

Clarification of 2017 Junior National Championship Manual

It's been pointed out that it appears that we have an important omission from the 2017 National Championship Manual.

As you may recall in 2016, it was allowed that a 17s team could qualify and participate in both the Springs GJNC and the Summer GJNC.

This was actually contrary to the long-standing limitation that a team can only participate in 1 qualification division of the GJNC.

- For 2016, the Spring and Summer GJNC events were seen as separate events.
- For 2017, the events will be seen as part of the same event with regard to a team's participation, so the wording already in for the GJNC event regulations will apply.
- We will still allow the allowance for an individual athlete to participate in both portions of the GJNC as stated on Page 6 of the 2017 Championship Manual.

The following criteria to be followed:

1. A 17's team can play in the 18 Open Qualifier
2. The 17's team can turn down a bid in 18 open if they get into a bid position.
3. The 17's team is still eligible to play in the summer GJNC in 17's.
4. The 17's team is still eligible to play in other National Qualifiers.
5. Should a 17s team accept a bid to any qualification division of the Spring GJNC, that team may not participate in a Qualification Division of the Summer GJNC.

This wording will be included in the 2018 version of the Championship Manual, but wanted to make sure that everyone was clear on this as we enter the first weekend of 18s Qualifier events.