



PETITION PROCEDURE TO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AS DEFINED IN THE 2016-2017 USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S PROGRAM RULES AND POLICIES

**All petitions to the 2017 Regional Gymnastics Championships, Levels 8 through 10,
must be e-mailed or faxed to**

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***WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE COACH AND OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE DUE BY
5:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 20***

***ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS (PHYSICIAN'S NOTE) ARE DUE BY
5:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22***

IV. General Procedures for Petitions for USA Gymnastics Junior Competitions

- A. Petitions may be considered for the following reasons:
 - Injury, illness or family tragedy (e.g., death, natural disaster)
- B. If an athlete is injured prior to a qualifying meet, but is capable of competing in one, two or three events, she may compete in the qualifying meet without jeopardizing her right to petition to the next competition.
 - If a gymnast COMPLETES all four events in a qualifying meet, she is not eligible to petition and advance to the next competition.
- C. The coach (or club administrator) is responsible for submitting all necessary documentation for the petition on behalf of the petitioning athlete.
- D. Entry fees for petitioned athletes should be submitted by the entry deadline. If the petition is denied, the Meet Director must refund the entry fee within three weeks.
- E. Forms are posted on the USA Gymnastics website under Women's Program – Forms – Petition Forms – <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2015.pdf>.
- F. Specific procedures for State, Regional, Level 9 East/West Championships, and Level 10 National Championships are in the sections for those events.

11. Petitions To Regional Championships At Levels 8, 9 &10 (Also See General Rules For Petitions)

- a. There are NO petitions to Jr. Olympic Level 8 Regional Championships if qualification is by a percentage or by specific number.
- b. If a gymnast is unable to compete at the State Meet (or cannot compete in the All-Around at State Meet) due to injury or illness prior to or during the State Meet, her coach may petition the Regional Technical Committee Chairman (or Regional Technical Assistant, if so designated) to allow the athlete to directly enter the Regional Championships, if the following requirements are met and documentation is included with the petition form:
 - 1) A photocopy of at least one pre-state, sanctioned meet results from the current season (at the level to which they are petitioning) showing a score at least one point (1.00) greater than the regional qualifying score OR
 - a) Level 8: If the gymnast competed in the previous year's Jr. Olympic Level 8 Regional Championships and her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current Regional qualifying score, she may submit her last year's Regional score as her pre-State meet score.

- b) Level 9: A Level 9 gymnast may submit her previous year's Regional or East/West score as her pre- State meet score if her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current year's Level 9 Regional qualifying score.
 - c) Level 10: A Level 10 gymnast may submit either her previous year's Regional or National score as her pre- State meet score if her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current year's Level 10 Regional qualifying score.
 - 2) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
 - 3) Written request from the coach.
- c. If an athlete who is unable to compete at the State Championships (or cannot compete AA at State Meet) due to injury or illness is also lacking scores from both the current and last year's season due to injuries but has previously qualified to and competed in either Level 9/10 Regionals, Level 9 East/West, or Level 10 JO Nationals, an injury petition for the same level may be considered under special circumstances by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Regional Jr. Olympic Committee Chairman. If necessary, the State Administrative Committee Chairman and the National Chairmen (Jr. Olympic Committee and Technical Committee) will be consulted. The petition must include:
 - 1) A copy of the meet results must be included with the petition form. The scores from the previous Regional/National competition must be at least one point higher than the current Regional qualifying score.
 - 2) A current video that is sent to both Regional officers.
 - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
- d. The Regional Technical Committee Chairman (or her appointee) will handle the petition, in consultation with the Regional Jr. Olympic Committee Chairman and the State Administrative Committee Chairman. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman will make the decision.
- e. Special Considerations for Petitions to Level 9 or 10 Regional Championships

Any athlete currently competing Level 10 who has no Level 10 scores from the current season due to injury, but who had competed at or qualified to an Elite Challenge or Classic in the previous season, may petition to Level 10 Regionals. The injury petition will be considered under special circumstances by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and Regional Jr. Olympic Committee Chairman. If necessary, the State Administrative Committee Chairman, as well as the National Chairmen (Jr. Olympic Committee and Technical Committee) may be consulted. The petition form must be accompanied by the following:

 - 1) A copy of her Elite scores from the previous season.
 - 2) A current video must be sent to the two Regional officers.
 - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
- f. Deadlines For Petitions To Regional Championships:
 - 1) Coaches must notify their Regional Administrative Committee Chairman AND their Regional Technical Committee Chairman by FAX or e-mail NO LATER THAN the Monday following the State Championships of any athletes they intend to petition to their Regional meet.
 - 2) The complete Injury/Illness petition form (found online at <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2015.pdf>. The request in writing from the coach and official results are due the Monday following the State Championships by 5:00pm local time. All other required documents (physician's note) are due the Wednesday following the State Championships by 5:00pm local time. Also send a copy to the State Administrative Committee Chairman.
 - 3) The Entry form and fees must be sent directly to the Meet Director, specifically marked as "Petition pending". If the petition is denied, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman will contact the Meet Director, who will refund the entry fee.
 - 4) If the gymnast was injured at the State Championships, the entry fees and form should be given to the USA Gymnastics officer who is designated to collect Regional entries at the State meet, unless an electronic entry system is in place. (Fees will be returned within three weeks if the petition is not accepted.)
 - 5) The petitioner will be notified of the approval or denial of the petition by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman a minimum of one week prior to the Regional meet.
 - 6) The Regional Technical Committee Chairman will notify the Meet Director of the approval or denial of the petition.
 - 7) If a petition is accepted, but the gymnast is unable to compete, the coach must IMMEDIATELY notify both the Meet Director and the respective Regional Technical Committee Chairman.