

2018 USA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS TECHNICAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION

The schedule affords Junior Olympic competitors the opportunity to watch and support senior gymnasts vying for a spot on the U.S. National Team. Performances in the Greensboro Coliseum during the senior elite competition will also assist in determining the athletes who will represent the U.S. at the World Championships (trampoline and tumbling, and rhythmic gymnastics).

The USA Gymnastics Championships will name J.O. and elite national champions for all disciplines.

VENUE

Greensboro Coliseum Complex
1921 W Gate City Blvd.
Greensboro, NC 27403
336.373.7400
www.greensborocoliseum.com

EVENT WEBSITE

www.USAGymChamps.com

REGISTRATION

Registration for all participants will be handled at the Registration Office, located inside the main entrance of the Special Events Center. Registration will be done by club. One coach per club will pick up the club packet that will include: credentials, technical information and other items. It will be the responsibility of the club to distribute all information to the athletes. Lost credential fee is \$50.

The Registration Office will be open during the following dates/times.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>
Sunday, July 1	5 p.m.	8 p.m.
Monday, July 2	8:30 a.m.	8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 3	7:30 a.m.	7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 4	7:30 a.m.	7 p.m.
Thursday, July 5	7:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Friday, July 6	7:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 7	7:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.

SAFE SPORT

USA Gymnastics is committed to creating a culture that empowers and supports our athletes and focuses on our highest priority, their safety and well-being. We hope everything we do going forward makes this very clear.

USA Gymnastics is vigorously enforcing the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, which requires mandatory reporting, defines six types of misconduct and abuse, sets standards to prohibit grooming behavior and prevent inappropriate interaction, and establishes greater accountability. Other efforts include instituting a dedicated, toll-free number (833-844-SAFE), safe sport email address (safesport@usagym.org), and online reporting to make the reporting process easier and simpler; building a safe sport department that is developing a comprehensive education and training program for members; and adopting bylaw amendments to provide the basis for further developing our safe sport programs and governance. Additionally, the National Gymnastics Foundation has established an Athlete Assistance Fund to provide financial support for counseling services for any current or former gymnast who was a member of USA Gymnastics and suffered sexual abuse within the sport of gymnastics. For more information, go to phpAAFund.org.

USA Gymnastics is dedicated to building a positive, safe environment that encourages and supports our athletes, including speaking up about difficult topics. USA Gymnastics cannot do this alone. We need the member clubs, coaches, athletes, their parents, administrators and the gymnastics entire community to align their efforts to this important task. Together we can protect our athletes.

VENUES AND PARTICIPANT ENTRANCES

Coliseum Arena (elite venue) and Special Events Center (T&T and rhythmic J.O. venue)

Participants may access the competition venue through the credential entrance, which is located at the main entrance of Special Events Center.

The Fieldhouse (acrobatic J.O. venue)

Participants may access the competition venue through the main entrance of the Fieldhouse.

TICKETING

- **All-session Pass*** (Access to competition in Greensboro Coliseum and Special Events Center/Fieldhouse), \$95
- **Single-day Pass**** (Access to competition in Special Events Center/Fieldhouse and afternoon competition in Greensboro Coliseum), \$35
- **Thursday (7/5) evening session***** (Access to evening competition in Greensboro Coliseum), \$35
- **Friday (7/6) evening session***** (Access to evening competition in Greensboro Coliseum), \$35
- **Saturday (7/7) evening session***** (Access to evening competition in Greensboro Coliseum), \$40

*Ticket will be exchanged for a nontransferable wristband onsite.

**Not available for online purchase; ticket will be exchanged for a non-transferable wristband onsite to be used on a designated day.

***Doors open for evening sessions at 5:30 p.m.



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Special discount pricing for gym clubs is available until June 12. [Click here](#) to download the order form.

For more information contact:

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Greensboro Coliseum

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TRAINING

All training sessions are closed to spectators. Only credentialed participants will be granted access during training sessions.

CEREMONIES AND COMPETITION PROTOCOL

OPENING CEREMONIES – Athletes competing at the Coliseum Arena

All elite gymnasts are required to participate in the Opening Ceremonies prior to their competitive session. Competition leotards are the required attire. Athlete cooperation is requested in reporting promptly to the staging area in preparation for the march-in and introduction. All athletes are requested to follow the instructions given by the stage manager.

AWARDS CEREMONIES – Athletes competing at the Coliseum Arena

At the conclusion of competition, all competing athletes **MUST** return to the staging area to prepare for the awards ceremonies. All athletes are requested to cooperate, even if they are not participating in the awards ceremony. Athletes should be in their competitive attire.

