

Region 2 News

- **Safe Sport**

Please have everyone in your club take safe sport!!!! We need do everything possible to protect our athletes.

- **USA Gymnastics**

All your Region 2 leadership along with all the other regions have been invited to Indianapolis to meet with our new CEO Kerry Perry to discuss issues at the end of February. Please send any questions you might have to your chairman.

- **Regional Congress – PLAN NOW TO BE THERE!**

The Optional season is underway! This is the last year with the current rules. Please plan on attending Region 2 Congress June 30 and July 1 at OMEGA in Portland. All the new information will be detailed including what many of you have long awaited, the changes in vault.

- **Upcoming Elections and Timelines**

State Chairmen are in an election year:

Nominations Requested

Nominations for State Administrative Committee Chairman must be in hand March 1, 2018.

1. State Administrative Committee Chairmen (SACC) shall be elected by the Professional members of the Women's Program in their respective states.
2. They shall serve for two (2) years and be elected in the spring on even-numbered years.
3. Elections to be completed by April 15th. Term of office to begin July 1st.

Criteria for nominations:

- Nominees must be USA Gymnastics Women's Program professional members for a minimum of two years in the state program in which they seek election
- Nominees must be at least 21 years old and be members in good standing.
- It is strongly recommended that the State Committee Chairman candidates have financial skills, organizational skills, communication skills, a working knowledge of the program and the willingness to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Duties and responsibilities of the SACC:

The State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) is responsible for the overall organization of all designated qualifying events and programs within their State. The State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) shall work in close cooperation with the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC), Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC) and the Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC) to effectuate State programs. Any problems that cannot be solved by the State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) should be submitted to the appropriate regional personnel. For specific job responsibilities of State Administrative Committee Chairs, please refer to the Women's Operating Code found online at <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/operatingcode.pdf>.

Nomination form attached.

Reminder on Qualifications to Regionals:

- Level 10 34:00 AA and 35:00 AA to Nationals
 - Specialist 9.0 Qualifying Score State Meet
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- Level 9: 34:00 AA and 34:00 AA to Westerns
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- Level 8: percent of a percent by number registered in state meets with a minimum of 8 per state.
 - 240 athletes will qualify.
 - **Reminder - NO specialists at Level 8 in regionals.**

Program of the Year

Determining how to award the Program of the Year (POY) has been a major project of the committee the last six months. A big thank you to Martha Dunn, the Alaska State Chairman, who worked tirelessly on the POY along with Molly Gill, the Oregon State Chairman, to get a draft ready for the committee which has been passed. A copy of this document is posted on our website and attached to this e-mail.

Save the Date - Trip to Peru

More to come (the website and details are supposed to be ready in about three weeks) but the region has an opportunity to attend the Ariana Orrego Gym Cup in Lima, Peru November 2, 3, and 4. The optional levels compete on Saturday the 3rd. I am researching costs (each person would pay their own way). Parents are invited too. A side trip to Machu Picchu will be possible for an additional 3 days and nights (last year this was \$500 including air from Lima to Cusco). Monday fly Lima to Cusco visit the city and then take the train to Machu Picchu, Visit the mountain, and fly back to Lima on Wednesday. You would be able to take late night flights from Lima back. □ Last year Region 8 took an all-star team to this meet.