



# Format and Entry Procedure 2019 Winter Cup Challenge February 15-17, Las Vegas, Nevada

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## Competition Format for the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

### Note the New Days for Competition for 2019

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#### Two Divisions: Junior Elite and Senior Elite

**February 15 (Friday): Session 1** – Junior Elite Division: Approximately 36 athletes plus approved petitions

- Junior FIG Rules (with no Junior Olympic modifications)
- Top 36 by USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program, age eligible athletes, rank All Around from the previous U.S. Championships (see Attachment C)
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria

**February 15 (Friday): Session 2** – Senior Division: Approximately 48 athletes plus approved petitions

- Senior FIG Rules with any USA/MPC approved exceptions
- All Senior Division athletes from the previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Junior Division athletes, who finished in the top 36 final all around results from the junior division at the previous U.S. Championships and who are no longer age eligible for the junior national team in 2018, are qualified into the senior division.
- Minimum of 12 athletes, rank order in All Around, from the MPC approved qualifying competitions – Final number TBD
- Individual Event athletes may petition for participation based on performance at one of the approved qualifying meets. Scores should demonstrate that the athlete is internationally competitive on an event(s)
- Only FIG senior age eligible athletes may qualify for or compete in the senior division.

**February 17 (Sunday): Finals Session** – Junior & Senior Division

- Seniors:
  - 28 Senior athletes competing in 4 squads using:
    - ✓ Top 28 athletes from Session 2 rank order using the 10 Point Program (Attachment B)
    - ✓ If 28 athletes do not receive points, then highest AA score from prelims not already qualified will be invited up to 28 athletes
    - ✓ MPC has ability to invite any athlete from Session 2 to participate in the finals based on extenuating circumstances

- Juniors:
  - Top 14 Junior AA from Session 1 (2 squads of 7) using Jr FIG rules
    - ✓ MPC has ability to invite any athlete from Session 1 to participate in the finals based on extenuating circumstances

## Qualification to the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

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**All Athletes:** All participants at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge must be United States citizens at the time that competition begins.

### Senior Division:

- All current Senior National Team members will be invited to participate in the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge.
- All Senior Division athletes who qualified (and registered to participate) to the 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships will be pre-qualified to participate in the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge.
- Junior Division athletes, who finished in the top 36 final all around results from the junior division at the previous U.S. Championships and who are no longer age eligible for the junior national team in 2019, are qualified into the senior division.
- Approved petitions – see Petitions Section
- The remaining athletes will qualify to participate in the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge based on all around placement in the final results at each of the following competitions:
  1. West Point Open: January 11, 2019 – College Session/Elite Prelims
  2. Rocky Mountain Open: January 12, 2019 – Open Team and Elite Session
  3. Stanford Open: January 19, 2019 – NCAA, Elite Session
  4. Windy City Invite January 19, 2019 – Elite/NCAA Session

**Note:** A minimum of 12 athletes – excluding athletes pre-qualified to the Winter Cup (list from attachment C) - will qualify to participate at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge from the qualifying competitions. Number of athletes from each competition will be determined and posted no later than December 14, 2018. The final registration date for all athletes who qualify to the Winter Cup Challenge by all around results is Tuesday, January 30, 2019. No Winter Cup entries will be accepted after that date.

### Junior Division:

- Top 36 USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program, age eligible athletes, using the rank All Around results from the 2018 U.S. Championships.
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria
- Approved petitions: see Petitions section.

### Petitions:

Only the following types of petitions to participate in the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge will be considered by the MPC.

1. Athletes who were injured or, due to an unusual circumstance, were not able to participate in any of the events used for qualification ranking will have the opportunity to petition by submitting previous years' scores from past Winter Cup Challenge or U.S. Championships that show them to be highly competitive in the field.
2. An athlete who believes that his individual event(s) result(s) from one of the events listed above place him at a level that is competitive for an individual event medal at the 2019 World Championships may file a petition.

Petitions for bullet point 1 must be received by the **USA Gymnastics Vice President for the Men's Program no later than December 7, 2018, in order to be considered.** Petitions for bullet point 2 must be received within 48 hours of the conclusion of the applicable qualifying event.

