

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, [October 4, 2016] – The IFBB Professional League, in conjunction with *Joe Weider's Olympia Fitness & Performance Weekend*, is pleased to announce the **2017 Olympia Qualification Series**.

The Olympia Qualification Series awards points to competitors placing 2nd to 5th. At the end of the Olympia qualifying season, the **three** competitors with the highest point totals qualify to compete at the Olympia. Ties in 3rd place are broken in favor of the competitor with the better placings over the qualifying season. The tier level is taken into consideration. Athletes are not moved up if a top 3 athlete cannot compete.

Since the winner of each competition automatically qualifies, no points are awarded for first place. Additionally, competitors placing in the top 5 at the Olympia automatically qualify for the following year.

Points and qualifications in the 2017 Olympia Qualification Series are awarded as follows:

TIER 1: ARNOLD CLASSIC (USA)

2 nd	8 points
3 rd	7 points
4 th	6 points
5 th	5 points

TIER 2: NEW YORK PRO, OLYMPIA EUROPE, ARNOLD CLASSIC (EUROPE), KUWAIT PRO, PRAGUE PRO

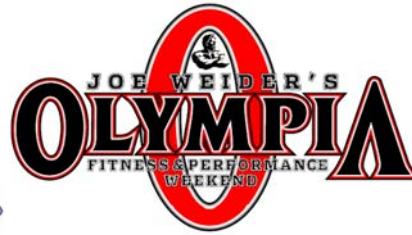
2 nd	6 points
3 rd	5 points
4 th	4 points
5 th	3 points

TIER 3: PITTSBURGH PRO, ARNOLD CLASSIC (AUSTRALIA, BRASIL, SOUTH AFRICA, ASIA)

2 nd	5 points
3 rd	4 points
4 th	3 points
5 th	2 points

TIER 4: ALL OTHER COMPETITIONS

2 nd	4 points
3 rd	3 points
4 th	2 points
5 th	1 point



The 2017 Olympia Qualification Series takes effect as of August 21, 2016.

The deadline date to qualify for the 2017 Olympia is August 12, 2017.

To view the 2017 Olympia Qualification Series point standings, as well as the current qualifiers for the 2017 Olympia, visit IFBBPRO.com, MROLYMPIA.com or NPCNEWSONLINE.com.

Questions regarding the Olympia Qualification Series may be directed to the *Joe Weider's Olympia Fitness & Performance Weekend* office at rchang@weiderpub.com.