

CLARIFICATIONS – 2024 Development Program All-Star session

GOAL: to provide NCAA visibility and additional competitive opportunities for athletes who may specialize in one or more events and for AA athletes from competitive regions

1. **NAME:** All-Star
 - Squads are comprised of athletes from different regions, makes sense to utilize language we already use for this scenario
2. **QUALIFIED ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**
 - 2 All-Around athletes (min 35.00 AA)
 - 5 individual event athletes (min 9.3 event score)
 - Athletes can qualify on more than 1 event
 - 7 routines MAX per event per region
 - Cannot hold spot on any age group regional team (can be alternate)
 - Does not qualify by age group
 - o Determined by combining all age groups from entire regional competition (after all regional teams announced), then ranking athletes (top 2 from AA scores and top 5 from each individual event).
3. **QUALIFICATION:** Ties
 - All ties MUST be broken
 - Tie for the AA Score:
 - o Each Region can only send MAX of 2 AA qualifiers.
 - o Ties broken by top event score. Second tie break would be to go to the second highest event score, etc.
 - Tie for the 5th individual event slot on any event:
 - o Each Region can send MAX of 5 individual qualifiers per event.
 - o Broken by four score averages
 - All four judges scores averaged instead of normal drop high and low and average the middle two.
4. **TRAINING DAY**
 - All-Star session athletes may NOT attend training, unless they also hold the 1st alternate position in their age group (alternate training determined by regional chairs).
5. **DRAW**
 - Manual draw to allow for AA athletes to stay within same flight
 - Teams with multiple athletes to be grouped together
 - If squads have less than 5 athletes, a bye rotation MUST be utilized.
6. **SCRATCHES**
 - If a qualifier is injured prior to the Friday evening All-Star session, the alternate gymnast from her region will replace her. **Replacements will only be allowed up to 12 AM EST on the Thursday prior to the competition;** however, the alternate must take the position and squad of the injured athlete.

7. FORMAT

- Competition will be conducted with two competition gyms (West (R1, R2, R3, R4) and East (R5, R6, R7, R8)) that includes 2 sets of each apparatus.
 - o 2-judge panels
 - o Modified Non-traditional (Capitol Cup) format: Flight 1 squads compete on one set of equipment; flight 2 squads compete on the other set of equipment. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event. No 30-second touch is required.
 - o The two flights continue to alternate warm-ups and competition until all eight squads have completed all four events. Judges will move from Flight 1 equipment to Flight 2 equipment during the competition.
 - o Only competing athletes assigned to the All-Star session and credentialed coaches are allowed on the field-of-play during the competition.

8. EQUIPMENT

- All 4 sets of events will continue to be utilized, as this will help to keep the timing of the session in line with the R&P.
 - o All 4 (vs. only 2 of 4) sets of equipment will be used due to the large numbers of routines in this session.

9. JUDGES

- 2 judge panels to be utilized (vs. 4 judge panels)
- Athletes MUST be judged by same judging panels to compete against others for awards.
 - o The use of all 4 gyms with 2 judge panels (flight a and flight b) removes the ability for all athletes to compete against one another for the title of "national champion" from this session.

10. AWARDS

- Top 4 All-Around and top 6 Individual Event winners from each competing side (East and West) are determined by the competition. Ties are NOT broken; duplicate awards are presented.