

## **Rhythmic Program Committee**

**April 3-9, 2026**

Olga Kutuzova - International Elite Coaches Representative/National Judges Representative

Catherine Yakhimovich - Member At Large

Hana Starkman- Athlete Representative

Lily Avila - Athlete Representative

Caroline Hunt- Vice President Rhythmic Program (non-voting)

Kaitlin Baker- Rhythmic Program Manager (non-voting)

The committee is responsible for allocation numbers from the SR and JR/Hope Classics for the Elite Qualifier. Final registrations numbers were analyzed, inclusive of scratches and excluding FIG license holders for other countries.

Allocation numbers are based on the number of gymnasts in each Zone in relation to the total number of registered gymnasts.

Event	Qualification places
<b>SR Classic</b>	62
<b>Hopes</b>	
East	11
Central	5
West	16
<b>Junior</b>	
East	30
Central	35
West	38

Motion: Catherine

Secon: Olga

Passed

The national office has received questions regarding a petition pathway to the Elite Qualifier for gymnasts who are currently injured at the time of the Classics. As the Rules and Policies do not reference a petition process, a determination must be made by the RPC either to maintain no language—indicating petitions are not possible—or to add petition language in advance of the start of the Classics events.

After discussion regarding the impact of missing the Classic on the trajectory for an athlete's current and subsequent season, the following is adopted: A current Elite gymnast

(a gymnast who competed in the previous year's Elite Championships as a JR or SR) is able to submit a petition to the Elite Qualifier if she is injured or ill at the time of the Classic events. The petition must be sent to the Vice President of Program with medical verification both of the injury and also the approved return to activity at the time of the Elite Qualifier. An approved petition will not count towards the allocation of places determined for each Classic event.

Motion: Olga

Second: Lily

Passed