**Region 2 Junior Olympic Program of the Year**

1. **Statement of Intent:**

To be considered for the Region 2 Junior Olympic program of the year, a gym should demonstrate a high level of success in athletic achievements at Levels 8, 9 and 10. The following point system has been adopted to assign points based on individual gymnasts’ achievements for the current season. Gymnasts’ points are then credited to their gym and the points totaled. The goal is to determine programs with a high level of excellence and a broad depth of program through use of quantifiable methods. Points accrued by each gym will be used as a factor when determining the regional Program of the Year.

The point system is a resource for the Regional Committee to use and intended to be used as a ***guide*** in the selection process, recognizing that some of the intangible reasons for a program’s selection (or exclusion) may not be quantifiable. The Regional Committee cannot identify all circumstances where the point total may be overridden by committee vote but reserves the right to do so. This document, along with the point system, will be published in the regional handbook.

1. **Responsibilities:**

Responsibilities: The JO Program Coordinator is responsible for compiling and entering data into the point system. The JO Program coordinator may be assisted by other members of the Regional Committee at his or her discretion. State Chairs are responsible for determining their state’s Program of the Year.

1. **Nominee Clubs:** will consist of State Programs of the Year and At-Large nominees.
	1. **State Programs of the year:** Each state will submit a program to be considered based on their own criteria.
	2. **“At Large” nominees:** At-large submissions nominees will be those programs which should be considered based on the strength and depth of their programs as indicated by their point totals from the Region 2 Meet, Level 9 Westerns, and Level 10 Nationals.
2. **Term and Process:**
	1. Term: The Regional Junior Olympic Program of the Year will be voted on annually by the Regional committee from a list in to include State Programs of the Year and At-Large nominees. At Large nominees are based on results from the Region 2 meet, Level 9 Westerns, and Level 10 Nationals.
	2. State Program of the Year submissions must be made as soon as the state determines their Program of the Year but no later than the last day of Level 10 Nationals. States should submit their winning programs to the JO Program Coordinator by that date.
	3. At-Large nominees are determined from the point system and are limited to clubs among the top five point totals compiled from the three post season meets who have not been identified as their states’ Program of the Year.

Example: The clubs with the top five point totals as determined from the table below are Clubs A, B, C, D and E. Clubs A and C were their respective states’ Programs of the Year. Clubs B, D and E are At-Large Nominees.

1. **Rules to Determine At-Large Nominees:**
	1. **Regional Meet:**
		1. Points are earned at Levels 8, 9, & 10 per the table listed in Appendix One. Rationale: A strong program should have depth at all levels.
		2. Minimum scores are in effect at all levels at Regional Meet: Rationale – the focus is on excellent performances.
			1. Events: must score a minimum of 9.00 to accrue points.
			2. All-Around: must score a minimum of 36.00 to accrue points.
		3. Points for placement are based on the number of competitors in an age group.
			1. 1 – 3 competitors: points awarded for First Place only.
			2. 4 – 6 competitors: points awarded for First and Second Places only.
			3. 7 or more competitors: points awarded for First, Second and Third Places.

 Note: Specialists are not included when determining the number of competitors in an age group, but their scores will count for a gym if applicable.

* 1. **Level 9 Westerns and Level 10 Nationals:** Points are earned for placement based on the tables listed in Appendix One. Additional points may be awarded for making the JO National Team or for making the Level 9 National Team.

**Appendix One: Post Season Point accrual tables:**

**Regional Meet Events and All-Around**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Events |  | All Around |
| First | 3 |  | 6 |
| Second | 2 |  | 4 |
| Third | 1 |  | 2 |

**Level 9 Westerns Points: top five competitors, events and All-Around.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Placement | Events |  | All-Around |
| First | 10 |  | 15 |
| Second | 8 |  | 13 |
| Third | 6 |  | 11 |
| Fourth | 4 |  | 9 |
| Fifth | 3 |  | 8 |

**Bonus points: Being named to the JO Level 9 team: 15 points.**

**Level 10 Nationals Points: Top Ten competitors, events and All- Around**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Placement | Events |  | All- Around |
| First | 20 |  | 25 |
| Second | 18 |  | 23 |
| Third | 16 |  | 21 |
| Fourth | 14 |  | 19 |
| Fifth | 12 |  | 17 |
| Sixth | 10 |  | 15 |
| Seventh | 8 |  | 13 |
| Eight | 6 |  | 11 |
| Ninth | 4 |  | 9 |
| Tenth | 2 |  | 7 |

**Bonus Points: Being named to the JO National Team: 30 Points.**