AWARDS CEREMONIES – Athletes competing at the Special Events Center and the Fieldhouse

All awards ceremonies will take place in the awards room located in the west wing of the Special Events Center. At the conclusion of competition, all competing athletes **MUST** return to the athlete staging area in the awards room to prepare for the awards ceremonies. All athletes are requested to cooperate, even if they are not participating in the awards ceremony. Athletes should be in their competitive attire.

NON-COMPETING PARTICIPANT SEATING

All participants, who are not participating in the scheduled competition session, will be allowed to watch with the appropriate credential. At both competition venues, the seating is general admission. All participants must have their event credential to enter. Floor access will **NOT** be allowed to non-competing participants. This will be strictly enforced by Event Floor Managers.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition and training schedules, start lists, results and other event information will be available at USAGymChamps.com

MEDICAL TRAINERS

All of the competition venues will have a medical area that will be available for all athletes. Medical professionals will be present at all training and competition sessions.

MERCHANDISE AND PHOTO/VIDEO

Merchandise, including event t-shirts and leotards, will be available for purchase outside the competition area in the Special Event Center. Competition photos and videos will also be available for purchase in the same area.

ENTRIES

Entry fees are a flat fee of \$150 for 1-4 events. The entry deadline is May 29, 2018.

A step-by-step guide to register for this event is available at <https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=18319&prog=h>

NO CHANGES, REFUNDS, OR ADDITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER MAY 24, 2018.

Scratches should be submitted online by modifying your club's current entries through May 24, 2018. Scratches made from May 25, 2018, through June 22, 2018, should be submitted via the online registration system. Scratches submitted on or after June 22, 2018, must be done onsite.

Refunds will not be given for athletes who entered but do not qualify to the USA Gymnastics Championships.

MANDATORY COACHES' ORIENTATION MEETING

One coach from each club is required to attend a Coaches Meeting on Monday, July 2, at 8 p.m. in the West Wing of the Special Event Center. The first half of the meeting will be for coaches of all disciplines, followed by discipline-specific meetings.

D FORMS

Junior Olympic Levels 7-9

One copy of each D form must be turned by the following deadlines.

- Option 1: Due by email by Thursday, June 21.
- Option 2: Hard copies due by the close of registration Monday, July 2.

Emailed D forms should be sent to jvincent@usagym.org with one (1) email per club and a subject line that clearly states the club name and D forms for USA Gymnastics Championships.

As indicated in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Rules & Policies, any D forms received after the above deadlines will be subject to a \$20/form late fee. Emailed forms will NOT be accepted after Thursday, June 21. Forms received onsite after the close of registration on July 2 will be charged the \$20 per form late fee without exception. All forms must be computerized, and per the Rules & Policies, handwritten forms are not allowed.

Elite: D forms will not be used for this competition.

MUSIC

Junior Olympic Levels 7-9

CDs are due at the time of registration, and one club representative turns in all CDs. All clubs must bring two sets of CDs to the event for each athlete or group for each apparatus and turn one set of the CDs in at the time of registration. The coach retains the second CD as a backup.

Credentials for the entire club will not be given until the club representative submits all of the CDs for the entire club. This means that the coach/club representative must collect all CDs for the Level 7-9 gymnasts prior to checking in at the registration desk.

CDs should be labeled as followed:

- Club Name;
- Athlete Last Name, First Name;
- Apparatus.

Elite

Music must be submitted by email to jvincent@usagym.org by Sunday, June 10.

- Max size – 10MB
- File format – mp3
- File name – LastName_FirstName_Club_Apparatus.mp3
 - Example: Jones_Suzi_RhythmicsInc_Ball.mp3

Note: Elite athletes must also bring a set of CDs to the event as a backup.

QUALIFICATION

Junior Olympics

Levels 7-9 qualified through Regional Championships in accordance with the Rules and Policies

Elite

25 juniors/hopes athletes. The max of 25 in the field includes both the top 25 juniors/hopes from the 2018 National Qualifier and those junior athletes per the Rhythmic Gymnastics Rules and Policies from international selection. The total number of qualified juniors/hopes will not exceed 25.

20 seniors. The max of 20 in the field includes the top 20 seniors from the 2018 National Qualifier and those senior athletes per the Rhythmic Gymnastics Rules and Policies from international selection. The total number of qualified seniors will not exceed 20.

COACHES & OFFICIALS

Coaches, judges and officials who are professional members will be issued credentials. No pending pro memberships will be allowed. Coaches must register online for the 2018 USA Gymnastics Championships. No coach changes may be made after the registration deadline. No hospitality will be provided for coaches.

RULES

Level 9 and Level 10 Elite competition will follow the current FIG Code of Points and Levels 7 and 8 will follow the Rhythmic J.O. Handbook. Inquiries will be handled according to the Rhythmic Gymnastics Rules and Policies

DRUG TESTING

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) will conduct drug testing for select trampoline and rhythmic athletes at the USA Gymnastics Championships. Drug testing will take place after the final session on Saturday, July 7. Athletes will be notified immediately following competition if they have been chosen for drug testing.