## Competition Rules

The following documents will be used:

- FIG *Code of Points* –the current FIG version which can be found at [http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/mag/CoP\\_MAG\\_2017-2020\\_ICI-e.pdf](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/mag/CoP_MAG_2017-2020_ICI-e.pdf) plus any official Men’s Technical Committee Newsletters.
- Most recent USAG/NGJA Rules Interpretations which can be found at <http://www.ngja.org/>
- Note – there will be no special USA Bonus used at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge.
- Senior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for seniors
- Junior Division athletes will use the FIG *Code of Points* rules for juniors with no USA Gymnastics age group competition program exceptions.
- The FIG competition apparel rules will be in effect (**i.e. – no dark colored competition pants**).
- A Broken Hand Guard rule will apply, i.e., a retrieval for the breaking of a hand guard or dowel is allowed, at the discretion of the head judge.
- Matting:
  - Horizontal Bar: The use of an 8-inch (20 cm) safety mat under horizontal bar is allowed for release moves. Additionally, the use of an 8-inch (20 cm) safety mat for dismounts is allowed for the Winter Cup (as per additional matting below).
  - Use of a 10 cm on top of the 20 cm base mat is required for landings on Vault and on both sides of Horizontal Bar. This matting configuration can be changed according to the additional matting allowance noted below; however, the 20 cm base mat must remain in place and the minimum of 30 cm is required.
  - Additional Matting:
    - FX Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed – mat cannot be moved once in place. Matting may be used only for landings – no value skills may be initiated on the additional matting.
    - SR Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed (maximum 30 cm)
    - V 30 cm mats required, up to 20 cm additional will be allowed (maximum 50 cm)
    - PB Up to 10 cm additional will be allowed
    - HB 30 cm mats are required, up to 20 cm additional allowed (maximum 50 cm)

## Basic Event Schedule

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### See Attachment D

## Senior National Team Selection

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12 athletes will be placed on the Senior National Team following the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge according to the following criteria:

1. The top six (6) All-Around athletes, excluding automatically selected athlete (note below), based on rank order final results from day 1 of competition (February 15) at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge.
2. The Men’s Program Committee will select 6 athletes from the participants at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge or petitioned athletes, with the following contingencies:
  - The MPC will consider the Winter Cup Competitive results from the combined results of two days of competition, the 10 Points Program results based on two days of competition and qualified petitions to select six athletes.
  - Only petitions based on injury, or in the case of a current Senior National Team member, unusual situation or occurrence, will be considered.
  - Based on his World Championships results, Sam Mikulak will be automatically selected to the National Team if he participates at the 2019 Winter Cup and qualifies to the Winter Cup finals.

## 2019 Winter Cup Entry Procedure

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- **Registration for the 2019 Winter Cup will begin November 1, 2018 for all pre-qualified athletes (Attachment C).**
- Entry into the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge will be made through the USA Gymnastics on-line portal. Entry instructions can be found in **Attachment A**
- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will end December 7, 2018. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 7.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 30.**
- Entry fees are non-refundable with the exception of athletes who withdraw prior to January 30, 2019.
- An athlete who withdraws will be replaced by the next highest ranked qualified athlete in his respective competition division until February 4. The competition draw for starting event at the Winter Cup Challenge will be conducted on February 5. No athlete will be replaced after February 4.

**Special note:** Entry in the BlackJack Invitational does not constitute entry to the Winter Cup. All Winter Cup Challenge entries must use the procedure noted in this document.

### Off-Site Training

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Off-site training will be available to all Winter Cup Participants on February 12, 13, and 14. The off-site training schedule is included on **Attachment D**, the Event Schedule.

Off-site training will be hosted by:

Gymcats Gymnastics  
440 S. Parkson  
Henderson, NV 89011  
(702) 566-1414

# Attachment A

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## How to Register for the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

Registration for the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge will begin and end according to the following:

- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will begin on November 1, and end December 7, 2018. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 7.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through All Around competition ends January 30.**

The entry fee to enter the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge is \$150. Only one coach per athlete, with a maximum of two coaches per club, is permitted to register for the event.

