

# All Around News



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## USAG Elite/Pre Elite/TOPS program 2006-07 season

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Thank you to Ray and Joan Gnat and ACE Gymnastics for hosting the Elite/TOPS clinic and testing competition last month. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated by everyone.

We have 2 Testing competitions set up for our Region

### February 10th in Concord, NC

hosted by Cabarrus Gymnastics – Mindy Yeager  
704-784-3111  
[mindyyesger@yahoo.com](mailto:mindyyesger@yahoo.com)

### February 23rd in Hoover, AL

hosted by JFJ Elite – Kathy Chambers  
205-979-7969  
[Kathy@jfelite.com](mailto:Kathy@jfelite.com)

Contact Meet host for entry information. Entry forms available at [www.region8gymnastics.org](http://www.region8gymnastics.org)

If you are interested in the Elite program, please contact me by email and I will make sure that you are included on the Elite email list.

Also, please be aware that FIG rules will change so please stay current by visiting the FIG website on a regular basis to check for changes and updates.

### Pre Elite change in Age Groups

Eliminate Senior Pre Elite Division -  
Junior Pre-Elite Age Group: 11 – 15 years of age  
Award divisions: 11-13 yrs & 14-15 yrs  
HOPES division: 10-12 years of age  
Award divisions: 10 yrs & 11-12 yrs

### Qualification changes

1-Athletes may only qualify to Classic from a National Qualifier or National camp where full routines are performed.

Regional qualifiers may ONLY be used to qualify to a Challenge competition and/or to obtain required Elite testing score

2- Only USA National Team members may qualify to Championships of the USA from a National camp. All other athletes must compete at Classic.

### Qualifying Scores for 2007

#### **Compulsory Testing scores**

- New International Elites –  
35.00AA all age divisions  
(Elite athletes that have competed at a classic are not required to attain a compulsory score)
- Pre Elite compulsory scores (must test & achieve score every season)
  - ◆ HOPES division – 32.00AA
  - ◆ Pre Elite division – 33.500AA

#### **International Elite Division Optional Scores (FIG Rules)**

Qualify to Classic competitions  
(from National qualifiers/camps)

- ▣ Junior Elite (11-15 yrs) 53.00AA
- ▣ Senior Elite(15 & up) 55.00AA  
(15 yr olds have option of division for the 2007 season)

Qualify to Championships (from Classic)

- Junior Elite 54.00 at Classic Meet
  - ▣ No automatic qualifiers

USA National team members may use training camps or international assignments for qualification to Champs

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— Senior Elite 56.00AA at Classic Meet

- ▣ Automatic 2006 World Team
- ▣ USA National team members may use training camps or international assignments for qualification to Champs

— 3 event total for Seniors ONLY 45.00AA

**National Qualifiers** will be held at the training center in Houston on **May 4-6 & July 6 – 8th**. Go to USAG website for entry information.

**American Classic** will be held at the training center on **May 27 – June 3rd** (Classic followed by Challenge)

**US Classic/Challenge** date – July 27 – 29th, site to be determined

## Pre Elite and HOPES Division Optional Scores (FIG Rules)

Qualify to Challenge (from a Regional or National qualifier)

- ◆ HOPES division 46.50 (modified rules)
- ◆ Junior Pre Elite division 48.50

**Reminder:** athletes that compete in the HOPES division may not use their score to enter the Junior pre elite or elite division at a Challenge or Classic meet

## Qualification to National Team/Camps

International Elites

Senior – top 12 from Championships

Junior – top 12 from Championships

Pre elites/HOPES

The following will qualify to the **Pre elite training camp from US Challenge**

(American Challenge: no guaranteed spots in camp)

ALL Expenses for athlete and one coach for the following from US Challenge

**Hopes:** 10 yr old – 1    11-12 yr olds – 2

**Junior pre elite:** 11-13 yr olds – 4  
14-15 yr olds – 1

An additional 8 athletes may be selected from American or US Challenge to be added to the pre elite training camp. Room & board only will be paid by USAG for these 8 athletes.

## Qualification to National Camps by Video or invitation

Athletes may submit videos to the National staff for consideration. Videos should include current skills and routine work. Athletes that are accepted to camp from video must pay all expenses to attend the camp. Only National team athletes &/or pre elite athletes that have qualified from US Challenge as determined by committee will have expenses paid to attend camp(s). Developmental(Open) camps are for new athletes or athletes that wish to attend at their own expense.

## HOPES Division EGR modifications for the 2007 Season

Check online at USA Gymnastics or email me at [AmTwist@aol.com](mailto:AmTwist@aol.com)

## American Classic/Challenge:

May 27 – 31st (Classic)

May 31 – June 3rd (Challenge)

This competition will be held at the National Team training center in Houston. For international elites this will be a verification competition. Athletes in the Challenge will compete under normal format (compulsory & optional: 30/70%)

US Classic/Challenge – site to be announced

## **TOPS Program**

In January 2007, a meeting has been set up to recommend some possible major changes in the TOPS testing program. These recommendations will be submitted to the national elite committee for final decision. As soon as changes are official, information will be sent to all TOPS managers and clubs.

Have A Great Season!