



January 24, 2018

Dear Coaches:

Enclosed is information for the USA Jump Rope Region 11 Qualifier Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Revere High School, 3420 Everett Road, Richfield, Ohio 44286. This competition will serve as a qualifier for the US National Championships which will be held June 20-24, 2018 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Doors will open to teams at 8:00 a.m. and competition will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The exact ending time is uncertain until we have a final count of competitors, but we estimate the tournament will last until approximately 6:00 p.m. **Please read everything over very carefully and share appropriate details with your jumpers, judges and parents.**

### **Entry Information**

In regions that **exceed a certain number of registered participants in a particular age group event**, qualifying spots for Nationals will be determined as follows:

- 1-15 jumpers                      -- top 5 places qualify with 5 eligible alternates
- 16-20 jumpers                    -- top 6 places qualify with 6 eligible alternates
- 21-25 jumpers                    -- top 7 places qualify with 7 eligible alternates
- 26 or more jumpers              -- top 8 places qualify with 8 eligible alternates

***Speed Events:*** There will be no limit on the number of entries per age division/team for single and double dutch speed events with the exception of three-minute speed where there will be a (5) entry limit per age division/team.

***Freestyle Events:*** Within each freestyle age/event category, coaches are to enter all competitors, ***in order of priority***, who wish to qualify for Nationals. Tournament directors are to accept all entries that intend to qualify for Nationals from each list so that all teams have an equal number of entries. If this process results in less than 40 entries, additional entries can be taken from each team equitably. Once all competitors attempting to qualify have been placed using the above criteria, the non-qualifier division entries may be selected providing that all teams with non-qualifiers are represented equitably. In the event that the number of empty slots is less than the number of teams with additional entries, no additional entries will be allowed.

***Wildcarding:*** Jumpers who are 18 years or older as of June 15, 2018 are allowed to apply for wildcard status. All wildcard applications (to allow athletes 18 and over to compete at the National level without qualifying at the regional level) must be received no later than 4 weeks prior to the tournament (March 9) and must include full payment of fees. A coach may request wild card status for an athlete of any age due to a ***documented mandatory*** school function that would affect the athlete's grade, class rank, or school team status.

If, after receipt of all registration forms, it's discovered that there are more wildcard applications than there are places to advance in a particular age group, all affected applicants will be immediately notified that they must compete at the Regional Qualifier Tournament in order to earn their berth at the National Championship.

***Cross-Regional Competitors:*** Cross-regional competitor requests will only be accepted from eligible applicants (18 and older) as described in Section 101, L of the USAJR Competition Rule Book. The "2018 USA Jump Rope Regional Tournament Cross-Regional Competitor Form" must accompany the athlete's regional tournament registration form in order to complete their registration for events at the regional tournament.

### ***Team Shows***

Small group = minimum of (6) jumpers and maximum of (12) jumpers.

Large group = minimum of (13) jumpers and maximum of (30) jumpers.

Teams may enter one routine in each division. Individual jumpers, however, may only compete in one division.

Music is required. There is a 4-minute maximum time limit. No props, trampolines and/or mats may be used. All routines must be performed in a 94' x 50' space. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from Small Group Team Show from each region qualify to compete at the national level with 3<sup>rd</sup> place as the alternate. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from Large Group Team Show from each region qualify to compete at the national level with 3<sup>rd</sup> place as the alternate.

### **Tournament Rules**

All tournament participants must be members of USA Jump Rope for 2018. Age competition division is determined by jumper's age as of 6/15/2018.

A list of rule changes that went into effect for this competition year is attached. Please refer to the USA Jump Rope Competition Rule Book for 2018 for more details and a complete listing of competition rules.

### **Substitutes**

1. A substitute may compete in any event which is not an individual event.
2. An event entry may not be composed of more substitute jumpers than original jumpers.
3. Substitutes may compete in any age group for which they are eligible.
4. Each substitute may be used in more than one event but may not compete more than once in any particular event.
5. Whenever a coach makes a substitution, the Tournament Director must be notified. Notifications should be made as soon as possible.

### **Athletes in Splints and Casts**

The USA Jump Rope board does **not** recommend that athletes compete while injured or while wearing splints or casts. **In order to compete, a written doctor's release must be provided to the Tournament Director prior to the start of competition.**

### **Coach of Record**

Teams must declare a "coach of record" as well as an "official coach" when registering for the tournament. The "coach of record" is any adult who will fulfill the duties of the official coach if the official coach is unavailable because of judging, competing, or being absent from the premises for any reason. The "coach of record" may be contacted in case of emergency, file protests, advocate for jumpers, and act as the official spokesperson for the team when the official coach is not available. A team may declare more than one "coach of record" provided they are not registered athletes and are named at time of registration. Be sure to list your Coach of Record (and any additional Coaches of Record) on the Tournament and Contact Information form.

