



Small Program Mega Nationals FAQ's

What is “Small Program Mega Nationals”?

Small Program Mega Nationals is a premier end-of-season championship event designed specifically for small gyms and programs. The event features elite competition, major awards, cash prizes, athlete experiences, and competition hosted inside Universal Orlando Resort theme parks.

This is a guaranteed two-day event for ALL divisions with a 50/50 scoring split.

When is “Super Program Mega Nationals”?

April 29-30, 2027

How can my program/gym attend the event?

You will be able to earn bids through the Open Championship Series Event Producer network. Both paid and At-large bids will be available.

Do I have to have a bid to attend the event?

No, but those not receiving a bid will be full price per athlete.

Athlete pricing will be announced soon.

How are gyms split and defined as a small program?

Gyms will be defined into two division groups:

A) 1-74 athletes

B) 75-125 athletes

Gym athlete counts will include prep athletes for the purposes of this event, however, only elite and novice teams will participate in the event.



Where does this event take place?

THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE INSIDE UNIVERSAL ORLANDO THEME PARKS

Because the competition is held inside Universal Orlando Resort theme parks, valid park admission is REQUIRED for every athlete, coach, and spectator attending the event.

There is no separate “competition-only” admission option.

Is this a Stay-to-Play event?

No.

Small Program Mega Nationals is NOT a Stay-to-Play event. You are free to stay wherever you choose.

However, discounted lodging packages through the Open Championship Series will be available and can include spectator entry packages.

More lodging information coming soon.



ATHLETE & COACH INFORMATION

What is included with athlete and coach registration?

Athlete and coach registration includes a 5-Day Universal Orlando Resort Park Ticket valid for:

- Universal Studios Florida™
- Universal's Islands of Adventure™
- Universal Volcano Bay™

Tickets will be valid from approximately late April through early May 2027, allowing families additional time to enjoy the parks before or after competition weekend.

When will registration open?

July 15, 2026

Can I upgrade my ticket to include Epic Universe?

Yes.

Athletes and coaches may upgrade their ticket package to include Universal Epic Universe.

Please note:

- Upgrade options are only available until **Sunday, April 25, 2027.**
- Upgrade pricing and instructions will be released at a later date.



SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Do spectators need park tickets?

Yes.

Since the event takes place INSIDE Universal Orlando theme parks, all spectators are required to purchase a Spectator Entry Package through the Open Championship Series.

This package includes:

- Universal Orlando park admission
- Competition access

There is no spectator-only admission option.

I already have a Universal Annual Pass, Military Ticket, or Team Member access. Do I still need the Spectator Entry Package?

Yes.

All attendees entering the competition venue must purchase the official Spectator Entry Package through the Open Championship Series regardless of:

- Annual Passholder status
- Military tickets
- Universal Team Member admission
- Complimentary or third-party park admission



SPECTATOR ENTRY PACKAGE GUIDE

Attending both competition days?

You will need: **A Two-Day Spectator Ticket Package**

Attending only one competition day?

You will need: **A One-Day Spectator Ticket Package**

Want to enjoy more days in the parks before or after the event?

Purchase: **A Three-Day Ticket Package**

and receive: **Two FREE additional park days**

What does Youth Ticket mean?

Youth Ticket is the way Universal Orlando Resorts classifies the ticket being purchased as it's part of a youth Event. These tickets can be used by anyone who purchases. Tickets aren't needed for those under 3.



LODGING PACKAGES

Will lodging packages be available?

Yes.

Discounted lodging packages through the Open Championship Series are offered and can be found in our Information Packet [HERE](#)

Packages may include:

- Discounted hotel accommodations
- Spectator Entry Packages
- Additional event benefits and conveniences

COMPETITION FORMAT

Is every team guaranteed two performances?

Yes.

All divisions are guaranteed two days of competition.

How does scoring work?

This event uses a: **50/50 Split Scoring Format**

Additional scoring information will be released in the official event packet.



AWARDS & PRIZES

What awards are offered?

Grand Champions- Highest Scoring Team from Group A (1-74 athletes) and Group B (75-125 Athletes)

Will receive:

- \$10,000 Cash Prize
- Traveling Trophy
- Permanent Gym Trophy

What do Level Champions receive?

Level Champions will receive: **FREE registration to the 2028 Small Program Mega Nationals**

What do Division Champions receive?

Division Champions will receive:

- Championship Jackets
- Championship Rings
- Championship Banners

Will athletes and coaches receive participation gifts?

Yes. All athletes and coaches will receive participation gifts exclusive to the event.



Do awards stack?

Yes. Awards stack from lower to higher championship levels whenever applicable.

For example: Grand Champion, Level Champion, and Division Champion Awards can be stacked if won.

Who receives the cash prize?

Cash prizes will be paid directly to the winning gym/program via check.

TRAVELING TROPHY FAQ'S

What is the Traveling Trophy?

The Traveling Trophy is a signature championship trophy awarded annually to the top small program gyms in each overall division:

- 0–74 athletes
- 75–125 athletes

Each year:

- The winning gym and team will be engraved onto the trophy
- The trophy returns annually to be defended by future champions
- Winning gyms also receive a permanent trophy to keep

Will there be media coverage tied to the trophy?

Yes. Winning programs will be featured in exclusive content produced by the Open Championship Series media team.

This may include:

- Championship storytelling
- Team features
- Gym spotlights
- Documentary-style content
- Social media coverage



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

COMING SOON!

Additional information regarding:

- Registration deadlines
- Ticket purchasing windows
- Hotel booking deadlines
- Schedule releases
- Upgrade deadlines

NEED HELP?

More event details, pricing, lodging information, and ticket package breakdowns will be released soon through the Open Championship Series.