Dear Region 2,

We are off to a great start to the 2017 – 2018 season!

Here is some news from the last few months:

1. **Safe sport – Please take this course ASAP, it’s free!**
2. TOPS Results

Over 300 gymnasts were invited to the National TOPS testing in October. We had 6 gym represent Region 2: Auburn, HIT’S, Mismo, Olympic Gymnastics, Mountain West and Gym East. The gymnasts were tested in both physical abilities and skills. Based on performances in the testing, 105 gymnasts earned a spot on the National TOPs A (45) and B (60) Teams.

 Congratulations to:

* + Lexi Mahoney from Gym East for making the TOPS A team.
	+ Jayla Hang and Josie Lynch from Gym East, Miah Reinhart from Olympic Gymnastics Center, and Kira Wayfer from HIT’s for making the TOPS B team.
1. The 2017 Camps were a huge success. Thank you to OMEGA, Emerald City, and Dynamics for hosting. Way back when the camps began, the idea was to make money for the region. Now that we have raised money from hosting Westerns, we now just need the camps to pay for themselves. This allowed Ivan to bring in outside clinicians to every camp.
* A new clinic was added in the Spokane area to allow for more gymnasts from Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington.
* Ivan also formed a subcommittee that is looking at the camps and how to improve them. This subcommittee will be making recommendations to the regional committee in April.
* We are excited to announce that the subcommittee will be implementing an educational section on the Region 2 website.
1. Linda Mulvihill and Ivan Alexov (RJOCC for Region 2) and their committee’s all met at the National Team Training Center to discuss the new cycle for JO Compulsories in 2021.
2. Dianne had Xcel athlete clinics this fall in Boise and Portland. They were a great success. Thanks to Wings and The MAC club for hosting. The number of Xcel athletes registered in the region has risen to 2,400 athletes! Please consider attending the Region 2 Xcel Invitational being hosted by Northwest Aerials April 27 - 29, 2018.
3. Reminders- level 8 specialists do NOT qualify to the regional meet since it is a percent of a percent.
4. Regional meet schedule – Preliminary numbers appear to indicate 2 sessions of 10’s on Friday, 4 sessions on 9’s on Saturday and 4 sessions of 8’s on Sunday. There will not be a training day but local clubs will be available for those wishing to train.

Have a flipping great season!

Marian DeWane, RACC