cup Qualifier Events:
 - Ohio State Open, Jan. 17-18, 2026
 - West Point Open, Jan. 16-17, 2026
 - Rocky Mountain Open, Jan. 16-18, 2026
 - Stanford Open, Jan. 24-25, 2026
 - b. The next three (3) all-around athletes from the combined rank order all-around results from all four Winter Cup Qualifier Events above, not already qualified.

- III. Petitions (to be reviewed by Senior Selection Committee):
 - a. Up to 12 Individual Event petitions with a maximum of two (2) per event. Athletes whose petitions are accepted will be permitted to only compete the event(s) in which they qualified on. To be considered for IE petition, athletes must meet the following:
 - Athlete must place in the top two (2) on an event at one of the Winter Cup Qualifier Events above, and
 - Athlete must meet the following D score standard for their event:
 - FX: 5.6
 - PH: 5.6
 - SR: 5.4
 - VT: See below
 - PB: 5.4
 - HB: 5.6

- Athletes attempting to qualify via IE petition on Vault must meet all of the following:
 - Athlete must perform two Vaults at their qualifier competition, and
 - Of the athlete's two Vaults performed, one of them must meet the D score standard of 5.2 or higher, and
 - Athlete must achieve the highest two-Vault average Final score of all athletes competing two Vaults in the competition (win the event out of all athletes competing two Vaults)
 - b. Up to two (2) petitions due to injury or unforeseen circumstance.
 - To submit an injury petition, athlete must have previous National Team experience on the U.S. Senior or Junior National Team in the current Olympic quadrennium.
- IV. If spots remain:
- a. The next ranked non-qualified athlete(s) from the final Points Program results from the 2025 U.S. Championships
 - b. The next ranked athlete(s) from the final all-around results (combined 2-day total) from the 2025 U.S. Championships.
- V. Petitions
- a. All petitions are due via email to Men's Senior Selection Committee Chair, Sam McArthur (sam.mcarthur@ymail.com) and Vice President of Men's Program, Jason Woodnick (jwoodnick@usagym.org), by **January 26, 2026**, and must include the following:
 - Petition form:
<https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
 - Medical report/letter from a medical professional with date of clearance for participation in Winter Cup (if applicable)
 - Results from Winter Cup Qualifier Event (if applicable)
 - Results from past domestic Elite Championship events or USAG assigned international events from the current Olympic quadrennium (if applicable)
- VI. Important notes for Qualification:
- a. Athletes may participate in multiple qualification competitions but must designate only one (1) competition for attempting to qualify to Winter Cup. Only athletes who are registered for multiple qualifiers must submit their chosen qualification competition via email to Men's Program Committee Chairman Mike Serra (michael.serra@sbcglobal.net) and copy Men's Program Manager, Lisa Mendel (lmendel@usagym.org), by **Friday January 9, 2026**. **Athletes who submit their designated competition after this date will be ineligible for Winter Cup.**
- VII. Entry Information will be released in coming weeks



Attachment A

2026 Winter Cup Pre-Qualified Athletes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>
Benas, Fuzzy	Univ. of Oklahoma	Leykin, Danila	EVO Gymnastics
Bogonosiuik, Sasha	Univ. of Oklahoma	Loos, Riley	Stanford University
Bold, Crew	Univ. of Michigan	Malone, Brody	EVO Gymnastics
Burkhart, Taylor	Stanford University	Mandava, Kiran	Stanford University
Christopoulos, Taylor	Univ. of Nebraska	Nedoroscik, Stephen	EVO Gymnastics
Costa, Tate	Univ. of Illinois	Nelson, Kameron	Ohio State
Dang, Brandon	Univ. of Illinois	Ngai, Preston	Univ. of Illinois
Diab, Alex	EVO Gymnastics	Nitache, Alexandru	Univ. of Nebraska
Dubin, Lincoln	EVO Gymnastics	Reilly, Ori	Gymnastics USA
Esparo, Luke	Penn State	Reive, Dante	West Point Gymnastics
Grahovski, Kristian	Ohio State	Richard, Frederick	Univ. of Michigan
Harrison, Jackson	EVO Gymnastics	Roman, Nathan	Univ. of Oklahoma
Hong, Kiefer	Cypress Academy	Ruscheinsky, Anthony	Salto Gymnastics
Hong, Asher	Stanford University	Simpson, Hunter	EVO Gymnastics
Hoopas, Patrick	Air Force Academy	Thackston, Parker	Ohio State
Iwai, Jun	Stanford University	Uemura, Kai	Stanford University
Juda, Paul	Univ. of Michigan	Walker, Colt	Stanford University
Kan, Maksim	Salto Gymnastics	Watkins, Jay	GymTek Academy
Karnes, Joshua	Penn State	Whittenburg, Donnell	EVO Gymnastics
Larson, Charlie	Univ. of Michigan	Wiskus, Shane	EVO Gymnastics
		Young, Khoi	Stanford University