



Format and Entry Procedure

2020 Winter Cup Challenge & Elite Team Cup

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Qualification to the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge

All Athletes: All participants at the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge must be United States citizens at the time that competition begins.

Senior Division:

- Current National Team members
- 2019 Pan American Games Team members
- Top three (3) All-Around Senior Division athletes not already qualified in from the previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Top three (3) Senior Division athletes from Points Program not already qualified in from the previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Top four (4) All-Around, senior age-eligible Junior Division athletes from previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Approved petitions – see Petitions Section
- Minimum of 16 senior age-eligible athletes, four (4) from each qualifying event, not already qualified in (see Attachment A), will qualify to participate in the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge based on all-around placement in the final results at each of the following competitions:
 1. West Point Open: January 10, 2020
 2. Rocky Mountain Open: January 11, 2020
 3. Windy City Invite January 18, 2020
 4. Stanford Open: January 25, 2020
- Should a pre-qualified athlete or a qualified athlete from one of the Qualifying events drops out and the number of senior athletes drops below 42, said athlete will be replaced by the next ranking athlete from the combined all-around scores from all Qualifying events.

Note: The final registration date for all Senior Elite athletes who qualify to the Winter Cup Challenge via the qualifying competitions is **Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. No Winter Cup entries will be accepted after that date.

Elite Team Cup Division:

- 9 Regional Teams of 6 gymnasts
- Pre-qualified athletes from the 2019 U.S. Gymnastics Championships Junior Division competition who:
 - Are not selected to compete for their regional team
 - Are age eligible to compete in the Junior Age Group Program in 2020
 - Does not represent an NCAA institution with a varsity program or a collegiate team that participates in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships
- Athletes approved by MPC from the Level 9 training camp held the previous fall per MPC criteria
- The final registration date for all age-eligible pre-qualified Junior Elite athletes from the 2019 U.S. Gymnastics Championships who do not make their Elite Team Cup Regional Team is **Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. No Winter Cup entries will be accepted after that date.

Petitions to the Senior Division:

Only the following types of petitions to participate in the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge will be considered by the MPC.

1. An athlete whom was injured or, due to an unusual circumstance, was 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 him 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 2020 Olympic Games may file a petition.

Petitions for bullet point 1 must be received by the **USA Gymnastics Vice President for the Men's Program or the High Performance Director no later than December 9, 2019, 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 Format for the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge

Two Divisions: Elite Team Cup and Senior Elite

February 20: Day 1 – Elite Team Cup:

- Junior FIG Rules (with no Junior Olympic modifications)
- 2020 Winter Cup Challenge pre-qualified athletes will be added to this session
- All six (6) members of each of the Elite Team Cup Regional Teams may designate that they will compete in the all-around to attempt to qualify into the top 14 for Day 2 of competition. Five (5) will be designated for team score on each event.
- 9 Rotations: 6 events with 3 byes
- 6-5-4 Format designed for team score
- Athletes pre-qualified to Winter Cup Challenge may compete all-around to qualify into top 14 for Day 2 of competition

February 20: Day 1 – Senior Division: Approximately 42 athletes plus approved petitions

- Senior FIG Rules with any USA/MPC approved exceptions
- Current National Team members
- 2019 Pan American Games Team members
- Top three (3) All-Around Senior Division athletes not already qualified in from the previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Top three (3) Senior Division athletes from Points Program not already qualified in from the previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Top four (4) All-Around, senior age-eligible Junior Division athletes from previous U.S. Championships (Attachment C)
- Minimum of four (4) athletes, rank order in All-Around, from each of the four (4) MPC approved qualifying competitions – Final number 16
- 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 22: Day 2 – 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

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 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 2020 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 at Winter Cup Challenge (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)

Senior National Team Selection

12 athletes will be placed on the Senior National Team following the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge according to the following criteria:

1. The top six (6) All-Around athletes base on rank order final results from Day 1 of competition (February 20) at the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge.
2. The Men’s Program Committee will select six (6) athletes from the participants of the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge and submitted petitions, with the following contingencies:
 - The MPC will consider the Winter Cup Challenge competitive results from the combined results of two days of competition, the 10-Point Program results based on two days of competition and qualified petitions to select six (6) athletes.
 - Only petitions based on injury, or in the case of a current National Team member, unusual situation or occurrence, will be considered.

2020 Winter Cup Entry Procedure

- **Registration for the 2020 Winter Cup will begin November 5, 2019 for all pre-qualified athletes (Attachment C).**
- Entry into the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge will be made through the USA Gymnastics on-line Meet Reservation system. Entry instructions can be found in **Attachment A**
- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will end December 9, 2019. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 9.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through a qualifying competition ends January 28.**
- Entry fees are non-refundable with the exception of athletes who withdraw prior to January 28, 2020.
- An athlete who withdraws will be replaced by the next highest ranked qualified athlete in his respective competition division until February 14. The competition draw for starting event at the Winter Cup Challenge will be conducted on or about February 10. After the competition draw is conducted, and up until February 14, athletes who withdraw will be replaced but the replacement athlete will go into the draw competition slot of the athlete who withdraws. No athlete will be replaced after February 14.