All athletes **and** coaches must be registered by a Club Administrator through the USA Gymnastics online portal. Athletes and coaches will be unable to register unless they have a valid USA Gymnastics membership. Club administrators – use the following instructions to register athletes and coaches for the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge:

- Log into your USA Gymnastics Membership record
- Click on “Member Services” at the top of the web page
- Click on “Club Administration” – a drop down will show
- Click on “Group Processing”
- Click the drop down in the middle of the page and choose “Register for a Camp or Competition”
- Click the next drop down and choose “Men’s Winter Cup Challenge”
- Look for your name on the list and choose the options you would like to register for
- Click “Submit” - From here, it will take you to the payment site.

For consideration of an additional coach, an Additional Coaches Credential Form must be submitted with a \$50 fee. [Click here for form](#). DO NOT REGISTER ADDITIONAL COACHES. APPROVED ADDITIONAL COACHES WILL BE REGISTERED BY USA GYMNASTICS.

Programs that are considering bringing their own athletic trainer must complete an Additional Coaches Credential Form and submit payment for \$50. Approved athletic trainers will not have access to the competition floor or corals and will have to remain in the stands. A submission does not guarantee that a trainer will be approved.

If you have any technical difficulties in registering, please contact Scott Allen at [sallen@usagym.org](mailto:sallen@usagym.org).

For any other questions or inquiries, please contact Lisa Mendel at [lmendel@usagym.org](mailto:lmendel@usagym.org).

# Attachment B

## POINTS SYSTEM FOR 2019 WINTER CUP CHALLENGE

### *MPC Approved 10 Point System*

- Top 10 athletes on each event will receive points from the Preliminary Competition and again from the Finals Competition at the Winter Cup Challenge. The points from each day of competition will be added together to create the athletes Final Points Total.
- Points will be awarded on each event according to the following:

First place	= 11 points	Sixth place	= 5 points
Second place	= 10 points	Seventh place	= 4 points
Third place	= 9 points	Eighth place	= 3 points
Fourth place	= 7 points	Ninth place	= 2 points
Fifth place	= 6 points	Tenth place	= 1 point
- Athletes who tie for individual events will be awarded duplicate points with the next point total being skipped. (Example: tie for individual event third – both athletes awarded 9 points, the next highest-ranking athlete receives fifth place points and is awarded 6 points)
- The points awarded for the six events will be totaled for each athlete each day. An athlete's day one and day two competitive points will be totaled for that athlete's Final Points results.

In the case of a tie for the last position by the Final Points, ties will be broken by:

1. The athletes highest single event points total, if still tied then,
2. The athletes two highest event points total and so on until all six event totals are considered, if still tied then,
3. The same process will be used in #1, #2, #3, and #4 using the lowest single E (presentation) score (deductions) from the competitive results.

# Attachment C

## Pre-Qualified Athletes

### Senior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

**Note:** This list does not include Senior National Team members

\* Indicates athletes who finished top 36 in the Junior Division at the 2018 U.S. Championships who must compete in the Senior Division at the 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

*Pre-Qualified athletes must register by December 7 to confirm participation*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Anderson, Levi	University of Oklahoma
Bennet, Huang	University of Iowa
Breckenridge, Grant	Stanford University
Brodarzon, Jake	University of Iowa
Crigger, Kyte	UC - Berkeley
Davis, Evan*	University of Iowa
De Los Angeles, Adrian	USOTC Gymnastics
Delbridge, Seth	Ohio State University
Diab, Alex	University of Illinois
Doherty-Herwitz, Liam*	Brestyan's American Gymnastics
Duran, Tristan	University of Minnesota
Dyer, Gage	University of Oklahoma
Fletcher, Michael*	University of Illinois
Goodell, Spencer*	University of Oklahoma
Guimaraes, Vitaliy*	University of Oklahoma
Jeffreys, William	eNeRGyKidz
Justus, Tanner	University of Oklahoma
King, Kyle	University of Nebraska
Leon, Angel*	Ohio State University
Loos, Riley*	Technique Gymnastics
Mannon, Ellis	University of Minnesota
Melton, Sean	Ohio State University
Moore, Jacob	University of Michigan
Nedoroscik, Stephen	Penn State University
Neff, Robert	Stanford University
Penev, Kevin*	University of Michigan
Quiana, Sebastian	University of Illinois
Schaal, Tyler	Universal Gymnastics
Stephens, Jalon	University of Minnesota
Stephenson, Anthony	University of Nebraska
Suzuki, Genki	University of Oklahoma
Vernyi, Alexei	University of Oklahoma
Watts, Kiwan	Arizona State University
Whittenburg, Donnell	USOTC Gymnastics
Wilson, Blake*	SCEGA Gymnastics
Wiskus, Shane	University of Minnesota

