

All Around News



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Score Changes for TOPs and Juniors to Qualify to Challenge for the 2005 Season:

Compulsory score to TOPs will increase to 31.00 AA
Optional Score for Jr. Pre-Elite will increase to 32.00 AA

TOPS:

Testing has concluded in our region. Athletes will be notified in late August or early September if they have qualified to National TOPS testing in October. All results will be sent to the clubs.

National Tops Testing:

Please remember that at the National testing, athletes will be tested on the Skills as well as physical abilities. We have made changes in the National routines and these changes **WILL** be in effect for this season so please take the time to go to the National TOPS website at USAG and get a copy of the routines with the changes. The changes have been minimal, however, you will need to know them in October.

Pre-Elite Testing Manual:

The new Pre-Elite Testing manual is available on the USAG web site at <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/tops/nationaltesting.pdf>.

Elite/TOPS Clinic:

Due to low registration numbers we have cancelled the clinic scheduled for September in Atlanta for the TOPS athletes.

Elite/TOPS Clinic:

On December 18 & 19 we will have our annual Elite clinic and a TOPS clinic at American Twisters in Coconut Creek, Florida. **Tammy Biggs** from the USA National staff will be a clinician along with Coaches/Judges from our region.

TOPs Coordinators:

Our committee is working on a restructure of the TOPS program in an effort to bring it to the State level to encourage more club participation. As soon as everything is official, information will be included in newsletters and the website.

Elite Qualifiers:

Pre elites and Elites in our region will need to qualify to the Challenge or Classics by attending any of the National Elite qualifiers or the regional International qualifier that the region will host in July. The region will not offer a winter Regional competition this season as we have one of the National qualifiers in our region and that will serve as our regional qualifier. Athletes may attend as many of the National qualifiers as they wish.

Athletes Qualified to Classic:

Any Elite athlete that competed at Classic or Championships in the 2004 season AND scored a 34.00AA to qualify to Junior or a 35.00AA to qualify to Senior are automatically qualified to the Classic meet. If you competed at Classic and did not achieve the above score you will need to qualify to Classic at one of the National Elite qualifiers. Athletes from our region that are already qualified to Classic are:

Jana Bieger	(Senior)
Shayla Worley	(Junior/Senior)
Kassi Price	(Senior)
Melanie Sinclair	(Senior)

If you think this list is in error please contact me so I can update my records – thank you.

Pre elites will need to compete compulsory and optional to qualify to the Challenge or Classic. Athletes that qualify to the Challenge will compete compulsory, optional and the physical abilities. Elite athletes that qualify to the Classic will compete optional only.

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Dates For Pre Elite and Elite Athletes:

All of the competitions below may be used for qualification to Challenge or Classic

December 18,	2004	Testing competition at American Twisters
January 21-23,	2005	Cincinnati Invite in Ohio
		Aerials Invite in Colorado Springs
January 28-30,	2005	Parkette Invitational in Allentown, PA
February 11-13,	2005	Scats Invite in Huntington Beach, CA
February 18-21,	2005	American Twister invite in Coral Springs, FL
March 4-6,	2005	American Classic/Challenge in Orlando, FL
July 9/10,	2005	Region 8 elite qualifier- bids needed
July 22-24,	2005	US Classic in Virginia Beach
August 10-14,	2005	Championships of USA in Indianapolis, IN

**Scores may be banked for an entire season. Athletes are not considered elite until they enter and compete in a CLASSIC Competition. Pre-Elites are considered JO and may compete in both JO meets, Elite qualifiers and the Challenge without being considered an elite athlete.

Elite Results

Competed in Mexico (USA vs Mexico)

USA Team won GOLD

Jana Beiger	American Twisters
	2nd AA, 1st Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Floor
Kassi Price	Orlando Metro
	3rd AA, tied 1st Bars, 2nd Vault

Competed at 2004 Olympic Trials

Melanie Sinclair	Orlando Metro
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Competed at 2004 Championships of the USA

Grace Taylor	Aiken Gymnastics
Melanie Sinclair	Orlando Metro

Junior National Elite Team

Shayla Worley	Orlando Metro
Jana Bieger	American Twisters
Kassi Price	Orlando Metro

Competed at 2004 US Classic

Senior International

Grace Taylor	Aiken Gymnastics
	10th Bars, 5th Floor

Junior International

Jana Beiger	American Twisters
	1st Vault, 4th Bars, 5th Beam, 2nd Floor 2nd All Around
Shayla Worley	Orlando Metro
	3rd Bars, 1st Beam, 6th Floor 3rd All Around
Kassi Price	Orlando Metro
	4th Vault, 5th Bars, 4th Beam, 7th Floor 4th All Around

Brittney Emmons	First City Gymnastics
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Child Elite Challenge

Haley Bodenheimer	The Gym Company
	6th Vault, 3rd Bars, 3rd Beam, 6th Floor 5th All Around

Junior Pre Elite Challenge

Kyra Platt	Coast Elite
	9th Vault and 5th Floor
Devin Mann	Cartersville
Melanie Root	Cartersville