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## All-Star Team Selection Criteria

1) **PURPOSE**- The purpose of the Region 5 All-Star team is multidimensional. Some of the reasons for its existence are.... to recognize and reward our top Junior Olympic and Elite level athletes for their uncompromising devotion to our sport and our region.....to provide experiences designed to enhance the future growth of these athletes.....to provide the coaches of these athletes with experiences designed to enhance their professional growth in our sport..... to spread and nurture a common bond and to establish a “team Spirit” within our region.... and to provide a vehicle from which regional pride can be fostered and delivered.

2) **GOALS**- The goals of the Region 5 committee, as related to the athletes and coaches and their qualification to the Region 5 All-Star Team, are to recognize our top athletes at our annual mini congress banquet. Recognition may take on many forms, but a few words about the accomplishments of the athletes, a video presentation and an awards plaque have been used as the normal procedure in the past. In short we want the athletes within our region to feel special and to believe that Region 5 is the very best place in the country to achieve gymnastics goals.

The regional board also wishes to provide an international competition assignment designed to give experience, international exposure and to enhance regional pride. This assignment will usually be scheduled in mid to late fall so as not to interfere with the normal USAG competitive seasons.

3) **FUNDING**- The international assignment is to be funded by an allocated amount determined by the regional board. These funds will come from the Region 5 Apparel Fund. Athletes will receive priority financial assistance from this allocated budget and then IF funds still remain ....assistance may be given to the individual coaches/judges in attendance.

The fund will pay for 1) athletes air and transportation 2) athletes lodging at the competition itself 3) the entry fees for the competition 4) delegation gifts for the host organization 5) coach/judge lodging and 6) coach/judge on site transportation.

The allocated budget for the international assignment will be determined based on the financial stability of the Apparel Fund in any given year. The budget will be reviewed each year at the summer board meeting.

### 4) **CRITERION**-

The following criterion is to be published periodically in the state and or regional newsletters. This material is vitally important and should be made readily available to our membership in Region 5.

The top 8 Junior Olympic, the top 2 Junior International and the top 2 Senior International Elite athletes, based on the following criterion will be named to the Region 5 All-star Team.

1) Athletes must have qualified to their respective national championship event. No petitions will be allowed.

2) INTERNATIONAL ELITE rankings will be taken from the Championships of the USA.....( top 2 junior international elites and top 2 senior international elites), or rank order from Classics should there not be enough Championships qualifiers to fill the available spots. Those elites that qualify to the USA National Team will be named to the ALL –STAR TEAM but will not be eligible for the ALL STAR TEAM INTERNATIONAL TRIP. This is due to the conflicts in scheduling and the priority that must be placed on NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS and TRAINING CAMPS for USA GYMNASTICS.

3) Junior Olympic rankings will be taken from averaging the athletes top 4 all around scores for the current competitive season. A) An athlete may only use USAG sanctioned scores ( AAU, USAIGC and High School scores would not count), B) they may use only 1 home meet score, provided there are at least 2 additional level 10 teams present “HOME MEETS” do not include states/regionals and nationals, C) they may only use 1 all around score per meet ( i.e. meets that have prelims and finals) This rule is used to avoid “getting lucky” with overly friendly evaluations that certain meets may have..... and to avoid having those scores count as 50% of your All-Star team qualification criterion. D) All qualification scores must be achieved prior to the conclusion of level 10 nationals. E) Scores, in the form of official meet results must be submitted no later that July 1 (late entries will not be accepted).

4) Athletes must attend one of the 4 regional training camps responsible for funding the international assignment. This displays support for the regional activities and it is the presence of our top athletes at these training camps that truly provide the camps with credibility and substance..... In other words others learn from watching what and how the “best” are doing things.

5) An athlete must have been an active member within our region for 1 year.

6) Elite USAG National Team members will be named to the All-Star team BUT will not be assigned the international trip due to obvious conflicts with official national team assignments. Spots will be filled in rank order from Championships of the USA, then Classics, and then the J.O list beginning with number 9.