**Region 2 Newsletter**

Hello Everyone,

Everyone hopefully is back competing or close to competing. Things are on schedule for our Regional Meet in Helena and Xcel regional in Boise. Level 9 Westerns and Level 10 Nationals are still planned to be in person events. Be sure and check out the newsletter that has information about qualifying.

**Regional Committee Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 9th at 9 am. Please send any agenda items to your state chairman or me.

In this newsletter:

1. Nominations
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**Nominations RTCC, RXCC, and RDPC**

**As 2021 is the “year after” the original Olympics, the Women’s Program will still be holding elections for the following positions:**

* **Regional Technical Chairman (RTCC)**
* **Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)**
* **Regional Development Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)**

**Nomination forms are at** [Women’s Nominations for National Committee Chair Positions (usagym.org)](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/elections/call_012021.pdf) and are also attached. They are to be submitted to me at r2racc@gmail.com. Nominations are due by February 28th at midnight. Elections will be conducted online at www. usagym.org from April 1 – April 15.

**Address Change**

As of January 4th, USA Gymnastics New Address: USA Gymnastics has moved to 1099 N. Meridian Street, Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

**Rules and Policies**

The **Rules and Policies** has been updated. Check here for the updated version:

[USA Gymnastics | Women's Program Rules and Policies](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/rules_policies.html)

**SANCTION Reminders and Updates**

[USA Gymnastics | USA Gymnastics Event Sanction Reminders & Updates](https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=25840)

For sanction concerns, such as an event not in compliance with local government guidelines, please direct your concerns to membership@usagym.org.

**Meet considerations for Returning to Competition Guidelines**

**Please check here for updates** [returntocompetition.pdf (usagym.org)](https://usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/covid/returntocompetition.pdf)

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**Other Items:**

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| **Other items:** Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) climate across the country the 2021 Compulsory Master Workshop locations are subject to change. Please consider delaying travel arrangements until specific event location details are announced. More information will be published at [USA Gymnastics.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001yxiLYvtACD6gXRDcm6a6lzGTA6Z523I7qeq5DLXVwpjoWWdlUazjzJPvtXFUjeZ-DOvW8IS6mSwGC-6Gtpl3--jq04gghdaG4si0ScjDQnx1w5a50iHOhoGQv8gyQ6QWwe13fQERdcxgui-ai13HJ-CFbIQpxnWk&c=zmfFWnf429Mc0XCE1ixcK8JjrBhmCKyzZZ4Pj5u9kUyq61t_TfTq9A==&ch=TLiJYFj8EaRJbQDH56aiwl9HgyDFNwg821acPUav0zOiGjcQFbetJg==) |

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| **Elite Drop Back process** |

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A US Elite gymnast (an athlete who has competed as a Junior or Senior International Elite in a Classic Meet, Junior World Trails, or higher) who wants to enter the DP Program MUST petition to drop back to the DP program, regardless of the year of competition, by completing the “[**reason for change**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001yxiLYvtACD6gXRDcm6a6lzGTA6Z523I7qeq5DLXVwpjoWWdlUazjzPq-UbaWMmiDPzdBjtislO6J1gYuq2yq_fzM1XaS75STHYTq7rEj-bxlV6Z5QL2S1I7hAXB576MLa2DziYSF5-iUolpvZX6Gngbw9rJHDAnNGTu8rMRSOpwmoZHk88nud8kYW9Kq0sM1&c=zmfFWnf429Mc0XCE1ixcK8JjrBhmCKyzZZ4Pj5u9kUyq61t_TfTq9A==&ch=TLiJYFj8EaRJbQDH56aiwl9HgyDFNwg821acPUav0zOiGjcQFbetJg==)” form FROM HER COACH to the National DP Committee Chairman. For Information regarding Foreign Athlete (Elite or non-elite) participation in the DP, please refer to Chapter 2, page 26.1. All petitions must be received at least three weeks prior to the Level 10 State Championships.
2. The National DP Committee will review the petition and the Chairman will notify the coach of the acceptance/denial of the petition and will copy the respective State and Regional Administrative Committee Chairmen and the Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
3. Accepted petitioned athletes may not re-enter the Elite/Pre-Elite Program during the Elite competitive year (through Championships of the year in which she competes Level 10).
4. Clarification: An elite athlete dropping back into the Development Program is considered a DP athlete when she enters her first USA Gymnastics sanctioned event as a Level 10 athlete AFTER the petition has been granted.
5. All scores obtained before the petition is granted are INVALID for qualification to State Championships and above in the current season.
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