



## 2022 Elite National Qualifiers Bid Information

If you are interested in hosting a USA Gymnastics 2022 Elite National Qualifier, bids must be received by **July 15, 2021**. Please send them to Annie Heffernon at [aheffernon@usagym.org](mailto:aheffernon@usagym.org).

### Requirements:

- A. Elite National Qualifiers may be conducted in conjunction with an invitational. The preferred weekends are:
  - 1. January 21-23, 2022
  - 2. January 28-30, 2022
  - 3. February 11-13, 2022
  - 4. February 18-20, 2022
  - 5. March 11-13, 2022
  - 6. April 8-10, 2022
  - 7. June 10-12, 2022
  
- B. Elite National Qualifiers must offer at least 3 sessions of optional competition and 2 sessions of compulsories.
  - 1. Optional competitions are to be conducted in the traditional format with no more than 32 judgments in each optional session. (Although you can allow 36 to register per session since we know there will most likely be scratches).
  - 2. Compulsory competition may be conducted in the Capital Cup format with no more than 40 judgments per session.
  - 3. Competitions (Optional and Compulsory) must be conducted on consecutive days.
  
- C. The host club will collect entry fees.
  - 1. \$125.00 entry fee for Optional competition.
  - 2. \$75.00 for Compulsory competition.
  - 3. \$200.00 for both Compulsory and Optional.
  - 4. Meet hosts **MUST** submit athlete entry-fee refunds, regardless of the reason, for withdrawn athletes up until four weeks prior to the first scheduled day of competition. This date must be published in the pre-meet information. After the published date, refunds are not required but are at the discretion of the Meet Director.

- D. All expenses associated with the competition are the responsibility of the host club. In addition, the host club must pay expenses (flight, hotel, rental car, food) for one USA Gymnastics representative to be on hand during the competition to oversee the event.
- E. Competition date and site must be approved by the IEC.
- F. Final competition schedule must be approved by the Vice President of Women's Program.
- G. Webcast/web streaming/televising of the competition must be approved by USA Gymnastics prior to the event.
- H. FIG Brevet pool of Classic/Championships judges must be used for the Optional competition. A list of approved Brevet Judges will be provided to you upon awarding of your bid.
- I. Elite National Qualifiers are to be conducted with the following equipment specifications:
1. FIG equipment specifications will be used for the International Level competitors with some adjustments.
  2. In addition to the 20 cm of matting in the dismount areas an additional 10 cm of matting must be used and NOT moved.
  3. For beam, there will be a designated dismount area which cannot be changed.
  4. Supplemental Matting
    - a. Up to two of either manufactured sting mats or 10 cm mats are allowed to be placed separately on the Floor Exercise area. Whenever additional matting is placed on the Floor Exercise area and covers any portion of the boundary line(s), the mat must be clearly marked with tape or chalk to indicate the actual boundary line(s). Mats can be removed or left in place.
    - b. Note: Floor matting must be placed prior to the floor routine starting. A mat cannot be added once the routine has started.
    - c. Senior, Junior International, and Hopes Level athletes may use a skill cushion (maximum thickness of 8") in addition to the 20 cm (-2 cm tolerance) competition landing mat for release elements on bars. Matting must be removed after release move.
    - d. Senior, Junior International, and Hopes Level athletes may place a manufactured sting or 10 cm mat under the bars during competition in addition to the 20 cm base mat. This matting cannot be moved or on top of the 10 cm landing mat.
  5. Only manufactured 100 x 120 cm Round Off Entry mats are allowed for use in front of the vaulting board for hand placement on Round off entry vaults.
  6. Uneven Bars heights may not be raised above or lowered from FIG specifications. The spread of the uneven bars should be 180 cm. Bars will be marked and a 0.50 deduction will be taken for any gymnast working beyond specifications.
    - Bar height increases are allowed in the following case in line with FIG rules:
      - At the increased height the inner diagonal distance between the bars shall be not more than 182 max\* 1.0 cm
      - Height increases of 10 cm shall be allowed in competitions for gymnasts who touch the mat with their feet during the exercise. This must be announced to the organizers at the time of the entry and verified by the designated judge (Meet referee) during the training/warm-up. Equipment suppliers / Organizers must provide trained staff for a safe, fast and competent height increment if necessary.

7. For the International level athletes, there will be two spring board configurations used at Vault -- Six springs (3-1-2) and 8 springs (3-3-2). Beam and Bars will use only one board (soft). Springs may not be moved or replaced.
  8. For the HOPES athletes, there will be two spring board configurations used at Vault. A five (2-1-2) and six spring (3-1-2) for vault. For bars and beam boards you may remove springs to adjust to the Hopes athlete. You must return the spring as soon as your athlete is finished on that event.
- J. Equipment suppliers / Organizers must provide trained staff for a safe, fast and competent height increment if necessary.
1. There will be two spring board configurations used at vault. Beam and bars will use only one board (soft). Six spring (3---1---2) and 8 springs (3---3---2). Springs may not be moved or replaced. Spring configuration may be altered for the HOPES athletes.
  2. The 10 cm mat on vaulting must have FIG channel markings.

Please complete the following information by July 15, 2021 and return to Annie Heffernon at [aheffernon@usagym.org](mailto:aheffernon@usagym.org).

A sample contract will be sent to you upon receipt of this bid form.

Name of club: \_\_\_\_\_

If in conjunction with an invitational, what is the invitational? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of athletes in previous years competitions: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed dates of Elite Qualifier: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed venue for competition. Please include the square footage of

the competition area: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of meet director(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above requirements and responsibility for hosting the Elite National Qualifier in the best interest of the athletes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_