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# **USA Gymnastics Florida Competition Rules**

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## At a Glance

**STATE MEET QUALIFYING SCORES** - 32.00AA for Level 1 – 10 & all XCEL divisions

Specialist at level 8, 9 & 10 – 9.0 on the event

**State meet Entry Fees:** \$75.00 for Levels 1 – 5 & XCEL TEAM FEE: \$50.00 All Levels

**\$90.00 for Levels 6 – 10**

### State Meet Dates and Sites:

Level 1 & 2 state meet - November 16-18, 2018 in Winter Haven Host Lightning city

Level 4 & 5 State meet – December 7 – 9, 2018 in Kissimmee Host LaFleurs largo

Level 3 State meet - December 14 – 16, 2018 in Bradenton Host TBT

Level 7-8, 9 & 10 State meet – March 15-17, 2019 in Ft Myers Host: Lightning city

Level 6, Xcel P/D State meet – April 5 – 7, 2019 in Ft Myers Host: Premier

XCEL B/S/G State meet – April 12 – 14, 2019 in Lakeland, FL Host: Lightning city

**DECLARATION DATES: OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR ALL COMPULSORY LEVELS**

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR LEVEL 6-10 & XCEL**

**Dates and Deadlines to place a competition on qualifying calendar for 2019-20**

**JANUARY 1, 2019 TO MAY 1, 2019**

**BIDS FOR STATE MEETS FOR 2020 – 2021 due by August 1, 2019**

### REGIONAL QUALIFYING SCORES

Level 9 & 10 – 35.00AA scored at the Florida state meet

Specialists: Level 9: 9.5 Level 10: 9.3

Level 6, 7 & 8 – by percentage from the Florida state meet

XCEL Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond by percentage from Florida state meet  
Bronze is not eligible to qualify to the regional competition

FLORIDA WEB SITE: [www.USAGFL.ORG](http://www.USAGFL.ORG)

## USA Gymnastics Florida Competition Calendar

- Competition Season: August 1—July 31<sup>st</sup>
- All requests for qualifying competitions must include the following:
  - Judges Request Form (available on Florida USA Gym web site)
    - This form must be filled in completely and mailed to Florida USA Gym State chairman with ALL fees no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>
    - A copy must be emailed to Florida NAWGJ
- Competitions are placed on the calendar on a first come basis beginning January 1st
- All paperwork and fees must be complete before a competition will be placed on the Florida USA GYM qualifying calendar
- Request for Judges
  - Meet directors may request judges by name or request that a judge not be assigned to their competition.
  - This must be done on the form when the request is filed
  - Judges may not solicit meets or ask meet directors why they are not on their meet
- Fees that are due with judges Request Form
- \$3.00 per judge requesting to Florida NAWGJ (nonrefundable)
- **\$300 deposit per competition to Florida USA Gym (nonrefundable) for qualifying meets**
  - This fee will be applied to the fee that is due after that competition. The deposit may not be applied to any other competition or be credited toward any other competition
  - FEE DUE per athlete:
    - \$2.00 for the first 500 athletes in the competition
    - \$1.00 for all athletes after 500 in the competition
  - Fee is non-refundable if competition is cancelled.
  - **The \$300 deposit is only due from competitions that wish to be considered as qualifiers**
  - **Mobility meets must pay \$2.00 athlete fee to USA Gymnastic -FL**
- Cancelling a Florida USAG qualifying competition
  - Any competition that is cancelled within 30 days of the date of the competition will pay \$500 cancellation fee to Florida USAG
- Submissions for ALL Florida qualifying Competitions
  - Will be accepted as of January 1<sup>st</sup> for the following season
- All requests for a FL USA Gym Qualifying competition must be received by MAY 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Competition requests received after MAY 1st for the upcoming season will NOT be considered State Qualifiers & may only be used for mobility purposes Meet Directors or Organizations that have not paid USAG fees/and or fines will not be able to place any competitions on the Qualifying calendar until all fees are paid in full

### Sanction Guidelines

- All National sanction guidelines must be followed
- Rules and Policies are available at [www.usa-gymnastics.org](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org)
- All sanctioned qualifying competitions must be open to all Florida clubs
- All qualifying competitions must use 2 judge panels per event for all levels
  - 1 – 10 & all Xcel Divisions
- All qualifying competitions may be used to qualify to the Florida USA Gym State meets  
Non USAG sessions (AAU or non sanctioned) must be completed before or after ALL USA Gymnastic sessions