### **Registration Procedures**

Email your completed "Official USAJR Regional and National Registration paperwork (XLS)" to "Region11@usajumprope.org".

NOTE: If you need to make changes to your team registration after it's been emailed to USAJR, it is recommended that you make the change(s) in the spreadsheet and resend it to USAJR at the "Region11@usajumprope.org" email address.

The USAJR regional tournament individual competitor registration/participant release forms and individual competitor articles of understanding along with the \$50 tournament fee for each competitor (checks made payable to "USA Jump Rope" -- add a \$10 late fee for any competitor registrations sent after the March 9 deadline) still need to be mailed to the USA Jump Rope office at P.O. Box 569, Huntsville, Texas 77342-0569.

### **Judges/Floor Managers/Check-In Clerks/Tabulators**

All judges for the Regional Qualifier must be at least 16 years old, must be members of USA Jump Rope, must have attended a USA Jump Rope Certification Workshop and been certified this past year. Judges must have been trained no later than March 15, 2018 or 4 weeks prior to the tournament (whichever date is earlier) in order to allow for ample practice time.

Each team participating in the tournament is required to provide at least one speed judge for every four of their speed competitors and at least one freestyle judge for every four of their freestyle competitors. The ratio of required minimum number of judges to jumpers is as follows:

- 1-4 jumpers: team must supply a minimum of 1 judge (any level)
- 5-8 jumpers: team must supply one Level 1 judge **and** a Level 2 judge
- 9-12 jumpers: team must supply a minimum of 3 judges, one of which must be a Level 2 judge
- 13 or more jumpers: number of judges continues to increase as number of jumpers increases, with a minimum of 4 judges adding another Level 2 judge for every other additional 4 jumpers. For example, 12 jumpers would require 3 judges, at least one of which must be a Level 2 judge. 13 jumpers would require 4 judges, at least two (2) of which must be a Level 2 judge.

If a judge only judges speed and not freestyle, that judge is counted as ½ judge. Similarly, if a judge only judges freestyle and not speed, that judge is counted as ½ judge. The ratio must remain such that two ½ judges count for 1 judge.

Exemptions will be handled on a case by case basis. If teams do not meet the minimum requirement for judges, a \$75 fee will be assessed for each judge below the minimum requirement.

Competitors 16 years of age and older, who are certified to judge, competing only in speed may judge freestyle and team show; those competing only in freestyle may judge speed and team show; and those competing only in team show may judge speed and freestyle.

All judges must wear a white shirt with no logos or a USA Jump Rope official shirt and navy shorts, slacks or skirt (**NO DENIM**).

Volunteers are also needed to serve as floor managers, check-in clerks and tabulators. These individuals do not need to be members of USAJR. Please complete the attached volunteer list and return it with all your other tournament paperwork.

All judges and volunteers on the competition floor must wear athletic shoes.

All judges, floor managers, check-in clerks and tabulators will be provided with a complimentary lunch. DO NOT INCLUDE THESE INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR TEAM'S LUNCH PRE-ORDER.

### **Scratches**

If you have scratches on tournament day, it is IMPERATIVE that HEAD COACHES get that information to our computer person, Dot Hepp, as soon as they arrive. The HEAD COACH ONLY will be permitted in the computer area!

### **Hotel Information**

Attached is a list of hotels that are all located within 8-10 minutes of the competition site. Teams are responsible for making their own reservations and paying all expenses incurred.

### **Pre-Ordered Lunches/Food Concession**

We are offering pre-ordered lunches at a cost of \$7.00 each. Choices will include Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Chick-fil-A Chicken Nuggets (8 count) or Chick-fil-A Garden Salad. All lunches will include chips, a cookie and a drink. Teams are welcome, of course, to "brown bag" it if they choose. Please complete the order form enclosed and return it (be sure to keep a record of your individual jumpers' orders and bring that information with you to the tournament) with all your other tournament registration forms, along with appropriate payment (**one team check for your entire lunch order made payable to "Heartbeats Jump Rope Team"**). All lunch orders must be pre-paid. Other food items and drinks will be available throughout the day at our concession stand.

### **Souvenir T-Shirt**

We will be offering a special souvenir tournament t-shirt which will be available on a pre-order basis only. Please complete the enclosed order form and return it with all your other tournament registration forms, along with appropriate payment (**one team check for your entire t-shirt order made payable to "Heartbeats Jump Rope Team"**). Other jump rope apparel will be available for purchase the day of the tournament.

