VA, NJ, DE, WV Level 8 Regional Petitioning Procedures 2019

\*\*ALL ATHLETES MUST BE ENTERED INTO MEETMAKER, petitioned or qualified via the State meet, NO LATER THAN MONDAY after your State meet. If you are petitioning your athlete, they must be marked as a petition in Meetmaker. See details below \*\*

Required paperwork:

1. Petition form – must be filled out completely. Located on the USA Gymnastics website.

<https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2015.pdf>

1. A copy of the score sheet of the competition where the gymnast scored either a 36.00 (or higher) AA. NO IES at Level 8. No petitions to the State Team.
2. A Doctor’s note with a date of return to gymnastics activity.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

* Rule of thumb – the earlier the better!
* NEW for 2019 and for Level 8 ONLY! Region 7 is requesting all required paperwork for petitions to be emailed to JENNIFER BORTZ, RACC [JBortz7rac@gmail.com](mailto:JBortz7rac@gmail.com) no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019. Which means If you know you are petitioning please start sending the petition paperwork now!
* Qualified athlete’s and petitioned athlete’s must be entered in to Meetmaker by March 18th, at 11:59pm. You must mark the petitioned athletes at being petitioned in Meet maker. .
* Please refer to the meet maker instructions on the Region 7 website at: [www.region7usagym.com](http://www.region7usagym.com) under events, meets. (AVAILABLE SOON)
* If an athlete is injured during the State meet, please email Jen Bortz, RACC [JBortz7rac@gmail.com](mailto:JBortz7rac@gmail.com) as quickly as possible to inform us of your intent to petition your athlete. Enter the athlete as a petition in Meetmaker and submit the required paperwork, via email to Jen Bortz (minimum of paperwork required #1 & #2), no later than midnight the Monday after your State meet. Required paperwork #3 can follow this, if unable to provide it on Monday, and must be received no later than midnight the Wednesday following your State meet.
* Please remember as an athlete who has petitioned in advance of the State meet, the athlete may still compete in her State meet up to 3 events. If she competes AA, the score achieved at the State meet in the AA is the score used to qualify her to Regionals, the petition is no longer valid.
* A scan, or picture of the documents must be emailed to Jen to be considered for approval. You will be notified if any additional information is required.
* No exceptions to petitioning procedures, including the 36.00 AA score. No Petitions to the State Team round of the Level 8 Regional competition.
* Also, please note the following 2019 update to the petitioning process:

“D. Recommendation to amend Women’s Rules and Policies. Pages 58 and 88, remove the bullet listed under IV.B. and update pages 80, G.3.c. and 117, H.3.c. to read:  
c. Exception to the 5-minute to submit inquiry rule:  
1) If, after the completion of the last event, an athlete’s AA score is a maximum of 0.10 less than the qualifying score to the State (or Regional) Championships, the coach may submit an inquiry for the gymnast’s lowest scoring event in order that the athlete be considered for qualification purposes. Any change of score is official and is included in the final results.  
2) If an athlete begins her fourth event, is injured during the routine and unable to complete her fourth event, she may petition to Regionals if her score from her first three (3) events is equal to or greater than 75% of the required petition score.

EXAMPLE: Regional Qualifying Score = 34.00. Required Petition Score = 35.00. The athlete must achieve a three- event score totaling 26.25.

EXAMPLE: Regional Qualifying Score = 35.00. Required Petition Score = 36.00. The athlete must achieve a three - event score totaling 27.00.

3) These processes listed in 1) and 2) above DO NOT APPLY:  
a) for mobility purposes, OR  
b) if qualification to the state or regional meet is by percentage or designated number per age group. This process does NOT apply.