## Mobility Competitions

- Competitions that are used just for mobility from level to level/division to division
- Mobility meets may not be used to qualify to a Florida USA Gym state meet
- Mobility meets must follow all rules and policy of USA Gymnastics
- Mobility only meets will not be placed on the Florida calendar
- Level 4 & 5 may use one judge panel for mobility meets
- All optional levels require 2 judge panels for mobility competitions
- Mobility competitions must pay athlete fee of \$2.00 per athlete to the SAC

## Mobility Scores

- Level 1 – 3: no score required
- **Level 4 – entry level** 34.00 required to move to level 5
- Level 5 – 32.00AA required to move to level 6 or 7
- Level 6 – 32.00AA ( athletes may skip this level )
- Level 7 – 32.00AA required to move to level 8
- Level 8 & 9 – 34.00AA required to move to next level
- Event specialists: Level 7, 8 & 9 – 8.5 on the event to move to next level on that event only as specialist
- XCEL
  - There is no mobility into the JO program from XCEL
  - All XCEL athletes must enter JO program at level 4 or below
  - XCEL GOLD is not an entry division
  - New XCEL athletes must enter at Bronze or Silver
  - Mobility score to move to GOLD is 31.00AA at Silver
  - Mobility score to move to Platinum is 31.00AA at Gold
  - Mobility score to move to Diamond is 31.00AA at Platinum
  - Mobility from JO into XCEL program
    - JO athletes at level 1 & 2 – MUST enter at Bronze or Silver
    - JO athletes at level 3 MUST enter at Silver or Gold
    - JO athletes at level 4 MUST enter at Gold
    - JO athletes at level 5 & 6 MUST enter at Platinum
    - JO athletes at level 7 & above MUST enter at Diamond

Athletes may only compete in 1 (one) State meet per competitive season

- 1 (one) state meet in the fall and 1 (one) state meet in the spring

## USA Gymnastics Competitions – State Meets

- Florida USA Gym will host state meets for Levels 1 -10 and XCEL
  - Fall Season: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - Spring Season: Levels 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and all XCEL divisions
  - Athletes may compete in one state meet in the fall and one in the spring
- Athletes at level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 must compete in Florida qualifiers to qualify to the Florida State meets

- Clubs may enter as many qualifiers as they want
- Out of state scores are NOT allowed at Level 1 – 5 for State qualification
- Athletes at level 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 & XCEL, in addition to Florida qualifiers, may also use scores from out of state competitions to qualify to the State meets
- **DECLARATION DATE:** Declaration date is the date that the athlete declares their level/division for the rest of the competitive season and for state meet qualification
  - **October 1: Levels 1- 2-3-4-5-**
  - **February 1<sup>st</sup>: Levels 6-7-8-9-10 & all XCEL Divisions**
  - Athletes may not drop back during the season after the declaration dates
  - Athletes may not drop back after competing in a State competition at that level
  - Athletes that move up a level from the previous year and compete in competitions after the declaration date and then want to drop back must petition to the SACC and Regional Tech & JO Chairman for approval
- **Qualifying Scores: 2018-19 season for State Competitions**
  - **Levels 1 – 10 and all Xcel divisions : 32.00AA**
- Specialists
  - Level 10 Specialist: 9.0 on event
  - Level 9 Specialist: 9.0 on event
  - Level 8 Specialist: 9.0 on event
  - Clubs must declare that an athlete is a specialist on entry form and or by the date of the State meet and may only compete on the event that they qualified on and declared
- Entry Fees for State Competitions
  - Level 1 & 2: \$75.00
  - Level 3, 4 & 5: \$75.00
  - XCEL: \$75.00
  - Levels 6 – 10: \$90.00
  - Team Fee all Levels: \$50.00
  - Entry deadlines are @ 3 – 4 weeks prior to event date or as posted on calendar
  - Entry deadlines are strictly enforced
  - All entries must be in the hands of the meet director by deadline date with ALL fees paid or late fees will be assessed – it is the club responsibility to know deadline dates and enter on time – it is not the responsibility of the Meet Director or Florida USAGym
  - Clubs should enter all athletes that plan to attend the state meet even if not yet qualified – as you may use competitions after the deadline date to qualify to a state meet – if the athlete does not achieve the qualifying score a refund will be given provided the meet director is contacted the Monday after the athletes last competition –
  - **CLUBS WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR ALL STATE MEETS AT MEET RESERVATION AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE – after you enter you must then either send a check to meet host or pay on line depending on the meet host – your entry is not considered complete until ALL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL -**
  - If a club enters late including athletes that are NOT yet qualified, the Club will not be allowed to compete in the State meets until all entry fees and late fees have been paid in full
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- **Clubs that enter after the draw has been done may be allowed to enter the competition however, athletes will be placed into any session that works for the competition. Athletes that need to be placed in sessions that are not their age group will not receive awards or count for team.**
- Late Fees
  - \$50.00 late fee per athlete will be assessed for late entries plus a \$100 club fine for the 1<sup>st</sup> time a club is late in one season
  - A \$500 fine will be assessed if a club is late a 2<sup>nd</sup> or more times in the same competition season (August 1 – July 31)
- See the Florida calendar on the USAG-Florida website for dates, information and deadline dates for all State Meets – [www.usagfl.org](http://www.usagfl.org)

