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Florida

USAG Florida Competition Rules

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USA Gymnastics Florida Competition Calendar

- Competition Season: August 1—July 31st
- All requests for competitions must include the following:
 - Judges Request Form (available on Florida USAG web site)
 - This form must be filled in completely and mailed to Florida USAG State chairman with ALL fees no later than May 1st
 - 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 USAGYM 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.
- Fees that are due with judges Request Form
- \$3.00 per judge requesting to Florida NAWGJ
- \$100 per competition to Florida USAG
 - This fee will be applied to the \$1.25 that is due for each sanctioned competition that is hosted in Florida
 - Fee is non-refundable if competition is cancelled.
 - This fee is only due from competitions that wish to be considered as qualifiers
 - Mobility meets do not need to pay this fee to USAG-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 1st for the following season
- All requests for a FL USAG Qualifying competition must be received by MAY 1st
 - 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
- 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 Levels
- All qualifying competitions may be used to qualify to the Florida USAG State meets

- Non USAG sessions (AAU or non sanctioned) must be completed before or after ALL USAG sessions

Mobility Competitions

- These are competitions that are used just for mobility from level to level
- Mobility meets may not be used to qualify to a Florida USAG 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 meets

Mobility Scores

- Level 1 – 3: no score required
- Level 4 – entry level 31.00 required to move to level 5
- Level 5 – 31.00AA required to move to level 6 or 7
- Level 6 – no score required: athletes may skip this level
- Level 7 – 31.00AA required to move to level 8
- Level 8 & 9 – 34.00AA required to move to next level
- XCEL
 - There is no mobility into the JO program from XCEL
 - Athletes must have mobility scores starting at level 4
 - 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

Athlete Fee

- Every USAG sanctioned competition in Florida is required to pay an Athlete Fee to Florida USAG with required meet forms
 - This includes all qualifiers and mobility meets including small in house meet
- \$1.25 per athlete with a score program efile of results (ProScore/Excel/CSV)
 - email all results to Kevin at Lightning City: lcoachkev@aol.com
- Qualifying competitions that have paid the \$100 deposit to Florida USAG should deduct this fee from amount owed
- Send forms and fee payable to Florida USAG to:
 - Toni Rand - Florida USAG
 - 7957 Steeplechase Ct.
 - Port St Lucie, FL 34986

USAG Competitions – State Meets

- Florida USAG 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 XCEL

- 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
 - No out of state scores allowed
- Athletes at level 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 & XCEL, in addition to Florida qualifiers, may also use scores from out of state competitions
- Level declaration dates
 - October 1: Levels 1- 2-3-4-5-
 - February 1st: Levels 6-7-8-9-10 & all XCEL Divisions
 - 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 drop back date and then want to drop back must petition to the SACC and Regional Tech & JO Chairman for approval
- Qualifying Scores: 2015 – 2016 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
 - Gyms must declare that an athlete is a specialist on entry form to the State meet and may only compete on the event that they qualified on
- Entry Fees for State Competitions
 - Level 1 & 2: \$65.00
 - Level 3, 4 & 5: \$65.00
 - XCEL: \$65.00
 - Levels 6 – 10: \$85.00
 - Team Fee all Levels: \$50.00
 - Entry deadlines are @ 3 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
 - Late Fees
 - \$50.00 late fee per athlete will be assessed for late entries plus a \$100 club fine for the 1st time a club is late in one season
 - A \$500 fine will be assessed if a club is late a 2nd or more times in the same season
 - Entries may be refused 10 or less days prior to the competition
 - See the Florida calendar on the USAG-Florida website for dates, information and deadline dates for all State Meets – www.usagfl.org

Format for Competition at State Competitions

- Levels 1 – 5, Level 6, and XCEL State meets
 - 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 7 & 8 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 SC 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 2 – 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
 - We will award 1st place thru 5th place at all divisions
- State Meet Award policy for athletes
 - Events: 50% plus 1 State medals for all levels
 - All Around
 - Levels 1 – 6 & XCEL: 100% All Around Trophies
 - Levels 7 – 10: 50% plus 1 State medals

Judges Selection – Rules for Florida Qualifying and State Competitions

- All qualifiers will be assigned judges by NAWGJ Florida as per the Florida 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, 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 USAG State committee is responsible to select all judges for the Florida state meets
- The Florida committee has selected a sub-committee to assign judges based on availability, rating, and location
- All paperwork required (availability form, CPE form and in gym card) must have been filed on time and be current
- Final list of judges must be approved by the full Florida USAG State committee before contracts may be sent to judges
- Number of Judges at State meets
 - 2 judge event panels: Levels 1 – 7 & XCEL
 - 4 judge event panels: Levels 8 – 10
- In Gym Card
 - The Florida committee requires all judges that are interested in being considered for a Florida state meet to file an in gym card (6 hours)
 - If a judge has filed an in gym card with the Region this will take care of the requirement
 - State Meet Availability Forms - must be filed for ALL state meets by the deadline date of September 1st

State Meet Bids

- Bid forms are available on the USAG-FL web site
- All bids for State meets will be due on December 1st for the next season
- Bids must include all required information
- State meets are governed by the Florida USAG committee
 - Please review the regulations for bidding and hosting a state meet that are available on the Florida web site

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

- Levels 9 must achieve a 34.50 & Level 10 will qualify to the Regional meet by achieving a 34.00AA 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
- XCEL
 - Athletes must score a 35.00AA at the State meet for Diamond, Platinum and Gold
 - Bronze, Silver require a 35.50 AA at the State meet
 - Only athletes that attend the Florida state meet may qualify to the Regional state team at Silver, Gold and Platinum

Florida Club of the Year

- State committees are responsible for the selection of the club of the year
- Each state may set their own criteria for selection
- The region will select the Regional club of the year from the state nominees
- Florida will determine a compulsory Club of the Year in addition to a Club 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 USAG 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

Misc.

- All State rules for USAG-Florida are available at the state web site: www.usagfl.org
- All Regional rules for Region 8 are available at the Region 8 web site: www.region8gymnastics.org
- All National rules for USAG competitions are available at the National USAG web site: www.usa-gymnastics.org
- Toni Rand, SACC: AmTwist@aol.com