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

Attachment A

How to Register for the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge

Registration for the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge will begin and end according to the following:

- Entry for all pre-qualified athletes and approved petitions will begin on November 5, and end December 9, 2019. **No entries of pre-qualified athletes will be accepted after December 9.**
- **Entry for all additional athletes who qualify through a qualifying event competition ends January 28.**

The entry fee to enter the 2020 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. All athletes 18 years of age and older must have completed the U110 Safe Sport course or completed its refresher course.

Club Administrators- The USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System will be utilized to register athletes and coaches for the 2020 Winter Cup Challenge.

Instructions to register athletes and coaches:

- Log into your USA Gymnastics Membership record
- Click on "Club Administration" on left side of page
- On drop down, Click on "Meet Reservation" – a drop down will show
- Set search up for Men's discipline and NV
- Click on "2020 Winter Cup Challenge"
- Follow prompts to complete reservation process

Note that if an athlete or coach's name does not show up on your roster, the member does not have a valid membership.

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 team 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 an athletic trainer will be approved.

If you have any technical difficulties in registering, please contact the USA Gymnastics help desk at helpdesk@usagym.org.

For any other questions or inquiries, please contact Lisa Mendel at lmendel@usagym.org.

Attachment B

POINTS SYSTEM FOR 2020 WINTER CUP CHALLENGE

MPC Approved 10 Point System

- Top 10 athletes on each event will receive points from Day 1 Competition and again from Day 2 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.

Attachment C

Pre-Qualified Athletes

Senior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2020 Winter Cup Challenge

Name	Program
Anderson, Levi	University of Oklahoma
Bock, Cameron	University of Michigan
Bower, Allan	University of Oklahoma
Braunton, Garrett	Cypress Academy
Breckenridge, Grant	Stanford University
Burkhart, Taylor	5280 Gymnastics
de los Angeles, Adrian	U.S.O.P.T.C.
Diab, Alex	University of Illinois
Dyer, Gage	University of Oklahoma
Howard, Trevor	Ohio State University
Kuebler, Nicolas	Metropolitan Gymnastics
Loos, Riley	Stanford University
Malone, Brody	Stanford University
Melton, Sean	Ohio State University
Mikulak, Samuel	U.S.O.P.T.C.
Modi, Akash	Stanford University
Moldauer, Yul	University of Oklahoma
Nedoroscik, Stephen	Penn State University
Neff, Robert	U.S.O.P.T.C.
Suzuki, Genki	University of Oklahoma
Van Wicklen, Colin	University of Oklahoma
Walker, Colt	AcroTex
Wang, Timothy	U.S. Air Force/U.S.O.P.T.C.
Whittenburg, Donnell	U.S.O.P.T.C.
Wiskus, Shane	University of Minnesota
Yoder, Alec	Ohio State University

Attachment C - continued

Junior Division Athletes Pre-Qualified to 2020 Winter Cup Challenge

Name	Program
Artlip, Michael	Houston Gymnastics Center
Bischoff, Jeremy	Waller's GymJam Academy
Blixt, Landen	Infinity Gymnastics
Boder, Ethan	GymTek Academy
Christopoulos, Taylor	USA Gymnastics World
Cormier, Matthew	Massachusetts Elite Gym Acad
Drake, Isaiah	Gymnastics Olympica USA
English, Zachary	Palmetto Gymnastics
Giordano, Noah	5280 Gymnastics
Hale, Dallas	WOGA
Hong, Asher	Cypress Academy
Kogan, Mikey	Buffalo Grove Gymnastics
Kuzmenchuk, Alek	Paragon Gymnastics
Lasic-Ellis, Ian	Massachusetts Elite Gym Acad
Lee, Cameron	WOGA
Lukasik, Steven	La Fleur's Tampa
Mandava, Vishal	Cypress Academy
Martin, Zachary	Elevate Gymnastics
McFarland, Luke	Daggett's Gymnastics
Myers, Logan	5280 Gymnastics
Nelson, Kameron	Arrow Athletic Center
Nguyen, Brandon	Elevate Gymnastics
Nunez, Zachary	Cypress Academy
Olinger, Max	Buffalo Grove Gymnastics
Puri, Rithik	Lakeshore Academy
Richard, Frederick	Massachusetts Elite Gym Acad
Shimizu, Tyler	West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy
Simmons, Daniel	Cypress Academy
Tarca, Nicholas	Premier Athletics Knoxville N
Tiderman, Zac	OMEGA
Young, Khoi	Sportsplex Gymnastics
Zavel, Oliver	Crenshaw Athletic Club