### **Region 11 Tournament Committee**

We are required by USA Jump Rope to appoint a Tournament Committee. This committee will be available to assist the Tournament Director in any capacity needed and will especially be called upon to review any appeals that may be submitted during the course of competition. The Tournament Committee will consist of: the Tournament Director, A USA Jump Rope board member or board designee and three other non-competing adults (18 or older), chosen by the Tournament Director, who represent different teams. Members of the Tournament Committee will be announced prior to the Tournament.

### **Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)**

Doors open for check-in	8:00 a.m.
Coaches/Judges/Helpers meeting	8:30 a.m.
Competition begins	9:00 a.m.
Speed events	
Freestyle events	
Team Shows	
Awards presentation	5:00 p.m. (time approximate)

### **Tournament Forms**

Forms (as noted) need to be sent as indicated below and **received by no later than March 9, 2018** :

EMAIL TO: USA Jump Rope at "region11@usajumprope.org"  
(use attached Excel spreadsheet)

1. Team and contact information
2. Judges information
3. Wildcard information
4. Competitor information
5. Group team show information
6. Individual event information

MAIL TO: USA Jump Rope  
P.O. Box 569  
Huntsville, TX 77342-0569

For Priority or Overnight Mail:  
USA Jump Rope  
2431 Crosstimbers Street  
Huntsville, TX 77320

1. Competitor tournament registration forms (one for each competitor – be sure to include USAJR membership # -- Participant Release and Indemnity Agreement must be fully completed, signed and dated)
2. Articles of Understanding (one for each competitor - signed by jumper and coach)
3. Tournament fee (**\$50 per competitor -- check made payable to "USA Jump Rope" – with a \$10 late fee added for each athlete registration submitted after the March 9 deadline**)

MAIL TO: Karen Smik  
3823 Faith Lane  
Richfield, Ohio 44286

1. Prepaid lunch order form **w/one team check for entire team lunch order** in appropriate amount made payable to "Heartbeats Jump Rope Team"
2. Prepaid souvenir t-shirt order form **w/one team check for entire team t-shirt order** in appropriate amount made payable to "Heartbeats Jump Rope Team"
3. List of volunteers from your team

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Karen Smik  
USA Jump Rope Region 11 Qualifier Tournament Director  
Phone: (330) 659-4750  
E-mail: [kls1650@roadrunner.com](mailto:kls1650@roadrunner.com)

# USA Jump Rope Competition Committee -- Rule Changes for 2018

## **SPEED JUDGE ACCURACY**

Speed judge accuracy will be 3 clicks instead of 5 for all speed and power events.

## **VIDEO REPLAY**

Video replay will be utilized in 2018 Grand National Championship for all speed and power events, with the consideration of bringing it into the speed and power events at the Age Division Competition in the future. Procedures will be determined and shared with coaches and athletes prior to the 2018 National Championship.

## **OPEN QUALIFIER**

The National Open Qualifier will be held at the USAJR National venue, prior to the start of the 2018 National Championship.

## **3-MINUTE SPEED & TRIPLE UNDERS AT GRANDS**

The top 8 male and the top 8 female qualifiers from 3-minute speed and the top 8 male and the top 8 female qualifiers from triple unders from the age division championship will be allowed to decide if he/she would like to keep his/her qualifying score or if he/she would like to compete the event at Grand Nationals. Each athlete and coach must sign a sheet stating their intention within 15 minutes post-conclusion of the award ceremony on the day the event was competed and results announced.

If the athlete does not make a decision within 15 minutes post-conclusion of the award ceremony, the default will be to NOT compete in Grand Nationals.

Should any jumper elect to not compete in Grand Nationals, only the next 8 eligible jumpers will be the alternates and may compete in Grand Nationals.

## **10&UNDER DOUBLE DUTCH FREESTYLE**

If there are four or more teams per event in the 10 and under age group for DDSF and DDPF, those teams are able to qualify the 1st place Age Division winner to compete in Grand Nationals. If there are 3 or fewer teams in either of those events, those teams will compete for Age Division placings only and will not qualify the 1st place winner to compete in Grand Nationals.

## **REGION 14**

Jumpers who graduated high school at least 6 months prior to the National Tournament are permitted to register as wildcard entries for the Age Division National Championship through a separate region, Region 14. There will be unlimited wildcard entries in this region. Region 14 teams must be comprised of all high school graduates. Team entries that do not meet this age requirement must register through their home region's qualifying tournament as a regular or wildcard entry. USAJR age and gender divisions apply to all events registered through Region 14 at Nationals.

