



WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC NATIONALS

JR. OLYMPIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Level 10)

OVERVIEW:

Of the 63,000 female competitive gymnasts registered with USA Gymnastics, approximately 1800 are Jr. Olympic Level 10 athletes, the highest of the Jr. Olympic development program. Many of the Junior gymnasts (10-14 yrs.) who qualify to J. O. Nationals eventually advance to the Elite level, attempting to qualify to the US National Team and to represent the US in international competitions. Some of the previous Jr. Olympic National competitors who went on to successful Elite careers as Olympic Games competitors: Tracee Talavera (1980 & 1984), Phoebe Mills & Brandy Johnson (1988), Wendy Bruce (1992), Amanda Borden (1996) and Tasha Schwikert (2000).

The Level 10 gymnasts compete in State Championships in March and must qualify by score to the Regional Championships held in April. Each of the eight regions in the US qualify seven gymnasts in each of the eight age divisions for a total of 448 competitors at the Jr. Olympic National Championships. Ages range from 10 yrs. to college age (and sometimes older).

DATES & SITES:

Conducted May 13, 14 & 15 2005 at the Ontario Ca. convention center.
Regional qualifying meets to be completed by April 24th

DELEGATION INFORMATION:

The host city can anticipate a delegation size of approximately 1,000 people for this event. This includes a minimum of 450 athletes, as well as coaches, judges and staff.

FORMAT:

One day of training, plus two days of competition. There are two competitive gyms, one for the Juniors and the other for Senior athletes. Each of the eight regions qualifies 7 gymnasts in each of the eight age divisions. The competition determines the All-Around plus Individual Event winners for each age division, as well as a Regional Team champion. The top 4 athletes in each age division (for a total of 32 athletes) qualify to the Jr. Olympic National Team and are invited to a JO National Team Training Camp conducted in the summer at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

ROOM BLOCK:

A hotel block of 500 rooms should be held for Thursday, 600-750 for Friday and Saturday, with 300 for Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday: Set-up
Friday: Training & welcome function (banquet) in evening
Saturday: 2 sessions of competition (2 junior and 2 senior age divisions)
Sunday: 2 sessions of competition (2 junior and 2 senior age divisions)

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