



2026 Senior U.S. Championship Qualification Procedures
(as approved by the Men's Program Committee)
February 2026

I. Senior Qualification

The Senior qualification process for the 2026 US Championships is as follows:

- a. All current Senior National Team & Senior Development Team members (following 2026 Winter Cup)
- b. All Senior National Team or Senior Development Team members from the previous two (2) selection events (2026 Winter Cup & 2025 US Championships)
- c. The top four (4) ranked current Junior National Team members (FIG 18+) based on all-around results at the 2026 Winter Cup.
- d. The next five (5) ranked non-qualified athletes via 2026 Winter Cup Points Program final results
- e. The top two (2) ranked non-qualified athletes in the Level 10 (18+) JE division via final all-around results at the 2026 Development Program National Championships (combined 2-days)
- f. The top two (2) ranked non-qualified athletes in the final all-around results at the 2026 NCAA Championships. Athletes must finish in the top 10 in the all-around to be eligible.
- g. The all-around champion from the 2026 GymACT National Championships
- h. All remaining unfilled spots (up to 48) will be filled by petition or by qualifying from the Senior division at the 2026 Men's National Qualifier competition*
- i. The next six (6) ranked non-qualified athletes via the final all-around results in the Level 10 (18+) JE division at the 2026 Development Program National Championships (combined 2-days) will qualify to the Junior Day 1 session at US Championships but will compete Senior FIG rules and have the opportunity to qualify to the Senior Day 2 session.

*Athletes may qualify from the Men's National Qualifier competition by all-around or Points Program results, after any petitions have been accepted. Spots will be filled in the following order:

1. The first 2/3 of the open spots will be filled by rank order from Points Program results
2. The remaining 1/3 of the open spots will be filled by rank order from all-around results

II. Senior Petitions

- a. All petitions are due via email to Men's Senior Selection Committee Chair, Sam McArthur (sam@cypressacademy.com) and Vice President of Men's Program, Jason Woodnick (jwoodnick@usagym.org), by **May 17, 2026** and will be evaluated as soon as possible after that date. Athletes injured between May 18th through the end of the National Qualifier competition must submit a petition no later than **July 1, 2026** for evaluation. All petitions must include the following:

- Petition form:
<https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
 - Medical report/letter by an examining physician subject to verification by USAG medical staff;
 - Athlete’s return to play plan/timeline; or
 - Proof of medical clearance to participate subject to verification by USAG medical staff
- b. Petitions are reviewed by the Men’s Senior Selection Committee based on the following factors:
- Number of available competitive spots at the competition – approximately 48 athletes may compete in the Senior session at the 2026 U.S. Championships.
 - Medical clearance and return to play timeline.
 - Current or previous National Team status.
 - International Experience – the athlete has been assigned by USA Gymnastics to represent the USA internationally
 - D scores, E scores, and Final Scores that are competitive with finalists at major FIG sanctioned international events** from 2025 & 2026

** Major FIG sanctioned international events include, but are not limited to the following competitions:

- FIG World Cups
- DTB Pokal
- Continental Championships
- World Championships

*Note: The Men’s Program Committee has established recommended all-around Difficulty Score (D-score) standards for Junior and Senior athletes attempting to qualify to the 2026 US Championships (see MPC minutes from 1.13.26 [here](#)). **In 2026, these are strictly a recommendation (guideline) and there are no required D-score standards for qualification.** Starting in 2027, strict D-score standards will be enforced for qualification to Winter Cup and US Championships. Those scores will be re-evaluated annually. The recommended all-around D-score standards for qualification to the 2026 US Championships are as follows:*

- *Junior 16-years: 20.0*
- *Junior 17-years: 21.0*
- *Senior 18+ years: 22.0*



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I. Junior Qualification

Qualification into the Junior session at the 2026 US Championships is as follows:

- a. The top 16 ranked athletes via the final all-around results in the Level 10 JE 16-year-old division at the 2026 Development Program National Championships (combined 2-days)
- b. The top 16 ranked athletes via the final all-around results in the Level 10 JE 17-year-old division at the 2026 Development Program National Championships (combined 2-days)
- c. The top four (4) ranked athletes via final all-around results in the Junior division at the 2026 Men's National Qualifier competition
- d. A maximum of four (4) athletes by injury or extenuating circumstance petition
- e. The top six (6) ranked athletes via the final all-around results in the Level 10 JE 18/19 division at the 2026 Development Program National Championships (combined 2-days)
 - These six (6) spots qualify to the Junior Day 1 session at US Championships but will compete Senior FIG rules and have the opportunity to qualify to the Senior Day 2 session.

II. Junior Petitions

- a. All petitions are due via email to Men's Junior Selection Committee Chair, Amanda Stroud (ajsgym@hotmail.com), and Vice President of Men's Program, Jason Woodnick (jwoodnick@usagym.org), by **May 17, 2026** and will be evaluated as soon as possible after that date. Athletes injured between May 18th through the end of the National Qualifier competition must submit a petition no later than **July 1, 2026** for evaluation (if petition spots are available). All petitions must include the following:
 - Petition form:
<https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
 - Medical report/letter by an examining physician subject to verification by USAG medical staff;
 - Athlete's return to play plan/timeline; or
 - Proof of medical clearance to participate subject to verification by USAG medical staff.

- b. Petitions are reviewed by the Men's Junior Selection Committee based on the following factors:
- Medical clearance and return to play timeline.
 - Current or previous National Team status.
 - International Experience – the athlete has been assigned by USA Gymnastics to represent the USA internationally
 - Rankings within domestic Championship events in 2026 (ETC, Winter Cup, Development Nationals)
 - D scores, E scores, and Final Scores that are competitive with finalists at major Junior international events*** in 2025 & 2026

*** Major Junior international events include, but are not limited to the following competitions:

- DTB Pokal
- Berlin Jr Team Cup
- Grizzly Classic
- Junior Continental Championships
- Junior World Championships

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