Cross-regional rules will NOT apply when registering to compete through Region 14 in team events. (i.e., a DD team could consist of jumpers from 3 or 4 different teams or regions, but then they cannot compete under name of one the jumper's home team, they would pick a different team name, such as "State College Jumpers"). However, the cross-regional rules will apply to any team events in their home region, in order for them to count towards overall team points at Nationals. (i.e., if college jumpers want to compete as their home team "Capital City Jumpers, the cross-regional rules would apply). Individual events count toward overall team points at Nationals if they are competed under their home team name, even if it is through Region 14.

Substitution rules apply for all regions, including Region 14. All eligible substitutions for Region 14 events must have graduated high school at least 6 months prior to the National Tournament.

The wildcard registration fee is \$50 per athlete and all forms and fees must be submitted to USAJR by the regional registration deadline. The regional registration deadline for Region 14 will be the same as the deadline scheduled for the last regular regional tournament. All entry forms and fees for Nationals will also be due no later than the date that is set for the last regular regional tournament.

## **WILDCARDS**

Region 14 is the only region with unlimited wildcards. The previous limits are returning to wildcarding in the 18+ age divisions in Regions 1 - 13.

# APRIL 7, 2018 REGIONAL QUALIFIER LIST OF HOTELS

(all within 8-10 minutes of competition site)

## Super 8 Motel

79 Rothrock Road - Akron 44333

(330) 666-8887

no complimentary breakfast

no pool

## Days Inn & Suites

4742 Brecksville Road - Richfield 44286

(330) 659-6151

no complimentary breakfast

indoor and outdoor pool

## Super 8 Motel

4845 Brecksville Road - Richfield 44286

(330) 659-6888

complimentary continental breakfast

indoor pool

## Holiday Inn Akron-West

4073 Medina Road - Akron 44333

(330) 666-4131

no complimentary breakfast

outdoor pool

## Akron Courtyard by Marriott

100 Springside Drive - Akron 44333

(330) 668-9090

no complimentary breakfast

indoor pool

## Holiday Inn Express

5171 Brecksville Road - Richfield 44286

(888) 465-4329

complimentary continental breakfast

indoor pool

## Comfort Inn Akron-West

130 Montrose W. Avenue - Akron 44321

(330) 666-5050

complimentary breakfast

indoor pool

## Doubletree Hotel

3150 W. Market - Akron 44333

(330) 869-9000

no complimentary breakfast

indoor pool

## Akron-Fairlawn Hampton Inn

80 Springside Drive - Akron 44333

(330) 666-7361

complimentary hot breakfast

indoor pool

## Hilton Akron/Fairlawn

3180 W. Market - Akron 44333

(330) 867-5000

no complimentary breakfast

indoor and outdoor pool

## Hampton Inn

4860 Brecksville Road - Richfield 44286

(330) 659-6662

complimentary breakfast

indoor pool

## Radisson Akron/Fairlawn

200 Montrose W. Avenue - Akron 44321

(330) 666-9300

no complimentary breakfast

indoor pool



# APRIL 7, 2018 REGION 11 QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

## SOUVENIR T-SHIRT TEAM ORDER FORM

We are offering a special tournament souvenir t-shirt, at a cost of \$12 each (\$2 extra for adult xx-large and adult xxx-large sizes), on a pre-order, prepaid basis only. Please complete this order form and return it, along with appropriate payment (**one team check for entire order** made payable to "*Heartbeats Jump Rope Team*"), with your other tournament forms. **Please submit one team order (not individual jumper order forms) for total t-shirts needed with one team check in payment.**

All t-shirts ordered by your team should be picked up from the designated apparel table on the day of the tournament. Remember to keep a list of all persons ordering and their sizes for your reference.

#\_\_\_\_ Youth Medium

#\_\_\_\_ Adult Large

#\_\_\_\_ Youth Large

#\_\_\_\_ Adult X-Large

#\_\_\_\_ Adult Small

#\_\_\_\_ Adult XX-Large (\$2 extra)

#\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium

#\_\_\_\_ Adult XXX-Large (\$2 extra)

Total number of t-shirts ordered at \$12 each # \_\_\_\_\_  
(add \$2 for each adult xx-large and adult xxx-large shirt ordered)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(one team check payable to "*Heartbeats Jump Rope Team*")**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



**VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR TEAM  
FOR APRIL 7, 2018 REGION 11 QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT**

Please list below any adults from your team willing to be floor managers, check-in clerks or tabulators on April 7. **Before signing anyone up, make sure he/she will be in attendance all day. You will be notified prior to the tournament which adults from your team will be utilized.**

**Floor Managers**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check-In Clerks**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Tabulators**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Coach of Record \_\_\_\_\_