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From: Men's Program/Junior Olympic Program Committee
To: Men's Junior Olympic Community
Re: A.) Procedure for Qualification to the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships
B.) Format Changes to the Regional Team Competition at the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships
C.) Entry Fee update for State and Regional Championships

A. Qualification to the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships

I. Junior Olympic Division qualification to the Junior Olympic National Championship is based on the following criteria

State Championships: Must compete optional routines

1. Meet Regional Qualifying score
2. Approved petitions – must meet minimum criteria to petition

Regional Championships: Must compete optional routines.

Qualification to the Junior Olympic National Championships is determined by:

1. Must meet the published National Qualifying score for Junior Olympic Division or,
2. Must fall within the Region's total allotment or,
3. Top 5 scores at Regional Championships in Individual Events qualify to JO Nationals as an event specialist - Level 10 only. (Will compete only on qualified event at the Junior Olympic National Championships) or,
4. Approved petitions – must meet requirements to petition

II. Junior Elite Division qualification to the Junior Olympic National Championship is based on the following criteria:

State Championships: Must compete the Technical Sequences

1. Must compete on six events – no minimum qualifying score to the Regional Championships
2. Approved petitions - must meet requirements to petition

Regional Championships: Must compete both the Technical Sequences and Optional Routines. Final All Around ranking is based on Technical Sequence Score + Optional Score = Final All Around score.

Qualification to the Junior Olympic National Championships is determined by:

1. Optional AA score must fall within Region's total allotment and,
2. Technical Sequence score must be at or above the published minimum required Technical Sequence score and
3. Rank order Final AA score (TS + Opt) must fall within the Region's Junior Elite Division allotment or,
4. Approved petitions – must meet minimum criteria to petition

III. General Information regarding Qualification

Regional Allotment:

- Regional allotment will be determined by the JOPC based on national participant numbers at the state championships. Regional percentage is based on the number of a region's participants as a percentage of the national numbers to achieve the target number of athletes qualified to the Junior Olympic National Championships
- The allotment will be announced on or about April 1.

Qualifying Score for the Junior Olympic Division:

- Any athlete who meets the published qualifying score for the Junior Olympic Division at the Regional Championships will qualify to the Junior Olympic National Championships
- Qualifying score for the Junior Olympic Division will be published on or about March 1.

Minimum Technical Sequence Score for the Junior Elite Division:

- An athlete must score at or above the Minimum Technical Sequence Qualifying score to be eligible to qualify to the Junior Elite Division at the Junior Olympic National Championships.
- Minimum TS score is required regardless of Regional Ranking.
- Minimum Technical Sequence Score will be published on or about March 1

Petitions: An athlete must meet the stated criteria in order to petition

- Junior Olympic Division: Petition criteria as published in the Men's Rules and Policies
- Junior Elite Division: Petition criteria as published in the Men's Rules and Policies plus have performed a minimum Technical Sequence score at a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event within the competitive season. The minimum TS score to be eligible to petition will be posted on or about March 1.

Note: For the 2013 JO National Championships an athlete may petition to the **JE Division** if they achieved the Technical Sequence Qualifying score at the Regional Championships but failed to qualify to the JE Division due to the Regional allotment. Athletes may also petition if they feel there are unusual or extenuating circumstances (other than competitive performance) that resulted in failure to qualify to the JE Division. In all cases the athlete must enter the JO Nationals at the Regional Championships in the Division in which he did qualify. If the petition is approved the athlete will be moved to the JE Division for competition at the JO National Championships.

B. Format Changes to the Regional Team Competition at the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships

The format for Regional Team Competition at the 2013 Junior Olympic National Championships will be changed to the following:

- Every participant at the Junior Olympic National Championships is a member of their Regional Team in their respective age group.
- The top three teams in Regional Team competition will be recognized in all four age group categories (11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18) using athletes from both the Junior Olympic and Junior Elite Divisions.
- Regional Team Scores will be determined using the top 5 scores from each event taken from the first day of optional competition.
- Regional Teams will be announced following the competitive session where all participants in that particular age group have completed their first day of optional competition.

C. State and Regional Championships Entry Fees

The **maximum** entry fee that can be charged at the 2013 State or Regional Championships is as follows:

1. State Championships:
 - One day of competition – compulsory, technical sequence or optional routines: \$100.00
 - Two days of competition – technical sequence plus optional routines: \$125.00
2. Regional Championships:
 - One day of competition – compulsory or optional routines: \$125.00
 - Two days of competition – technical sequence plus optional routines: \$150.00