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2009 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA announced today the teams and individuals that qualified to compete for the 2009 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships.

The championships, hosted by the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, will be held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, April 16-18.

The women's gymnastics championships consist of 12 teams and 12 all-around competitors (who are not on a qualifying team) and individual event specialists. The top two teams and the top two all-around competitors from each regional received automatic berths to the national championships.

In addition, the event winners at the regional championships advance to the national championships (in their specific event) if they were not part of a qualifying team or the all-around qualifiers.

The process for determining rotation pairings for day one of the team competition at the site of the finals is based on a National Qualifying Score (NQS) calculated by adding the Regional Qualifying Score (RQS) to the score achieved at regional competition.

Once the NQS is calculated, teams are ranked based on the NQS from 1 to 12. Teams 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12 were placed in Group A; and teams 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11 placed in Group B. The host team and its corresponding group will compete in the second session, if the host team qualifies. If not, then a random draw will be used to determine competition session.

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Team qualifiers and individual qualifiers for the 2009 women's gymnastics championships are as follows:

TEAM COMPETITION:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Regional Score</u>	<u>National Qualifying Score</u>
Georgia	Southeast	197.700	394.955
Utah	West	197.675	394.865
Alabama	Northeast	197.000	393.925
Stanford	South Central	196.200	393.025
LSU	Central	196.875	393.635
Florida	North Central	196.775	393.490
UCLA	North Central	196.625	393.205
Oregon State	Central	196.800	393.320
Oklahoma	Northeast	196.600	393.065
Arkansas	South Central	196.300	392.740
Penn State	Southeast	195.800	392.040
Illinois	West	196.700	392.715

ALL-AROUND INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS:

<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Regional Score</u>
Jessica Lopez, Denver	North Central	39.600
Sarah Shire, Missouri	Northeast	39.450
Thomasina Wallace, San Jose State	West	39.400
Rebecca Best, Ohio State	Central	39.350
Adrienne Perry, Missouri	Northeast	39.350
Kylie Stone, Nebraska	Southeast	39.200
Christina Lenny, Kent State	Central	39.175
Kelley Hennigan, Denver	North Central	39.150
Sarah Curtis, Michigan	South Central	39.150
Meghan Morris, West Virginia	Southeast	39.125
Elise Wheeler, Southern Utah	South Central	39.125
Veronica Porte, San Jose State	West	39.000

INDIVIDUAL EVENT QUALIFIERS:

<u>Bars:</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Regional Score</u>
Becky Bernard, Michigan	South Central	9.900

<u>Floor:</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Regional Score</u>
Taylor Seaman, North Carolina State	Southeast	9.950
Kylee Botterman, Michigan	South Central	9.900
Sarah Tomczyk, Arizona	South Central	9.900

In the 2008 championships, the Georgia Bulldogs won their fourth consecutive championship title with an overall score of 197.450. The Bulldogs have won the title nine times in 25 championship appearances and are now tied with Utah for most championship titles earned. Utah finished second with a score of 197.25, followed by Stanford in third (196.750), Florida in fourth (196.700), LSU in fifth (196.350) and Alabama in sixth (196.125).

Preliminary team and all-around competition will be conducted in two sessions Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The top three teams from each session will advance to the Super Six competition Friday, April 17 at 6 p.m. The top four individuals from each session in each event (plus ties) from the preliminary team and all-around competition will compete in the individual-event competition Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

For more information about the women's gymnastics championships, log on to www.NCAA.com.