If an athlete is currently taking any medication that may be on the banned substance list, the athlete and/or parent/guardian should call the USADA Drug Reference phone line at 719-875-2000 or visit globaldro.com for verification. There are many over-the-counter medications, such as cold medicines, that are banned substances. It is important to call the drug reference line with any questions regarding this important issue or to speak with the medical doctor or trainer onsite at your venue. **DO NOT** leave this to chance. Use of methods or substances prohibited by any applicable anti-doping rules may be subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. Possible doping violations will be managed by USADA protocol.

COACH ATTIRE

All coaches must wear club or athletic apparel with athletic shoes to be on the competition floor. No national team apparel that bears the USA flag or a national team logo may be worn at any time during training, warm-up or competition at the USA Gymnastics Championships. This includes warm-ups, t-shirts, competitive apparel, backpacks, duffle bags, etc. National team attire may not be worn even if the logo or flag has been covered. Unless otherwise requested by Caroline Hunt, the program director, please leave all national team apparel/accessories at home.

The following dress code must be followed during all training, warm-up and competition sessions. Violators will be asked to leave the event floor or training/warm-up area.

- Warm-up pants, long pants or capri length pants only. No shorts are allowed.
- Team polo shirt or team t-shirt. Warm-up jackets are optional.
- Gym /athletic shoes are required. No flip-flops.
- No denim allowed.
- No caps or hats allowed.

ATHLETE ATTIRE

All athletes must be in club or athletic apparel, and rhythmic gymnasts will be permitted to wear leotards that bear the American flag. With the exception of the leos, no national team apparel that bears the USA flag or a national team logo may be worn at any time during training, warm-up, or competition at the USA Gymnastics Championships. This includes warm-ups, t-shirts, backpacks, duffle bags, etc. National team attire may not be worn even if the logo or flag has been covered. Unless otherwise requested by your program director, please leave all national team apparel/accessories at home.

Athletes are required to wear competition apparel for all awards ceremonies.

AWARDS

Junior Olympic Level Competition

Awards for each age group will be given out for first through sixth place for each event and the all-around.

Level 7-9 Regional Teams

The top three teams for Level 7, Level 8, and Level 9 will receive awards.

Hopes Competition (if applicable):

Awards will be given out for first through third for the all-around only.

Junior Elite Level Competition

Awards will be given out for first through third place for each event and the all-around. The top eight athletes in the all-around will be named to the U.S. Junior National Team. Results will be based on the total of four event scores. Juniors will compete in four events, which serve as both the event and all-around finals. A Youth Olympic Games (YOG) qualification session will be held on Saturday, July 7. The top five gymnasts from the all-around finals with a birth year of 2003 will be eligible for this additional day of competition. The YOG selection procedures have complete details regarding YOG athlete selection.

Senior Elite Level Competition

Awards will be given out for first through third place for each event and the all-around. The top eight athletes in the all-around will be named to the U.S. Senior National Team. Results will be based on total of eight event scores. Seniors will have two rotations during the all-around qualification. The evening session rotation will feature the top 10 finishers from the senior Rhythmic Challenge. The morning session will include the remaining athletes who qualified through the National Qualifier. The all-around qualification serves as the event finals. The top 12 from the all-around qualification rankings (first four events) will advance to the all-around final.

Elite Coach of the Year

Ballots will be distributed to elite clubs at the time of registration, and completed ballots must be submitted to Jayme Vincent by end of evening competition in the arena on Friday, July 6.

Athlete of the Year

The recipient will be the highest senior finisher in the 2018 international season.

Sportswoman of the Year

The recipient will be elected by the top 12 seniors immediately following the conclusion of competition on Friday, July 6. During the session's last rhythmic routine, the top 12 seniors must meet near the competition entryway in preparation to cast their vote.

Awards for each session will be given immediately following the session. Senior elite awards will be presented after finals. **If the session is running early, awards will be given early.** Athletes receiving awards should be in the staging area immediately following the session.

Athletes should wear their competition leotard for all awards ceremonies except for the Level 7-9 regional team members should wear their warm-ups.



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COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

All apparatus for elite athletes must be measured on Wednesday, July 4, during the elite training session.

NATIONAL TEAM MEETING

The 2018-2019 National Team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 8, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. This meeting is required for all 2018-2019 National Team members and coaches. Parents are invited to attend. Departing flights should depart after 3 p.m.

CONTACTS

Rhythmic Program Director: Caroline Hunt at chunt@usagym.org or 317-490-4262

Program Coordinator: Jayme Vincent at jvincent@usagym.org or 317-829-5662

Good luck at the USA Gymnastics Championships!