



2019 Region 5 Men's Championships Qualification Process

Qualification Process

Gymnasts may qualify to the 2019 Region 5 Championships in one of three ways:

State Allotment

The Region 5 Board has determined that we will be using an allotment system for athletes to qualify to the 2019 Region 5 Championships. **Questions regarding state allotment need to be addressed to your State Chairman.**

- There is no qualifying score at any level. Qualification is by rank order based on the attached state allotments.
- The allotment numbers for each state are based on the number of athletes reported by clubs through the USA Gymnastics Reservation system that had a deadline of February 01, 2019.
- To qualify to the Regional Championships, a gymnast must be listed on his clubs entry form and have placed with-in the allotment number.
- Qualifying athletes will be determined by rank order in the all-around during the State Championships.
 - Athletes that qualify must register and pay at the State Championships.
 - If a qualified athlete chooses not to attend, the State Chairman will go to the next athlete in the all-around to fill their allotment number.

Petitions:

- All approved petitions, **excluding "Petitions for injury during competition"** will be counted in the State's allotment number (any approved petition(s) will cause the equal number of athletes to be dropped out from the all-around advancement to regionals)
- Athletes who petition a State or Regional Championship should be able to prove, through score verification, that they would have easily qualified for the competition. The Region 5 guideline is that an athlete's submitted all-around scores **be at least two points higher than the last athlete in the state allotment** (this score will be determined at the conclusion of the session in which the athlete would have competed in his level/age group) and at least two different meet results must be submitted. Submitted scores should be actual copies of the meet results. This will assure that the athlete would have been able to achieve the score required for advancement at the State Championships.
- Petitions may only be submitted by the athlete's coach and all submitted petitions must meet protocol procedures and be fully documented for consideration.
 - Coaches are responsible for submitting **ALL** required documentation for the petition.
 - Petitions must be received by the State Chairmen (for Region 5 Championships) before the competition
 - actual copies of score sheets for the score verification
 - doctors' statement; and
 - coach's statement
 - Petitions should also include entry forms for the event being petitioned as well as the entry fees. Petitions that do not meet either the time or documentation requirements will not be accepted.
 - Petitions for athletes injured during a competition - follow USA Gymnastics guidelines as outlined in their R&P.
 - Petitions for non-injury petition – follow USA Gymnastics guidelines as outlined in their R&P.

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Petitions: *(continued)*

- Coaches will be informed of petition status (approval or denied) at the conclusion of the session in which the athlete would have competed in their level/age group.

Junior Elite Petitioning

- Junior Elites may still compete Technical Sequences only at their State Championships, but the coach must provide a petition (as outline in the petition session of this document) with all documentation excluding the doctor's statement. The petition will be approved or denied at the conclusion of the optional level being petitioned.

State Event Top 3 Athletes

- In each optional level/age group (as outlined in the USA Gymnastics JO Program, not as outlined by the State or Region - *example: Level 8 - 11/12 age group, 13/14 age group*). If any of the top 3 state event medalists did not place within the state allotment, they will have the option to advance to regionals as an **event specialist** and will not be included in the state allotment. They will only compete on the event(s) they were in the top 3 on at the State Championships.
- If the athlete chooses to participate in regionals, they will be put on their club's regional entry and pay the full entry fee.

Athletes Declining an Allotment Slot

- The State Chairman or meet director will need to request a list of clubs/athletes who will be declining their slot within the State's allotment during the coaches meeting at each session. Then the athletes declining their slot will be removed from the allotment list and the next athlete(s) in the all-around standing will be added. This will ensure each state has their allotment total filled.



2019 Region 5 Men's Championships Club's Registration Procedure & Checklist

1. Coaches must bring a **gym business check** to pay for the Regional entry fees. **There will be no refunds once the regional entry fee is paid.**
2. Prior to the State Championships, coaches should verify which of their athletes will attend the Regional Championships, if qualified.
3. Regional Championships Entry Forms must be completed prior to arriving at your State Championships.
4. Athletes must commit to attending the Regional Championships immediately following the Awards Ceremony for their competition group.
5. Registration for the Regional Championships will be handled by the coach, **not** by individual parents.

Coaches and Gym Owners, Please read this information carefully.

1. Registration (forms/payment to State Chairmen) of athletes to the Regional Championships will be handled by the coach.
2. The Regional Registration Table will be located next to the Scoring Table.
3. Coaches must verify with the athlete's parents whether he will attend the Regional Championships prior to approaching the Regional Registration Table
4. Parents will not be allowed to come to the Regional Registration Table and enter their child individually.
5. Placing coaches in charge of this procedure simplifies the Registration process considerably.

Coaches, bring the following items to State Championships:

_____ A business check from your gym to pay the entry fees

- Junior Olympic entry fee: \$135.00 per athlete
- Junior Elite entry fee: \$160.00 per athlete
- Team entry fee: \$ 40.00 per team level/age group

Make checks payable to: **Great Lakes Gymnastics Development Fund, Inc.**

_____ A list of all the athletes from your gym that will attend the Regional Championships, if they qualify.

Athlete Regional Entry Procedures

- This will be addressed during the coaches meeting at your State Championships.
- All entry fees must be paid to your State Chairmen, by check or cash by the end of the State Championships.