

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR REGION 8

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STATE MEETS

SACC's must mandate the use of base score videos/DVDs at all State Meets. (7/3/02) (6/16/16)

SACC's were reminded to have list of judges with signed contracts for Optional State Meet to Marian Dykes, RTCC by November 1st of each year. (7/3/02) (6/16/16)

Region 8 strongly recommends that each state use 4-judge panels for all state championships. (12/20/02)

REGIONALS

The Xcel, Level 6, 7 & 8 Regional entry fee is \$100 and Level 9 & 10 Regional entry fee is \$125 because of the required use of outside facility, air conditioning, equipment rental, and regional representation of judges. (7/27/01) (6/11/09) (6/17/10)(6/16/16)

The Meet Director will pay a fee of \$10 for Level 6/7/8 and \$15 for Xcel per athlete from Regional Championships to the regional account. (7/27/01)(6/22/17)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

Region 8 will pay half the cost of awards at Level 9/10 Regional Championships, the other half to be paid by the Meet Director. The Xcel and Level 6, 7 & 8 Meet Director pays the entire awards expenses. (7/27/01)(6/15)

Region 8 will give all-around awards to 50% of competitors at Level 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Regionals, or at Level 9 & 10 to all athletes qualifying to Eastern/JO Nationals, whichever is greater. Region 8 will give event awards to 50% of competitors and all-around awards to 100% of competitors at Xcel Regionals. (7/27/01)(6/06)(6/15)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)

If a gymnast's Regional Meet entry is NOT turned in online by the deadline, in order to enter the gymnast(s) in the Regional Meet, the following penalty will apply to the coach:

A \$50 late fee per gymnast (in addition to the regular entry fee) must be paid to the **Region 8**. (6/7/18)

Fines must be received prior to competition day. (6/7/00) (6/28/06) (6/16/16)

Injury petitions are accepted for Level 9 & 10 regionals. All petition information must be sent to Marian Dykes, RTCC with a copy to Brad Harris, RJOCC and Deb Kornegay, RACC. Online entries must be marked petition. (7/3/02)

Debby Kornegay, RACC must be notified by e-mail of all petitions by Monday midnight after State Championships. (5/08) (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

The RACC will do the draw for all Regionals computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

There will be no open workout at any Region 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

Xcel and 6/7/8 State teams to be filled even if athletes score is below the qualification score for that Division/Level. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the qualification score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

The Region 8 Committee recommends that Level 9/10 Regionals provide a single room for each judge. To offset the cost of single rooms for judges Region 8 will waive the \$10 per athlete competition fee Level 9/10 Meet Host pays to Region 8. (6/7/18)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competition make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00-L 6/7/8/15.00-Xcel per athlete was not waived. (6/7//18)

LEVEL 10 REGIONALS

Entry fee \$125.00. Qualification score 35.00. Petition score 36.00. (6/16/16)

Level 10 Regional qualifying score is 35.00 AA. (6/16/16)

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 10 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Qualification to Regionals 35.00 AA at State meet with no minimum number guaranteed (6/16/16)

The Region 8 Committee recommends that Level 9/10 Regionals provide a single room for each judge. To offset the cost of single rooms for judges Region 8 will waive the \$10 per athlete competition fee Level 9/10 Meet Host pays to Region 8. (6/7/2018)

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Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

Specialist category at Level 10 Regionals is allowed. The gymnast must declare as a specialist by state meet entry and cannot compete in four events at state meet. Qualifying to Regionals requires a 9.30 achieved at state meet. Refer to individual state meet guidelines for state specialist qualifying scores. No petitions allowed for Level 9. Entry fees for Regional competition remain the same as fees for all around gymnasts. (7/17/08) (6/7/18)

Individual event specialist are allowed to petition to only Level 10 Regionals if she had attained a score of 9.55 from a meet earlier in the season. (6/7/18)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

If a gymnast's Regional Meet entry is NOT turned in online by the deadline, in order to enter the gymnast(s) in the Regional Meet, the following penalty will apply to the coach:

A \$50 late fee per gymnast (in addition to the regular entry fee) must be paid to the Region 8.

