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**Top Athletes Qualify for 2018 Reebok CrossFit Games in Wisconsin**

*SALT LAKE CITY (May 20, 2018)* — The top five men, five women and five teams from this weekend's South Regional are advancing for a chance to be named the Fittest on Earth at the 2018 Reebok CrossFit Games in Madison, Wisconsin, August 1-5. The individual male and female competitors of the CrossFit Games also will each be competing to win US\$300,000.

The road to the CrossFit Games began in February when over 416,000 athletes from around the world participated in a five-week worldwide Open competition. The top 40 men, 40 women and 30 teams from the South Central and South West Regions were then invited to compete at the South Regional, held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 18-20. The competition consisted of six workouts over the course of three days.

"We had one main goal at the South Regional and that was finding the fittest athletes in the South to send to the CrossFit Games in Madison, Wisconsin. With the help of 320 volunteers and staff, we achieved our goal and look forward to seeing our athletes compete against the best in the world in two months," says David Hunter, South Regional Director.

The top five men who will advance to the Games from the South Regional are Sean Sweeney, Rogelio Gamboa, Brandon Lockett, Logan Collins and Jared Enderton. Lockett and Enderton will be making their first appearances at the CrossFit Games.

The top five women who will advance to the Games from the South Regional are Margaux Alvarez, Camille LeBlanc-Bazinet, Brista Mayfield, Tennil Beuerlein and Bethany Shadburne. LeBlanc-Bazinet, who won the 2014 Reebok CrossFit Games, will be making her ninth consecutive appearance at the Games.

The top five teams that will advance to the Games from the South Regional are Don't Stop, Salt Lake City CrossFit Black, Salt Lake City CrossFit Gold, Lone Star CrossFit and CrossFit Omnia. Don't Stop had a dominating performance at the South Regional with four first-place finishes out of six events.

CrossFit is a worldwide strength-and-conditioning fitness program whose goal is to prepare you for the unknown and unknowable. A CrossFit workout may contain a combination of functional movements, such as rowing, running, Olympic lifting, plyometrics, and gymnastics. CrossFit's speciality is not specializing in any one facet of fitness, and CrossFit is considered the "Sport of Fitness." There are over 15,000 CrossFit gyms worldwide.

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