



2027 Winter Cup Qualification Event Application & Requirements

Overview:

- For a competition to be considered a qualifying event for the 2027 Winter Cup, the conditions outlined in this document must be met.
- Competitions that do not adhere to these conditions risk losing qualifying status, and athletes participating in such events may lose eligibility to qualify for the 2027 Winter Cup.

Membership and Sanction Requirements

- The event **must** be a USA Gymnastics–sanctioned event.
- The qualifying competition may be conducted as part of a larger NCAA or invitational event; however, all sanction requirements must be met.
- All USA Gymnastics Men's Program Rules & Policies must be followed, including but not limited to:
 - Ensuring all participants (*athletes, coaches, judges, etc.*) are current USA Gymnastics members.
 - Ensuring all athletes, coaches, and judges are entered into the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System.
- [Click here](#) to review the USA Gymnastics Men's Program Rules & Policies.

Event Requirements:

- The event must accommodate a minimum of twelve (12) age eligible senior level athletes **in addition to** any NCAA Teams that may be competing in the competition. Those athletes are responsible to meet competition entry deadlines.
- The event must allow FIG-eligible 18-year-olds to participate in the Winter Cup qualifying session (athlete may be biologically 17-years old).
- Equipment specifications **MUST** meet minimum NCAA equipment & matting protocols [click here](#) to view.
- Equipment must be anchored to the ground.
- Event must use a minimum of two (2) judges per apparatus
- It is preferred that the event provide access to live streaming and live scoring.

Competition Requirements:

- The competition must be conducted between December 1, 2026, and January 24, 2027.
- All athletes attempting to qualify for the 2027 Winter Cup must compete in a single competitive session, judged by the same panels for all events.
 - The USA Gymnastics Men's Program Committee may allow multiple qualifying sessions within the same competition, if a single qualifying session cannot accommodate all athletes.
 - For qualification purposes, results from all approved qualifying sessions will be combined.

- A copy of the FIG (Senior) results, including D-scores, must be submitted to USA Gymnastics for all athletes attempting to qualify for the 2027 Winter Cup.

Application Submission Details:

- Submission of application is due March 1, 2026. All application should be emailed to Lisa Mendel, USA Gymnastics Men’s Program Manager at lmendel@usagym.org
- Submission of an application does not grant automatic qualifying event approval. Final approval is determined by the USA Gymnastics Men’s Program Committee.
- If you have any questions regarding the application to conduct a 2027 Winter Cup qualifying event, please contact Jason Woodnick or Lisa Mendel.

Event Details: *sections to be completed by event director*

Name of Competition:	
Site of Competition:	
Dates of Competition:	
Name of Meet Director:	
Meet Director Email:	
Meet Director Phone:	
Event Website, <i>if applicable</i> :	
Anticipated number of athletes in WC qualification session:	
Equipment Supplier:	
Is equipment anchored to ground?	Y or N
Scoring System:	
Live Stream:	Y or N
Has this event been previously designated a Winter Cup qualification event?	Y or N

Why should this event be used as a Winter Cup qualification event? Please include any overview or entry information regarding the event not contained or available on the competition website.