



## EVENT INFORMATION PACKET

**EVENT:** 2016 Men's JO National Championships

**DATES:** May 4-8, 2016

**VENUE:** Kellogg Arena  
One McCamly Square  
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017  
[www.kelloggarena.com](http://www.kelloggarena.com)

**EVENT WEBSITE:** [www.2016jonationals.com](http://www.2016jonationals.com)

**EVENT ORGANIZERS:**

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Branch Gymnastics ~ Host Club ([www.branchgymnastics.com](http://www.branchgymnastics.com))

**E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCES:** (Verbal requests will not be accepted)

Please submit correspondence via email to:  
Sponsors, Vendors & Ads ~ [cscharns.branchgym@gmail.com](mailto:cscharns.branchgym@gmail.com)  
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**HOST HOTEL:** FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL NTS AT:  
<http://www.ntssportstravel.com/book/may16/mens-jo-national.shtml>  
Reservations begin January, 2016

**AIRPORTS:** Battle Creek/Kalamazoo International Airport (27 miles to Arena)  
Grand Rapids International Airport (50 miles to Arena)  
Lansing International Airport (60 miles to Arena)  
Detroit Metro International (104 miles to Arena)

**PARKING:** Parking Ramp ~ \$5/day

[Parking Instructions \(PDF\)...Coming Soon](#)

[Download Parking Info Map](#)

**ENTRY FEE:** \$165.00 (due at your Regional Championships. Parents make checks out to your Region.)

**REFUND POLICY:** USA Gymnastics Official Refund Policy:

There are no entry fee refunds for athletes who withdraw from the competition (for any reason) after the Regional Entries have been received. The exception is petitioned athletes whose petitions are denied.

The regional entries are considered final and any athlete who withdraws from competition after the Regional entries have been received will not be replaced.

**TICKETS:** Visit: [www.2016jonationals.com](http://www.2016jonationals.com)

**APPAREL AND MERCHANDISE:**

Visit: [www.2016jonationals.com](http://www.2016jonationals.com)

**RESULTS POSTED ON:**

1. [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org)
2. [www.branchgymnastics.com](http://www.branchgymnastics.com)

**SCORING:** ProScore PlasmaGen Systems ([www.aegroup.com](http://www.aegroup.com))

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL:**

A USA Gymnastics approved certified trainer will be available for all training and competition sessions. A medical doctor will also be available or be on call for any emergency situations that may arise.

## PROCEDURES, COMPETITION FORMAT & SCHEDULES

**QUALIFYING PROCESS:**

The JOPC reviews and establishes the qualifying process for the Junior Olympic National Championships, which may be by qualifying score, allotment system or a combination of these two methods. The qualification process will be posted on the USA Gymnastics web site by April 1 of each year.

## ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entry to compete at the Junior National Championships must be by club entry form. At the conclusion of the Regional Championships the club coach will submit the club entry form and entry fee to the Regional Chairman. Only Regional Chairmen may submit entries for the Junior National Championships. The National Meet Director will not accept any individual entry.

**PETITIONS:** Petitions Information is located in the USA Gymnastics Men's Rules & Policies (Section V- Junior Olympic Program page 12)

**FORMAT:** Competition will be conducted by Capitol Cup format in two flights for each session. One flight will warm-up in the warm-up gym while the other flight competes. The squads in each flight will alternate competition between age groups.

**FORMS:** [CLUB ENTRY FORM](#)

**NCAA RELEASE:** Ask your athletes to go online to complete the NCAA Release of Information form for college recruitment purposes only:  
<http://www.usagymforms.com/ncaa-release/>

## ADDITIONAL COACHES CREDENTIAL REQUEST:

Only one coach per athlete, maximum of two per club, is permitted to register for JO Nationals. An additional Coaches Credential Request Form may be submitted for consideration. If approved, a \$50 additional coaches credential fee may be charged.

## CURRENT USA GYMNASTICS PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED:

All coaches must hold a valid USA Gymnastics Men's Professional Membership with all requirements current: safety certification, background check and the completion of the U100 course. All athlete and professional memberships will be validated prior to JO Nationals.

**DRESS CODE:** Professional attire for coaches on competition floor:  
The following coach's professional attire is required at all competitive sessions, scheduled warm-up sessions and event training sessions.

Those coaches who are in violation of this policy will be required to comply or may be asked to leave the field of play.

1. Closed toe shoes, no sandals
2. Slacks, Warm-up pants or hemmed "dress" shorts (No Denim or "cargo style" – defined as having large flap pockets with a button or snap closure on the front and/or side of the thigh)
3. Collared shirts
4. No hats
5. No backpacks while spotting

## EVENT SCHEDULE

- Tuesday:** Welcome Center opens-times TBA. Open Training-times TBA
- Wednesday:** Training in warm-up gym and competition gym. Sessions to be assigned based upon Regions, number of qualifiers and time zone.
- \*Mandatory Coaches Technical Meeting to follow training
- \*\*Note: Opening Ceremonies will take place Wednesday evening following the Regional Training & Coaches Meeting
- Thursday:** Level 10 Preliminary competitions – 3 sessions
- Friday:** Level 8 & 9 Preliminary competitions – 3 sessions
- Saturday:** Session 1: Junior Elite Division AA & IE Finals \*  
Level 10 (15-16) & Level 10 (17-18) \*  
Level 10 qualifiers to USA Championships will be announced following.
- Session 2: Junior Olympic Division AA & IE Finals  
Level 10 (15-16)& Level 10 (17-18)
- Sunday:** Session 1: Junior Elite Division AA & IE Finals\*  
Level 8 (11-12) & Level 9 (13-14)  
\*National Team Meeting to follow
- Session 2: Junior Olympic Division AA & IE Finals  
Level 8 (11-12) & Level 9 (13-14)

