

## 2021 Region 5 ETC Selection

### ETC Format:

- 6/5/4 with IE finals (no AA finals)
- Please see USAG directives posted on the USAG website

### Athlete Eligibility:

- Any R5 JE athlete competition age 13+
- If an athlete is not a current member of the R5 JE Team from 2019, they will need to submit demonstration videos of Technical Sequences in addition to their optional routines as proof of their viability in the Junior Elite Program. The TS will not be scored, but will be considered by the selection committee.
- In order to be eligible for selection, the athletes and their guardians must agree to participate in the event and to submit to all USAG and Region 5 protocols. This includes medical, travel and accommodation provisions. A permission and participation agreement form will be provided.

### Tryout Process:

- Coaches must declare their intention to have athletes tryout by January 11, 2021 with the Region 5 "Declaration of Intention" form.
- Athlete routines must be performed "live" and videos submitted via Google Drive by 6:00 pm on January 24.
- "Live" means that the athletes are given one opportunity to perform the routines and the routines may be viewed live by independent observers.
- Types of live events include:
  1. USAG Sanctioned Competition
  2. Routines performed with live broadcast via a virtual platform such as Zoom or Facebook. If this option is used, the viewing access information must be provided to the selection committee including date, time and platform link. In this scenario, the video must still be submitted via the Google Drive platform independent of the live broadcast.
- All routines must be performed consecutively in a timeline equivalent to standard competition.
- Camera and equipment specifications as per Winter Cup video submission guidelines. See Declaration form.
- Routine videos will be scored by RTD and additional judges selected by a committee consisting of the R5 Chairman, R5 HP director and R5 TD. Please note that local judging will not be considered. They will be scored as per the rules outlined in the ETC directives published by USAG.
- In order to be considered, all deadlines must be met.

### Athlete Selection:

- Category A: Top three (3) all around, rank order.
- Category B: Three (3) athletes selected by committee considering all around score, individual event scores, and routine start values along with team needs.
- Alternates: Two (2) alternate athletes will be named but will not travel due to restrictions imposed by USA Gymnastics.

**Athlete Readiness:**

- Athletes will be expected to demonstrate competitive readiness during the ETC training days.
- Alternates may be substituted for named team members based on current readiness up to the start of competition.
- Final team decisions will be made by the head coach and approved by the HP Director.

**Selection Committee:**

- R5 Chairman – Doug Burton – voice, no vote
- R5 HP Director, JNCS – Mike Serra
- JNCS – Juha Tanskanan
- R5CS – John Karmecy
- R5CS – Devin Halliday
- R5CS - Dave Masciola

**Coach Selection:**

- Head and Assistant coaches to be selected by committee, taking into consideration:
  - Demonstrated leadership skills in team competition scenarios.
  - Demonstrated participation in R5 camps and clinics.
  - Demonstrated ability to work well with athletes from all clubs.
  - Head coach not required to have athlete on team.

**Personal Coaches:**

- Due to restrictions imposed by USA Gymnastics, personal coaches (not selected as either the head coach or the assistant coach) will not be permitted on the field of play or in the spectator section.

**Travel and Accommodations:**

- Specific travel and accommodations have not been established yet pending further direction from the USAG Medical Team. It is possible that athletes may need to travel and stay with parents or designated guardians. This should be considered when permission is decided.

## Region 5 Declaration of Intention to Tryout for 2021 ETC Team

(One form per athlete to be returned by January 10)

Name of Athlete	Comp. Age	Name of Coach	Does coach want to be considered for ETC assignment?	Date of Tryout Event

Dear Coaches,

Please bear with us in this challenging year as we attempt to field a team for the **2021 Elite Team Cup** to be held in Indianapolis February 25-28. Due to the extraordinary circumstances brought about by the covid 19 pandemic, our selection process has been adjusted to accommodate the travel and competition restrictions throughout the region as best as possible. We understand and regret that not programs have been permitted to train properly for competition in February. However, if you have athletes who you believe will be ready for and permitted to travel and participate in the ETC, the tryout process will be through the use of “live” remote competition. Please refer to **Region 5 2021 Selection document** for the tryout process. Additionally, please refer to the USA Gymnastics ETC Directives posted on it’s website. If you intend to have an athlete tryout for the team, we need to know in advance so we can plan accordingly. **Please return this form to the Region 5 High Performance Director, Mike Serra by email ([michael.serra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michael.serra@sbcglobal.net)) by January 10, 2021.** Here are some points to consider in your decision.

- Parental permission and agreement will be required before athletes can be considered for the team. This must be submitted along with the videos.
- The USAG medical plan has not been finalized, however we anticipate the athletes and coaches will be required to submit to a covid 19 testing protocol.
- Team travel and accommodations has not been determined yet and is pending further direction from the USAG medical plan.
- Routines must be performed live (see selection document) and videoed according to the USAG Winter Cup video submission stipulations which are posted on the USAG website.
- Equipment specs must meet FIG standards with the exceptions delineated in the ETC/Winter Cup directives posted on the USAG website. If circumstances prevent the possibility of meeting this requirement the coach may petition the selection committee for a variance with this form. In the event that a variance is needed, the expectation is that the remedy is made to be as close to ETC specs as possible.

Equipment Specs for Tryout Event		
Event	FIG/ETC Specs (Y/N)	If “No,” what variance/remedy are you requesting
FX		
PH		
R		
V		
PB		
HB		

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Coach’s Signature

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Coach’s Name (please print)

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Date