

**The qualification process for the  
Men's 2009 Junior Olympic National Championship  
will be in four parts**

**Part 1: Qualification by score from the Regional Championship**

An athlete may qualify by score in the following manner:

► **All Around Qualifying Score:**

Level 9	=	72.0
Level 10 (14-15 yr)	=	75.0
Level 10 (16-18 yr)	=	76.5

► **Multiple Event Score: For 2008, Level 10 athletes may qualify using their best 5, 4 or 3 event scores**

5 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (86 % of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yr)	=	64.5 points
Level 10 (16-18 yr)	=	65.8 points

4 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (70 % of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yr)	=	52.5 points
Level 10 (16-18 yr)	=	53.6 points

3 Event Athlete Qualifying Score (55% of all around score)

Level 10 (14-15 yr)	=	41.3 points
Level 10 (16-18 yr)	=	42.1 points

► 5 Event, 4 Event, and 3 Event competitors may only qualify to the JO Nationals by achieving the qualifying score.

► 5 Event, 4 Event, and 3 Event qualifiers may compete as All-Around competitors at the JO National Championships.

## Part 2: Qualification by Regional Allotment

It has been determined by the Junior Olympic Program Committee that there will be a minimum of 720 athletes participating at the Men's 2008 Junior Olympic National Championship.

The total allotment per Level will be as follows:

Level 9:	288 athletes
Level 10 (14-15 yr)	216 athletes
Level 10 (16-18 yr)	216 athletes

The allotment number for each region will be based on the number of athletes entered into the state meet per level plus any athletes petitioned into the Regional Championship. This number will be determined following all of the State Championships.

► **Allotment Composition:** All qualifiers by score – All-around, 5 Event, 4 Event or 3 Event Qualifiers all combine to count toward a Region's total allotment.

**Note:** Regardless of a Region's allotment numbers, any athlete who achieves the qualifying score through All-Around, 5 Event, 4 Event or 3 Event total, will qualify to the JO National Championship.

*Example: Region A has an allotment of 15 Level 10 (14-15) athletes. 17 gymnasts exceed the qualifying score, either as All-Around or Multiple Event athletes. Region A will send 17 gymnasts to J.O. National Championship.*

► **If a region fails to qualify their total allotment of athletes within a level, then the remaining allotment slots will be filled with All-Around athletes by rank order finish at the Regional Championship for that level.**

*Example: Region B has an allotment of 15 Level 10 (14-15 yr) athletes. Only 12 Level 10 (14-15 yr) athletes achieve the qualifying score either as All-Around or Multiple Event athletes. This leaves three slots available to the next three rank order all-around Level 10 (14-15 yr) athletes from the results at that Regional Championship.*

### **Part 3: Qualification by top-three event finish at the Regional Championship**

An athlete who finishes in the top three on any individual event at his Regional Championship and has not qualified by virtue of All-Around Score or by score as a 5, 4, or 3 Event Competitor (as detailed in Part 1) will qualify to J.O. Nationals as a **Single Event Specialist** on that event. Note that it *is possible* for an individual to qualify in this manner on multiple events.

- ▶ Single Event Specialists may only qualify to the JO Nationals through top-three event placement at their Regional Championship.
- ▶ Single Event Specialists may compete at the JO Nationals only on the event(s) on which they qualified by a top -three finish at their Regional Championship.
- ▶ Single Event Specialists to the JO National Championship are *not* part of a Region's allotment number.

### **Part 4: Qualification by Petition**

Petitions to the J.O. National Championship may be submitted to the Regional Chairman in the event of injury. All petitions will be sent by the Regional Chairman to Jeff Robinson – Junior Olympic Program Coordinator for evaluation and approval. Petitions will be very strictly evaluated. Petitions without the required supporting documentation will not be considered.

- ▶ Approved petitions to the JO National Championship are *not* part of a Region's allotment number.