



2017 Region VIII
Men's Optional Championships
Levels 8, 9, 10 and Junior Developmental
Entry Information and Qualification Process

- Location:** LakePointe Sporting Complex, Champions Center
261 Stars Way
Cartersville, GA 30121
- Date:** April 7 – 9, 2017
- Host:** **The Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta**
- Meet Director:** Kevin White (kevnastics1@yahoo.com) – Region 8 Chairman
Keina Dunn (keina@gymnasticsacademyofatlanta.com) – Assistant Meet Director
- Meet Website:** Region 8 Website – www.r8mensgymnastics.com
2017 Region 8 Optional Championship Website
www.mensr8championship2017.com
- Entry Fee:** \$125.00 per gymnast for Junior Olympic Levels 8, 9, 10 & Jr. Dev.
\$150.00 per gymnast Junior Elite Level 8, 9, and 10
Fee paid with one business check to your State Chairman at the conclusion of State Championship.

Entry Fee Information:

- If a gymnast qualifies, they **must register** at the conclusion of their session at the State Championship.
- Entries **MUST** be submitted, using the attached Regional Club Entry Form, to your State Chairman. This form is also available on the Region 8 Website.
- The entry fee is **non-refundable**.
 - There is no refund for athletes once the entry fee has been paid to the State Chairman
 - The only exception to this rule is for a Petition Athlete. (As per Region VIII Board Meeting – October 16, 2009).

IMPORTANT COACH CREDENTIALING RULE:

For the Junior Olympic Program State, Regional and National Championships, clubs are allowed one (1) coach per athlete with a **maximum of two (2) coaches per club**.

Clubs which would like to send more than the allowed number of coaches must submit an ADDITIONAL CREDENTIAL REQUEST form to the Region 8 Men's Chairman, Kevin White, for approval.

An additional coach's credential fee of \$50.00 may be charged. Coaches must be registered with the club entry and there will be **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION** of a coach.

Any coaching **staff change or addition by a program must be approved in advance** by the Region 8 Chairman, Kevin White.



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Tentative Schedule
ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE

The times listed here will change when all entries are received from the State Championships. They are approximations based on the numbers in the Region.

Friday, April 7, 2017

Morning – Open Workout

Afternoon – Technical Sequences

Evening – Level 9, 15 – 19 and Junior Developmental

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Morning – Level 8, All Age Divisions

Afternoon – Level 10, 17 – 19 Age Division

Evening – Level 10, 15 – 16 Age Division

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Morning - Level 9, 13 – 14 Age Division



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Optional and Compulsory Championships

2017 State Allotment Numbers:

- For Levels 4 – 6, Gymnasts qualify in rank order by combining all age groups in the All – Around at their respective State Championship. Petitions are not allowed in these Levels.

- Level 4**

Division	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Division 1	9	37	25	3	18	10	18
Division 2	4	28	11	3	14	9	3

- Level 5**

Division	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Division 1	10	58	43	2	32	18	16
Division 2	2	25	4	2	17	9	2

- Level 6**

Division	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Division 1	7	66	39	1	35	16	14
Division 2	0	31	5	0	15	10	1

For Levels 7 – 10 and Junior Developmental, all gymnasts that COMPETE AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS will qualify. Otherwise, the gymnast must submit a petition to the Regional Chairman.

- Level 7**

Division	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Division 1	1	29	10	2	12	5	14
Division 2	1	11	0	2	3	0	1

- Level 8**

Age Group	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
11 – 12 (JO & JE)	1	23	16	0	13	1	6
13 – 14	6	11	3	0	6	6	4

- Level 9**

Age Group	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
13 - 14 (JO & JE)	4	36	33	1	10	3	12
15 – 16	2	5	8	0	3	4	4

- Level 10**

Age Group	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
15 – 16 (JO & JE)	5	28	21	1	29	2	15
17 – 19 (JO & JE)	8	23	21	1	10	7	16

- Junior Developmental**

Age Group	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
12 - 14	0	5	12	1	12	3	5
15 – 19	0	10	7	2	6	2	5

STATE TOTALS	AL	FL	GA	MS	NC	SC	TN
	60	426	258	19	235	105	136



2017 Region VIII Men's Optional and Compulsory Championships Qualification Process

Qualification Process

Optional Regional Championships (Levels 8 – 10 and Junior Developmental)

- There are only two ways to qualify to the Optional 2017 Region VIII Championships. A gymnast must compete at his State Championships or, he must follow the procedures below to Petition into the Optional Championships.