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- Thursday:** Session 1: Level 10 Preliminary Competition  
Session 2: Level 10 Preliminary Competition  
Session 3: Level 10 Preliminary Competition
- Friday:** Session 1: Level 8 & 9 Preliminary Competition  
Session 2: Level 8 & 9 Preliminary Competition  
Session 3: Level 8 & 9 Preliminary Competition
- Saturday:** Session 1: Junior Elite Division All-Around and Individual Event Finals

- a. All athletes in the Junior Elite Division from the Level 10 (15-16) and Level 10 (17-18) age groups will advance to the Saturday JE Finals session.
- b. All Junior Elite athletes will perform the designated (15-18) Technical Sequences in the Saturday JE Finals session.
- c. The combined score from the Preliminary session and the Finals session will be used to determine the All-Around and Individual Event final rankings.

**Session 2: Junior Olympic Division All-Around and Individual Event Finals**

- a. The top 24 gymnasts by AA ranking in the JO Division from the preliminary competition Level 10 (15 years), Level 10 (16 years), Level 10 (17 years) and Level 10 (18 years) age groups qualify to the All-Around Finals.
- b. In addition, the twelve (12) highest scoring gymnasts on each event in each JO Level 10 age group, in addition to those who qualify in the All-Around, will qualify to compete in the Junior Olympic Division Finals on those events.
- c. A gymnast who qualifies on all 6 events into the All-Around Finals session, but was not in the top 24 All-Around will receive a Combined Score and will be a part of the All-Around competition and Final Ranking.
- d. Specialist will go up first on the event in random order and the All-Around qualifiers will go at the end of the rotation with an internal rotation of all around athletes from event to event.
- e. The combined score from the Preliminary session and the Finals session will be used to determine the All-Around and Individual Event final rankings.

**Sunday: Session 1: Junior Elite Division All-Around and Individual Event Finals**

- a. All athletes in the Junior Elite Division from the Level 8 (11-12) and Level 9 (13-14) age groups will advance to the Sunday JE Finals session.
- b. All Junior Elite athletes will perform the designated (11-14) Technical Sequences in the Sunday JE Finals session.
- c. The combined score from the Preliminary session and the Finals session will be used to determine the All-Around and Individual Event final rankings.

**Session 2: Junior Olympic Division All-Around and Individual Event Finals**

- a. The top 24 gymnasts by AA ranking in the JO Division from the preliminary competition Level 8 (11 years) Level 8 (12 years), Level 9 (13 years) and Level 9 (14 years) age groups qualify to the All-Around Finals.
- b. In addition, the twelve (12) highest scoring gymnasts on each event in each JO Level 8 & 9 age groups, in addition to those who qualify in the All-Around, will qualify to compete in the Junior Olympic Division Finals on those events.
- c. A gymnast who qualifies on all 6 events into the All-Around Finals session, but was not in the top 24 All-Around will receive a Combined Score and will be a part of the All-Around competition and Final Ranking.
- d. Specialist will go up first on the event in random order and the All-Around qualifiers will go at the end of the rotation with an internal rotation of all around athletes from event to event.
- e. The combined score from the Preliminary session and the Finals session will be used to determine the All-Around and Individual Event final rankings.

## PRACTICE TRAINING DAYS

Tuesday Evening: (In Competition Venue) ~ TIMES TBA

Wednesday: Regional Training Sessions, (In Competition Venue) ~ TIMES TBA

Off-Site Training:

(Full Blast - Across the street from Kellogg Arena at 35 W. Hamblin Ave, Battle Creek)

- THURSDAY ~ 9AM-2PM
- FRIDAY ~ 9AM-2PM
- SATURDAY ~ 9AM-2PM

Admission: (For Tuesday & Wednesday Practice Training Days) ~ \$5/day

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS CEREMONIES:

1. Junior Elite Division All-Around awards will be presented to the top ten finishers in each age group within Level 10 (17-18, 15-16); Level 9 (13-14); and Level 8 (11-12). Ties will not be broken and duplicate awards will be given. Only ten all-around awards will be given except in the case of a tie for tenth place. Single Age Year placements will be utilized where possible.

2. Individual Event awards will be presented to the top six finishers in the Junior Elite Division in each age group. Ties will not be broken and duplicate awards will be given. Only six places will be awarded except in the case of a tie for sixth place.

3. Awards will be presented for All-Around and Individual Events following the second day of competition based upon combined score of both days by division.

4. Junior Olympic Division All-Around and Individual Event awards will be presented to the top six finishers in each Level based upon single age year categories:

- Level 8 – 11 years old & 12 years old
- Level 9 – 13 years old & 14 years old
- Level 10 – 15 years old & 16 years old
- Level 10 – 17 years old & 18 years old

5. The Top 6 Club Teams in each Level will be recognized following the third session on their first day of optional competition. A JO National Championship banner will be awarded to the Top 3 teams in each Level. The Club Team score will be calculated using the Top 3 scores on each event from both the Junior Olympic and Junior Elite divisions. All participants must be in competition attire to appear in the award presentation.

6. The Top 3 Regional Teams will be recognized in each Level. The Regional Team score will be calculated from competition in the Junior Elite division. All regional participants may participate and must be in competition attire for the award presentation.