### **Format for Competition at State Competitions**

- Levels 1 – 5 and XCEL Bronze
  - Athletes will be divided by birth date into equal sessions
    - Either youngest to oldest or oldest to youngest as determined by SC and Florida state committee
- Levels 6, 7 & 8 and XCEL Silver, Gold, Platinum & Diamond State meets
  - Athletes will be divided into age groups by birth date and will compete according to the draw that will be done by the Florida committee
  - The draw will be announced prior to the competition entry date
- Levels 9 & 10 State meets
  - Athletes will be divided into age groups by birth date and will generally compete youngest to oldest however actual schedule will be determined by SAC and Meet host
  - Level 10 seniors will generally compete in the last session on Saturday evening

### **State Team Competition Rules**

- Clubs enter the Team competition by paying the team entry fee with their entry
- Clubs may not enter the Team competition after the divisions for the State meet have been announced
- Divisions
  - Clubs will be divided into divisions based on the number of athletes each club has
  - After all entries are received, the teams will be ranked by number of athletes in order from largest to smallest
  - The following format will be used for Level 1 – 7 and XCEL
    - 1 – 10 clubs: 1 Division
    - 11 – 20 clubs: 2 Divisions
    - 21 – 30 clubs: 3 Divisions
    - 31+ clubs: 4 Divisions
    - Clubs will be divided as equally as possible among divisions
  - The following format will be used for Levels 8 – 10
    - 1 – 20 clubs: 1 Division
    - 21 – 30 clubs: 2 Divisions
    - 30+ clubs: 3 Divisions
- Club divisions will be announced AFTER the scratch deadline date

- Once team divisions have been announced a club may not move to a smaller division due to scratches - Clubs that ADD athletes may be moved to a larger division
- Athletes that enter a state meet with one team and then move to compete with another team may NOT count toward the team score at the State meet
- Number of counting scores for Team competition
  - 3 scores will count for all levels and all divisions
- Team State Banners
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place thru 5<sup>th</sup> place at all divisions
- State Meet Award policy for athletes
  - Events: 50% plus 1 State medals for all levels
  - All Around
    - Levels 1 –5 & XCEL 100% All Around Trophies/State medals
    - Levels 6 – 10: 50% plus 1 State medals

## **Judges Selection – Rules for Florida USA Gymnastics Qualifying and State Competitions**

- All qualifiers will be assigned judges by NAWGJ Florida as per criteria set by the FL USA GYMNASTIC state committee
- Requests for specific judges will be honored if written on the judges request form and if judge is available
- A judge will not be assigned to the meet if indicated on the judges request form
- Assigners will work together to assign competitions using meet directors requests, location, availability, rating, and Florida USA Gym criteria as guidelines
- Judges may not “solicit” competitions from Meet Directors
  - Judges are not allowed to ask a Meet Director why they were not assigned to their competition or ask to be assigned to their competition

