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Women's Qualification, Subdivision 9: (13:30/7:30am ET)

VT – MxG 9 (Costa Rica, Peru)

UB – Mexico

BB – MxG 7 (Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia)

FX – Japan

Japan's **Mai Murakami** is absent from the team, regardless; the team should not be in jeopardy of placing outside the top 8.

Asuka Teramoto would be Japan's best all-around gymnast here in Stuttgart, but without Murakami it would be difficult for the team to advance anybody to the individual event finals. Mexico will be welcoming back 2012 Olympian

Elsa Garcia

. In addition, last year's vault medalist

Alexa Moreno

is on the squad, which should be their best chance for an event final and possibly another medal. The team will be looking to improve on a 19th place finish in Doha.

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Women's Qualification, Subdivision 10: (15:30/9:30am ET)

VT – MxG 14 (Panama, El Salvador)

UB – Argentina

BB – Russia

FX – MxG 18 (Bolivia, Israel)

In this session all the attention will be on the Russian team. Team leader Alia Mustafina will be absent from the competition and the Russians will have to rely heavily on **Angelina Melnikova**. Melnikova who is still in search of her first individual world medal is the best hope for the team with potential in the all-around, floor and uneven bars finals.

Lilia Akhaimova

was in the floor final last year in Doha and has at least top 8 potential on both vault and floor.
Late addition to the team

Anastasia Agafonova

won beam gold and bars silver at the last World Challenge Cup in Paris last month and should be a strong contributor on these two events. It was a last second decision on the last member of the team, and the 2015 world bar champion

Daria Spiridonova

was the one chosen, which meant that two-time world vault champion

Maria Paseka

would be the alternate. The Russians were second at last year's worlds and would be hoping to at least remain on the podium here in Stuttgart.

The session also features the team from Argentina. The most impactful presence on the team should be **Martina Dominici**, who has strong chances for an Olympic qualifying spot through an all-around placement. The subdivision also includes the mixed groups from Panama, El Salvador, Bolivia and Israel.

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