

# Region 4 Funding Policy

**Purpose of Region 4 International Travel Grant:** The purpose of the Region 4 Travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for Level 10, Jr and Sr. Elite athletes who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and Region 4. All funds will be a reimbursement after the competition is complete and all proper paper work is filed with the Region 4 office. All athletes must have competed for Region 4 for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from regional championships to regional championships. All Senior Athletes who want to be considered for funding must attend Region IV Championships. Entry fees will be waived for all Senior Athletes for Region IV Championships. The amount of reimbursement will be determined after World Age Group and World Championships teams have been announced and the competition has completed.

These grants are to help USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program to maintain their talent base of upper level athletes and to help provide international competition experience.

## **Eligibility for International Travel Grants:**

- All partially or non funded Jr. and Sr. athletes who compete internationally. Level 10 athletes who are invited by USA Gymnastics to compete internationally.

## **Eligible Events would include:**

- 1) World Cups
- 2) World Championships
- 3) International Age Group Competition.
- 4) International Competitions where athletes were invited to compete by USA Gymnastics

## **Policies concerning Travel Grants:**

The Region 4 board of Directors will vote on all funding at their annual meeting held at regional championships each year, or by special vote if requested. No funds may be distributed by the Regional Chair without the prior approval of the board of directors. The board will use all documentation such as applications and yearly budget to determine grant amounts.

All travel grants will be a reimbursement. Funds will not be made available prior to the competitions. The reimbursement will be issued to the party that provided the initial funds for travel. This is to insure that the athlete does indeed travel to and participate in the approved competition. Injuries, which inhibit the athlete from competing, will be taken into consideration when funding is requested.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing or on probation with USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program for any reason USA Gymnastics deems necessary.

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