Regional Level Officials,

If you are interested in being a Junior National Candidate, here is some information. This is just through my talks with the National Rating Team, nothing has been posted yet. When it is, I will get it sent out.

The National applications sign up will be through Webpoint sometime after February 1st from the National Office.

There is a \$150 fee to start your application process and be signed up for the modules and tests.

The final date to have everything completed will be April 1st.

Now, our final rating session for you to get permission from the Region for your acceptance is March 19-20 at our 18's Qualifier in Ames. After the final ratings our Junior National committee will discuss and approve the candidates we believe are ready to take the next step. You will not be accepted into the Junior National program without the consent from the Region.

You will have two options.

- 1. Sign up early, pay the \$150, and get started on your tests and modules. If you do not pass your final ratings and move past the committee, you will be refunded your \$150 from the National Office.
- 2. Sign up after the final rating session and passing the final ratings with approval from the committee. That will give you roughly 10 days to get everything done before the final deadline with the National Rating Team.

After the National Rating team has collected all the completed applications, they will make the final decision who will be accepted into the Junior National class this year.

The Junior National ratings will be done at the USA Girls Junior National Championships in Indianapolis, IN. The rating dates are: June $28 - \text{July } 1^{\text{st}}$.