Compulsory Regional Championships (Levels 4 – 7)

- There is only one way to qualify to the Compulsory 2017 Regional VIII Championships. Gymnasts qualify in rank order by combining all age groups in the All – Around at their respective State Championship. Petitions are not allowed in these Levels.

State Allotment

The Region VIII Board has determined that we will be using an allotment system for athletes to qualify to the 2017 Region VIII Championships. **Questions regarding state allotment need to be addressed to your State Chairman.**

- There is no qualifying score at any level. Qualification is by rank order based on the attached state allotments.
- The allotment numbers for each state are based on the number of athletes reported by clubs to their respective State Chairman on the allotment form that was due February 1, 2017.
- To qualify to the Regional Championships, a gymnast must be listed on his club's allotment forms.
- Qualifying athletes will be determined by rank order in the all-around during the State Championships.
 - Athletes that qualify must register and pay at the State Championships.
 - If a qualified athlete chooses not to attend, the State Chairman will go to the next athlete in the all-around to fill their allotment number.

Petition

If an athlete is injured, a Petition to the Region VIII Championships may be submitted to the State Chairman at the State Championships. The State Chairman will then send all petitions to the Regional Chairman for evaluation and approval. Petitions will be very strictly evaluated. Petitions without the required supporting documentations will not be considered.

- Petitions **must be turned** in at the State Championship and petition athletes **must pay** for Regional Championship at the State Championship.
- Petitions that are not approved will receive a refund.
- A completed petition must include the following information:
 - Injury Petition Form available at:
www.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/injury-petition.pdf
 - Scores from two (2) USAG Sanctioned Meets during the 2016 - 2017 season
 - A Physician's note specifying the injury and the date the athlete is cleared for participation.
- Petitions that for some reason are not able to be completed and turned in at the State Championship, will be accepted until Monday, March 20, 2017.
- Mail completed petitions to:
Kevin White
142 Apple Blossom Drive
Brandon, MS 39047
- Questions regarding petitions can be directed to your State Chairman or Kevin White, Region 8 Chairman, at kevnastics1@yahoo.com.



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Optional and Compulsory Championships Regional Registration Procedure and Checklist

- Coaches must bring a gym business check to pay for the Regional entry fees.
- Prior to the State meet, coaches should verify which of their athletes will attend the Regional Championships, if qualified.
- Regional Championships Entry Forms must be completed by the coach.
 - There are separate Entry Forms for the Optional Championships and the Compulsory Championships.
- Athletes must commit to attending the Regional Championships immediately following the Awards Ceremony for their competition group.
- Registration for Regional Championships will be handled by the coach, not by individual parents.

Coaches and Gym Owners, please read this information carefully.

- **Registration of athletes to the Regional Championships will be handled by the coach.**
- The Regional Registration Table will be located next to the Scoring Table.
- Coaches must verify with the athlete's parents whether he will attend the Regional Championships prior to coming to the Regional Registration Table.
- Parents will not be allowed to come to the Regional Registration Table and enter their child individually.
- Placing coaches in charge of this procedure simplifies the Registration process considerably.

Coaches, bring the following items to State Championships

- _____ A Business Check from your gym to pay the entry fees.
- Junior Olympic (JO) Entry Fee - \$125.00 per athlete
 - Junior Elite (JE) Entry Fee - \$150.00 per athlete
 - Make Checks payable to your State Chairman.

_____ A list of all the athletes from your gym that will attend each Regional meet, if they qualify.

Athlete Regional Entry Procedure

- After the Awards Ceremony for each session of potential qualifiers the Regional Entry Table will be open for one (1) hour.
- Coaches come to the table and register the athletes that qualified and will be attending the Regional meet.
- All entry fees must be paid to your State Chairman, by check, or cash, by the end of State Championships.