

# All Around News



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My National committee meeting was cancelled for July due to so many athletes entered in the Classic/Challenge that we could not find a time to meet. We will be meeting in November at the ranch instead. So at this time, there is not too much to report and we have not made any recent changes in the testing or TOPS program.

## **Pre Elite/TOPS clinic & Elite Testing Competition – December 15 & 16th, 2006**

The region will offer an elite testing competition with a pre-elite/tops clinic in Orlando on Friday December 15th & 16th – the competition will either be Friday evening or Saturday morning with the clinic on Saturday afternoon. The event will conclude on Saturday. At this time, we are looking at various sites in Orlando to host the event and I will send an email to all clubs when that is determined.

We once again hope to have *Tammy Biggs* as our National clinician along with coaches from our region. We will have an athlete clinic as well as offer lectures for coaches/judges that are interested in the elite program. Last year the clinic filled so please register early if you wish to participate. The entry form is included in this newsletter.

Fees: Athlete Clinic - \$75.00 per athlete  
\$50 for coaches/judges without athletes  
Testing Competition - \$100.00 per athlete

\*\* Please note, all brevet judges may attend for no fee provided that they assist as needed with the event – please fill out registration form however so that we know you will be coming.

## **Other competitions in our region:**

I have had requests from clubs to host either testing competitions &/or optional elite competitions. The region will be setting up one more elite testing competition in the late spring however if a club wishes

to host an additional elite testing meet at their gym this is allowed provided the following is done:

- The club pays for all expenses
- The date of the competition must be submitted to the Region at least 30 days prior to the event and a mailing or emailing must be sent to all clubs in the region with information on the competition. (In order to secure judges, it is highly recommended that you submit date of your competition as early as possible – the region does not guarantee that judges will be available)
- Judges must be approved and contracted through the region

To host an optional competition, a club must do all of the above plus the judges selected must be approved by National office and must come from a list of International Brevets that have been approved for Optional competitions – this will add an additional expense to your competition.

## **How to qualify to camp or competitions:**

Athletes may send videos in to the national office for selection to a national camp. Athletes that are accepted need to pay all of their/and coach's expenses to attend.

From camps, athletes may qualify to Classic and Championships.

Athletes may also qualify to Classics/Challenge from regional qualifying competitions. Right now, the Elite calendar for 2007 has the American Classic/challenge set for May 31 – June 2nd – site to be determined – with Championships in San Jose on August 14 – 19th, 2007.



**TOPS** – the summer tests have concluded and announcements for National TOPS testing have been made. If you have any questions about the TOPS program please contact your State TOPS coordinator.

If you have any questions about the Elite program, please email me at AmTwist@aol.com & as always, please check the FIG website on a regular basis for updates/changes in the Elite code.

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