

To: Members of the Region 6 and Region 7 communities
From: Craig Thibaudeau (Region 6 Chair) and Bob Lundy (Region 7 Chair)
Re: Nominations for Region 6 Northeast Chairman

November 7, 2023

Dear members of the community,

As you are by now aware, Region 6 and Region 7 will reorganize into one, larger region (Region 6 Northeast). Our new region will consist of the following states and territories:

Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Vermont, and DC

As part of the reorganization, the interim terms of Craig Thibaudeau (Region 6) and Bob Lundy (Region 7) will expire at the conclusion of their respective 2024 Regional Championships.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the nomination process for the Region 6 Northeast Chairman. Per USA Gymnastics approved Reorganization Timeline (dated 7/24/2024):

- *Call for nominations for Regional Chair positions in new Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Interested parties send bios to USA Gymnastics by February 12, 2024*
- *Elections for Regional Chairs 1,2,5,6 weekend of 2024 Regional Championships. Elections conducted through USA Gymnastics. Region 7 Championships is April 4-7 and Region 6 Championships is April 12-14, 2024*
- *Following Regional Championships 2024, newly elected Regional Chairs in Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6 begin their term. (4-year term for Regions 1, 2 and 5. 2-year term for Region 6)*

If you are interested in running for the position of Region 6 Northeast Chairman, you will need to take the following steps:

1. Review the Regional Chairman Responsibilities as outlined in the Men's Rules & Policies Version 10.13.23. For your convenience, those responsibilities are listed on page two of this letter.
2. Send your bio to USA Gymnastics by February 12, 2024. This can be emailed to Jason Woodnick, jwoodnick@usagym.org.
3. **Recommended, but not required:** Review the qualities of the Regional Chairman that have been highlighted by the state and regional chairs as recommended for holding the position. For your convenience, those qualities are listed on page three of this letter.
4. **Recommended, but not required:** Send your bio to Craig Thibaudeau (craig.thibaudeau@comcast.net) and Bob Lundy (region7mensgymnastics@gmail.com) by December 1, 2023. Our chairs (state and regional) would like to hold a zoom call with anyone interested in running for Region 6 Northeast Chairman. This is not a requirement yet would give us an opportunity to ask questions and answer questions ahead of the voting process, which will be completed by USA Gymnastics. If you are interested, we will contact you soon after 12/1/23 to set up a zoom call with the state and regional chairs.

As outlined in the Men's program Rules & Policies (Men's Rules & Policies Version 10.13.23):

Regional Chairman Responsibilities:

Responsibilities of the Regional Chairperson Regional Chairpersons must provide information from the National Office directly to the State Chairpersons, who will make it available to their state's membership, regardless of the level and nature of their participation. Every program (club, high school, collegiate, Turner, Sokol, YMCA, etc.) should have access to USA Gymnastics information and be encouraged to participate in USA Gymnastics programs. The same is true for any individual member.

1. Maintain an open channel of communication between the National Office, Regional Office, and State Offices. This communication shall include all events, clinics, meetings, and various decisions made throughout the year concerning USA Gymnastics Development Programs.
2. Each Regional Chairperson will conduct an annual regional clinic. The Regional Chairpersons will coordinate scheduling and content of the clinic with the State Chairpersons and the members of the Junior National Coaching Staff. Each Region will determine the final format, content and material included in its clinic based on the needs within that region. The Regional Chairperson shall provide the Vice President of the Men's Program the proposed date, site, and agenda for the clinic at least twelve weeks in advance of the clinic. The Host Director of the Regional clinic is encouraged to distribute a written report of the clinic to all coaches in the region.
3. Conduct the USA Gymnastics Regional Championships meet using both compulsory and optional exercises and ensure that all official rules and regulations are met. Schedule this meet as provided in Chapter 3, Section V and notify the National Office. Forward all meet results to the National Office and the Meet Directors for Development National Championship events.
4. Decide regional matters in concurrence with the National Office. Develop policies and procedures governing activities and events in the region.
5. Be responsible for promotional planning and publicity. Plan a systematic and comprehensive promotional program within the region to cultivate the understanding and expansion of USA Gymnastics Development Programs. This area is vital to the future growth of the boys' programs.
6. Attend national meetings of the MDPC. These meetings include the Development National Championships, the Fall Meeting as scheduled, and a third meeting if scheduled. If such attendance is unlikely for personal or professional reasons, the Regional Chairperson shall advise the Vice President of the Men's Program in writing one month or as soon as possible before the meeting. The notification letter will state the reasons for the absence.
7. Disseminate information from the National Office to the region's State Chairpersons. Maintain current and comprehensive mailing lists of all clubs, YMCA's, high schools, Turner, Sokol and other boys' gymnastics programs in the region.
8. Work with JNCS member(s) to conduct the Regional Future Stars Program Evaluation in coordination with the National Office.

9. Work with the USA Gymnastics Accounting Department to establish a USA Gymnastics region account. Funds should be used for Regional Chairperson's travel to clinics, workshops and promotions, support of the region's Junior National Coaching Staff Members and other projects as approved. Regional Chairpersons will not have a separate bank account from USA Gymnastics.
 10. Petitions: Approve/disapprove petitions to the Regional Championships; receive petitions for the Development National Championships and Future Stars National Championships and submit them to the MDPC or designated working group reviewing petitions for approval/disapproval. See "Petitions," Section V.
 11. Maintain an open line of communication with local judges' associations and the NGJA Junior Development Regional Technical Director for use of officials. C. Election of Regional Chairpersons – see MDPC Charter at <https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Men/charter/mdpc.pdf>.
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Recommended Qualities of the Region 6 Northeast Chairman:

- Solid knowledge of Men's Development Program Competition Rules and skills
- Organized
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Responds quickly to all forms of inquiry
- Consensus builder
- Time management skills - has the time to manage communications
- Strong advocate for the region, including advocating for needs of athletes, families, judges, gym owners, meet directors, and coaches
- Good Technology Skills (email, video calling, etc.)
- Strong delegation skills. Must have the ability to delegate tasks for smooth coordination and running of events, website, social media presence, etc.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Thibaudeau
Region 6 Chairman



Bob Lundy
Region 7 Chairman