### **State Meet Assignments**

- The Florida USA Gymnastic State committee is responsible and required by R&P to select all judges for the Florida state meets
- The Florida committee has selected a sub-committee to recommend judges based on availability, rating, and location for all State meets
- All paperwork required (availability form, CPE form and in gym card) must be current
- Final list of judges must be approved by the full Florida USAG State committee before contracts may be sent to judges
- The Florida committee will also approve panel assignments and Meet referee assignments for all State meets
- Number of Judges at State meets
  - 2 judge event panels: Levels 1 – 8 & XCEL
  - 4 judge event panels: Levels 9 & 10
- In Gym Card
  - The Florida committee requires all judges that are interested in being considered for a optional Florida state meet to file an in gym card (6 hours) at the level that they wish to be considered for (Level 10 in gym will satisfy all levels)
  - If a judge has filed an in gym card with the Region this will satisfy the requirement
  - State Meet Availability Forms - must be filed for ALL state meets by the deadline date of September 1<sup>st</sup>

### **State Meet Bids**

- Bid forms are available on the USA Gymnastic-FL web site [www.usagfl.org](http://www.usagfl.org)
- All bids for State meets will be due by August 1, 2019 for 2020-21 season
- Bids must include all required information
- State meets are governed by the Florida USA Gymnastic committee
  - Please review the regulations for bidding and hosting a state meet that are available on the Florida web site [www.usagfl.org](http://www.usagfl.org)



## **Qualifying to Regional Competitions**

- Levels 6,7 & 8 will qualify to the Regional meet by a percentage from the state meet
  - Exact number will be determined just before the state meet
  - Petitions are not allowed to qualify to the regional meet and athletes must compete with their age group to be eligible to qualify to the regional meet
- Levels 9 must achieve a 35.00AA at the State meet
- Level 10 must achieve a 35.00AA at the State meet
- Level 9 Event Specialist will qualify to the Regional meet by achieving a 9.5 at the State meet on event
- Level 10 Event Specialist will qualify to the Regional meet by achieving a 9.3 at the State meet on event
- Level 9/10 athletes may petition to the regional meet – score required to petition must be 1(one) point higher than the regional qualifying score for each level (36.00AA for petitions)
- XCEL silver, gold, platinum and diamond athletes will qualify to the Regional meet by percentage from the state meet (Bronze is NOT eligible to enter a regional meet)
  - Exact numbers will be determined just before the XCEL state meet
  - Petitions are not allowed to qualify to the regional meet
  - Athletes must attend the Florida state meet to qualify to the Regional competition
  - Florida will enter a State team at Silver, Gold and Platinum at the Regional meet
  - Athletes must compete in their age group and assigned session in order to qualify to the regional competition

## **Florida PROGRAM of the Year**

- State committees are responsible for the selection of the program of the year
- Each state may set their own criteria for selection
- The region will select the Regional program of the year from the state nominees
- Florida will determine a compulsory program of the Year in addition to a Program of the Year which will be submitted as the Florida club of the year for the Regional vote
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## **XCEL**

- This is a separate program from the JO Program and there is no mobility from XCEL to the JO Program
- States may determine if a state meet will be held at XCEL and what divisions
- All rules will be posted on the National web site
- Judges rating for Florida XCEL meets: a level 4/5 rating is required for all qualifiers at Bronze, Silver and Gold .- Level 7/8 rating or higher is required for the Florida state meet as well as all meets with Platinum/Diamond

## **Florida USA Gymnastic Committee**

- The Florida committee is made up of 12 elected representatives and members appointed to the committee by the Florida State Chairman
- Elections are held every 2 years for committee positions
- The Florida committee is responsible for the organization and rules of State competitions, selection of judges, educational opportunities, enforcement of all USAG rules and policies
- The list of the SACC is posted on the Florida web site

## **Misc.**

- All State rules for USA Gymnastic-Florida are available at the state web site: [www.usagfl.org](http://www.usagfl.org)
- All Regional rules for Region 8 are available at the Region 8 web site: [www.region8gymnastics.org](http://www.region8gymnastics.org)
- All National rules for USA Gymnastic competitions are available at the National USA Gymnastic web site: [www.usa-gymnastics.org](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org)
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