

Qualification System for National and International Events – Season 2026

The AGG USA qualification system for the 2026 season ensures that all teams representing the United States demonstrate consistency, readiness, and commitment throughout the competitive year.

Participation in all required national events is essential for eligibility to represent AGG USA internationally.

1. West Coast Cup 2026 – January 17-19, San Diego, CA

Purpose:

- Serves as the first national ranking and qualification event of the 2026 season.
- Acts as a re-ranking event for Junior and Senior National Teams.
- Determines qualification to the AGG USA National Championship 2026, Spring International Events, and contributes to World Championship selection.

Participation Requirement:

Participation in the West Coast Cup is mandatory for:

- Qualification to the AGG USA National Championship.
- Eligibility for Spring International Events.
- World Championship selection consideration.

Qualification from West Coast Cup includes eligibility for:

- Miss Valentine – February 22–March 1, Tartu, Estonia
- Friendship Cup – March 21–22, Mérida, Mexico
- IFAGG Children Championships 2026 – March 20-29, Yerevan, Armenia
- Easter Cup – March 29–April 4, Greve, Denmark
- World Cup II, Challenge Cup II, and B-Category Competition – April 19–26, France
- Princess Cup – June 5–7, Monterrey, Mexico
- World Cup III, Challenge Cup III, Asian Championships, and B-Category Competition – June 7–15, Astana, Kazakhstan

Participation and results from the West Coast Cup establish early-season rankings and play a crucial role in team evaluation for both spring and fall international assignments.

Special Exception for 2026:

Due to the short time gap between the 2025 World Championships and the 2026 West Coast Cup, AGG USA will make an exception for this season:

Teams may qualify for spring international events without achieving a qualification score at the West Coast Cup, provided they participate in the event. Participation in the West Coast Cup remains required for qualification to spring international events, the AGG USA National Championship, and the AGG USA Challenge Championships.

Teams may also alter the qualified routines from the West Coast Cup for international events that occur prior to the 2026 AGG USA National Championship. This includes changing the music and style of the composition, choreography, and leotards, but does not include changing age categories or the athletes in the routine. If a team chooses to alter their routine, they must provide a video of their new routine to the AGG USA office at least four weeks prior to the international event for review and approval.

2. AGG USA National Championship 2026 – June (Date TBD)

Purpose:

- Serves as the main national qualification event for Fall International Events.
- One of the mandatory qualification events for World Championship 2026 and Challenge Championship 2026.

Teams must compete at Nationals to qualify for:

- Torneo Interclubs – June 19–21, 2026 Mérida, Mexico
- Challenge Championship / Autumn Cup International III – September 18–20, 2026 San Marcos, CA
- Grand Prix, Helsinki, Finland October 25th–November 2nd, 2026
- IFAGG World Championships – November 20–30, 2026 Osaka, Japan

3. AGG USA Challenge Championship / Autumn Cup International III – September 18-20, 2026, San Marcos, CA

Purpose:

- Serves as the final domestic qualification event before the World Championship.
 - Required participation for all teams intending to represent the USA at the World Championship 2026 (Japan).
 - Acts as one of the qualification events for Fall International Competitions, together with the National Championship and West Coast Cup.
 - Provides valuable feedback from international judges and serves as a final evaluation event before international competition.
-

4. Qualification Pathway Summary

<i>Event</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Requirement for Next Level</i>
<i>West Coast Cup (Jan 17-19)</i>	Re-ranking event; qualification for Nationals, Spring Internationals, and World Championship selection	Mandatory for Nationals qualification, Spring International events and World Championship eligibility
<i>National Championships (June, TBD)</i>	One of the national qualifier; selection for Fall Internationals and World Championship	Mandatory for World Championship and Fall events qualification
<i>Challenge Championship / Autumn Cup (Sept 18-20)</i>	Final domestic qualifier; required for Fall Internationals and World Championship	Mandatory for all teams qualifying for Fall events and World Championship

5. Eligibility for World Championship and International Tournament (Japan 2026)

To be eligible for participation in the AGG World Championship 2026 and International Tournament in Japan, teams must:

1. Participate in all three national events – West Coast Cup, National Championship, and Challenge Championship.
 2. Achieve a qualification score at least one of these national events.
 3. Maintain consistent performance and compliance with AGG USA membership, registration, and code of conduct requirements. Failure to participate in any of the required qualification events will disqualify the team from international representation.
-

If a team does not participate in any of the national-level qualification events throughout the season, they may not participate in the remaining events of the AGG USA calendar season. For example, if a team does not participate in the AGG USA West Coast Cup, they may not participate in any of the following AGG USA events, including the AGG USA National Championship, the AGG USA Open Cup, the AGG USA Challenge Championships, or the AGG USA Autumn Cup.

