

2026 Level 8/9 National Team & Level 10 Junior National Team Qualification & Selection (v.1 JAN2026)

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS and RULES SPECIFICATIONS - MPC				
	LEVEL 8	LEVEL 9	LEVEL 10	LEVEL 10
Ages	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19
Qualification to MDP Nationals	Through Regional Champs. as per JE Qualification Scores	Through Regional Champs. as per JE Qualification Scores	Through Regional Champs. as per JE Qualification Scores	Through Regional Champs. as per JE Qualification Scores
Ranking Method for IE & AA Awards at MDP Nationals	MDP Rules Optionals + Tech Seq.	MDP Rules Optionals + Tech Seq.	Jr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total	Sr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total
Ranking Method for JNT Selection & USA Champs. Qualification at MDP Nationals	Combination of MDP Rules and MDP Rules w/ 2D+E plus TS (see below)	Combination of MDP Rules and MDP Rules w/ 2D+E plus TS (see below)	Jr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total	Sr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total
Qualification Totals to USAs from MDPN	N/A	N/A	Total (32), (16yo=16; 17yo=16)	Top 2 non-prequalified regardless of age to Sr. Div. at USAs, Next 6 to Jr. Division Day 1
Qualification Totals to USAs from Qualifier	N/A	N/A	Total (4) regardless of age Optional Score + TS Scores or Video*	TBD after completion of all previous qualification events
Petition Allotment to USAs from MDPN and/or Qualifier	N/A	N/A	Up to (4) total petitions may be accepted	Determined by Senior Selection Committee
Ranking Method for IE & AA Awards at USA Champs	N/A	N/A	Jr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total	Sr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total
Ranking Method for NT Selection at USA Champs	N/A	N/A	Jr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total	Sr WG (FIG) Rules w/ IE EXP. BONUS, 2-Day Optional Total

*If the athlete is in the 16 year-old age division and has not competed the Level 10 Technical Sequences yet due to injury, but finished in the top six (6) in the final all-around rankings in the L9 JE 15 year old division at the 2025 Men's Development National Championships (previous year), he may petition to the National Qualifier using a provided petition form. He will also be required to upload videos of his of his Level 10 Technical Sequences for JE verification.

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS - JSC				
	LEVEL 8	LEVEL 9	LEVEL 10	LEVEL 10
Ages	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19
Rank Order Selections from Single Age Year	12 yo. (Top 2), 13 yo. (Top 2) D+E+TS from MDPN	14 yo. (Top 2), 15 yo. (Top 2) D+E+TS from MDPN	16 yo. (Top 4), 17 yo. (Top 4) from USA Champs	18 yo (0) from USA Champs
Rank Order Selections from Combined Age Groups	N/A		Total (3) rank order from 16-17yo combined results [min. of 1/age group] (see below)	See Senior National Team selection procedures
*D-Score Based Selections	12 yo. (Top 1), 13 yo. (Top 1) using 2D+E+TS, and not already named in Rank Order Selections	14 yo. (Top 1), 15 yo. (Top 1) using 2D+E+TS, and not already named in Rank Order Selections	*Total (1) Highest D-score athlete who meets selection criteria. This spot comes from available Discretionary spots	See Senior National Team selection procedures
**Discretionary	Total (3) regardless of age, in addition to Age-Based Rank Order Selections		Total (3) athletes using discretionary criteria (see below)	See Senior National Team selection procedures
***Petition Allotment	Up to (2) total petitions may be accepted (Petition spots come from available discretionary spots)		Up to (2) total petitions may be accepted (Petition spots come from available discretionary spots)	See Senior National Team selection procedures

*** 16-17 year-old D Score-Based Junior National Team Automatic Selection awarded at USA Championships**

If the 16 or 17 year-old athlete with the highest total D-score after two (2) days of competition is not already named to the national team, this athlete will earn one of the (3) discretionary spots as long as the athlete's final all-around total (combined 2-day total) is ranked within the top 15 athletes from the combined 16 & 17 year old athletes in the final all-around results.

****Discretionary Criteria used in Level 8/9 and Level 10 Junior National Team Selection**

- Rankings within domestic championship events in 2025 & 2026
- International experience – the athlete has represented the USA internationally, or the athlete needs to gain international experience representing the USA internationally to prepare for future opportunities
- Overall competitiveness (D, E, final scores, medals) with all around and event medalists & finalists across major junior international events* in 2025 & 2026
- Current or previous National Team status

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

- World Championships
- Junior International Invitationals (DTB Pokal, Berlin Team Cup, Grizzly Classic, etc.)
- Continental Championships
- Major Games (Youth Olympic Games, Asian Games, Pan Am Games, European Youth Olympic Festival, etc.)

*****Petitions on to the National Team**

Petitions are due to the Chair of the designated Selection Committee via email before the conclusion of the specified NT selection competition (i.e. Development Nationals, U.S. Championships). In order for petitions to be accepted for review, they must include the following:

- Petition form to be completed: <https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf>
- Medical report/letter subject to verification by USAG medical staff (if applicable)
- Athlete's return to play plan/timeline
- Proof of medical clearance to participate or estimated date of clearance subject to verification by USAG medical staff
- For petitions to the Level 8/9 National Team or Level 10 Junior National Team, the designated Selection Committee will consider discretionary criteria listed above