## Attachment C - continued

### Junior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2019 Winter Cup Challenge

**Note: Pre-Qualified athletes must register by December 7 to confirm participation**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Ah Chow, Justin	Universal Gymnastics
Benas, Fuzzy	EnRich Gymnastics
Bischoff, Jeremy	Wallers GymJam Academy
Bold, Crew	TAG USA Gymnastics
Briones, Brandon	Aspire Kids Sports Center
Burkhart, Taylor	5280 Gymnastics North
Chou, John	Cypress Academy
Christopulos, Taylor	USA Gymnastics World
Cormier, Matt	Massachusetts Elite Gymnastics Academy
Drake, Isaiah	Gymnastics Olympica USA
Freeman, Jack	Cypress Academy
Gamboa, Raydel	North Valley Gymnastics
Giordano, Noah	5280 Gymnastics
Hauke, Will	DeVeau's School of Gymnastics
Hewitt, Donovan	Paragon NTC
Jaroh, Michael	Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy
Johnson, Cannon	US Gymnastics Development Center II
Juda, Paul	Buffalo Grove Gymnastics
Kuebler, Nicolas	Metropolitan Gymnastics
Martin, Zachary	Elevate Gymnastics
Myers, Logan	5280 Gymnastics
Nguyen, Brandon	Elevate Gymnastics
Phillips, Curran	Prairie Gymnastics
Phillips, Samuel	Gymnastics Olympica USA
Puri, Rithik	Lakeshore Academy
Rockwood, Tyler	Hocking Valley Gymnastics
Simmons, Daniel	Cypress Academy
Tiderman, Zachary	OMEGA Gymnastics
Walker, Colt	AcroTex Gymnastics
Williams, Jordan	Arizona State University
Wooten, Adam	Harpeth School of Gymnastics
Young, Khoi	Sportsplex Gymnastics
Zavela, Oliver	Crenshaw Athletic Club



# Attachment D

## EVENT SCHEDULE

Tentative and Subject to Change

### Tuesday February 12

10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Training	Gym Cats Gymnastics
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### Wednesday February 13

10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Training	Gym Cats Gymnastics
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### Thursday FEBRUARY 14

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Training	Gym Cats Gymnastics
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Registration	South Point Hotel Arena
4:30 p.m.	Technical Meeting for Coaches & Judges	South Point Hotel Arena
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Training	South Point Hotel Arena

### Friday FEBRUARY 15

#### Session I

10:50 a.m.	Open Warm-up	South Point Hotel Arena
12:50 p.m.	Assemble for March-in	South Point Hotel Arena
1:00 p.m.	Competition Begins	South Point Hotel Arena
4:00 p.m.	Competition Concludes	

#### Session II

4:20 p.m.	Open Warm-up	South Point Hotel Arena
6:20 p.m.	Assemble for March in	South Point Hotel Arena
6:30 p.m.	Competition Begins	South Point Hotel Arena
9:30 p.m.	Competition Concludes	

### Saturday FEBRUARY 16

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Training <i>Winter Cup Finals Participants Only</i>	South Point Hotel Arena
3:00 pm	Media Interviews	South Point Hotel Arena

### Sunday FEBRUARY 17

#### Session III

5:00 p.m.	Open Warm-up	South Point Hotel Arena
7:05 p.m.	Assemble for March in	South Point Hotel Arena
7:15 p.m.	Competition Begins	South Point Hotel Arena
9:30 p.m.	Competition Ends	
9:45 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	

Off-site training location:

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