

ArtSports Team Competition Overview

USAGymnastics is the governing body for all the different types of gymnastics in the Olympics. Trampoline Gymnastics has been an Olympic event since Sydney, Australia in 2000. You could say, the road to the Olympics starts in the Jr. Olympic program. You can start as high as level 8. From there you must "mobilize" or achieve a score high enough to prove your mastery of this level. (Also a safety issue). What ever level your athlete starts at, a mobilization score must be met to advance to the next level. Just about any meet an athlete may score high enough to move up or "mobilize". But only State and Regional meets are scores eligible to qualify to Nationals. Mobilization scores are even higher than the score to qualify to Nationals. First year team members often only compete at the local level. However, some first year athletes excel to the point of needing the experience of away meets. Please see our website for these scores, schedules and other pertinent articles and information to help you and your athlete understand. After level 10, the athlete moves up to Jr. Elite. This level as with Sr. Elite, has no age group and requires a minimal level of difficulty. Our country has only about twenty male and female competitors at this level. As in all the levels, your score is four times more dependant upon how you do it as compared to what you do. If an athlete gets through the Jr. Elite level, he or she may qualify into Sr. Elite or international competition. However, there is international competition for those exceptional athletes who seek the challenge. Starting at level 10 and Jr. Elite, the Age Group World Championships is a wonderful opportunity for the up and coming athletes to feel the international level of competition. It runs in conjunction with the World Championships. This program is based upon age and not level. This level is funded by the parents, sponsors or gym fund raising. Any athlete who makes the national team, receives full funding for all expenses when competing for the U.S.A. If interested, please ask the head coach for more information. Several years ago, ArtSports produced several athletes who competed at this international level. Randy Dureen was the number one tumbler in America and took 3rd in the world. Josh Vance was 1st nationally on double mini trampoline and 13th in the world. Mr. Vance also competed on USA's Trampoline Team, top four from each country. USAGymnastics has a scholarship program where the top athletes choose what ever higher education they want and funding from our national program helps them with expenses. Thanks to our exceptional coaches and talented gymnasts, our program is beginning to reach the elite level again. With our ultimate training facility, we look forward to year after year success.