Injury petitions are accepted for Level 9 & 10 regionals. All petition information must be sent to Marian Dykes, RTCC with a copy to Brad Harris, RJOCC and Deb Kornegay, RACC by midnight Monday after State Championships. Online entries should be marked petition. (7/3/02) (5/16)

Debby Kornegay, RACC must be notified by e-mail or fax of all petitions. by Monday midnight after State Championships. (5/08) (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free. \$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 -senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

The RACC will do the draw for all Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

There will be no open workout at any Region 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

LEVEL 9 REGIONALS

Level 9 Regional entry fee \$125.00. Qualification score 35.00. Petition score 36.00. (6/16/16)

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 9 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

Awards will be given for 50% of athletes in each age group. (6/28/06)

Specialist category at Level 9 Regionals is allowed. The gymnast must declare as a specialist by state meet entry and cannot compete in four events at state meet. Qualifying to Regionals requires a 9.50 achieved at state meet. Refer to individual state meet guidelines for state specialist qualifying scores. No petitions allowed. Entry fees for Regional competition remain the same as fees for all around gymnasts. (7/14/11)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

The Region 8 Committee recommends that Level 9/10 Regionals provide a single room for each judge. To offset the cost of single rooms for judges Region 8 will waive the \$10 per athlete competition fee Level 9/10 Meet Host pays to Region 8. (6/7/2018)

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LEVEL 8 REGIONALS

The entry fee for Level 8 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)

If an athlete for Level 8 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 8 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Level 8 Regionals is 448 +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 8 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 8 athletes in their state with 33.00 AA. A percentage for each state is figured for the 512 places for the 32.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03) (6/16/16) (6/22/17) (6/7/18)

No petitions are allowed at Level 8 Regionals.

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

Each session will be divided into three age groups. Awards will be given for 50% of athletes in each age group. No age group will be more than 24 athletes. (6/9/05) (6/28/06) (6/14/07)

Level 8 team alternate will be placed in any slots that become available up to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/30/99)

Xcel and 6/7/8 State teams to be filled even if athletes score is below the qualification score for that Division/Level. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the qualification score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

All regional state team competitors will receive plaques at Level 8 Regionals. The plaques will be presented prior to the team competition for photos to be taken. The teams finishing first through third will receive additional plates to attach to the plaques reflecting their respective finishing positions at the awards ceremony. (7/3/02)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competition make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00/15.00 per athlete was not waived. (6/7/18)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 8 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

The top 4 scores on each event will count for team championship at Level 8 Regionals. (6/14/07)

There be 4 sessions for Level 8 Regionals on Friday and Saturday. The Level 8 team session will be last session Saturday. (6/11/09) (8/9/12) (6/16/18)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design of state on back of the jacket. (12/18/09)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Beginning with 2019 Levels 6,7,8 Regionals the Region 8 Committee voted to dispense with the scratch and replace procedure. (6/7/18)

LEVEL 7 REGIONALS

If an athlete for Level 7 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

Region 8 Committee endorses a Level 7 Regionals in conjunction with Level 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

Xcel and 6/7/8 State teams to be filled even if athletes score is below the qualification score for that Division. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the qualification score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

No petitions are allowed at Level 7 Regionals.

The RACC will do the draw for Level 7 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

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The number of gymnasts at Level 7 Regionals is 504 +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 7 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 7 athletes in their state with 33.00 AA. A percentage for each state is figured for the 568 places for the 33.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03) (6/16/16) (6/22/17)(6/7/18)

The entry fee for Level 7 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)

There be 4 sessions for Level 7 Regionals on Friday and Saturday. The Level 7 team session will be last session Saturday. (6/11/09) (8/9/12) (6/16/18)

Top four scores count for Level 7 team scores at Level 7 Regionals (6/11/09)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 7 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

Level 7 team alternate will be placed in any slots that become available up to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/11/09)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design of the state name on the back of the jacket. (12/18/09)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competition make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00/15.00 per athlete was not waived. (6/7/18)

Beginning with 2019 Levels 6,7,8 Regionals the Region 8 Committee voted to dispense with the scratch and replace procedure. (6/7/18)

LEVEL 6 REGIONALS

If an athlete for Level 6 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

Region 8 Committee endorses a Level 6 Regionals in conjunction with Level 7/8 Regionals. (6/18/15)

No petitions are allowed at Level 6 Regionals.

The entry fee for Level 6 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)

All Level 6 Regionals will be on Sunday. The Level 6 Team session will be the last session Sunday. (6/16/16/)(6/7/18)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 6 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Level 6 Regionals is 504 +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 6 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 6 athletes in their state with 33.00 AA. A percentage for each state is figured for the 568 places for the 33.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03) (6/16/16) (6/22/17) (6/7/18)

Top four scores count for Level 6 team scores at Level 6 Regionals (6/15)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 6 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (6/15)

Beginning with 2019 Levels 6,7,8 Regionals the Region 8 Committee voted to dispense with the scratch and replace procedure. (6/7/18)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design of the state name on the back of the jacket. (12/18/09)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

Xcel and 6/7/8 State teams to be filled even if athletes score is below the qualification score for that Division. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the qualification score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competition make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00/15.00 per athlete was not waived. (6/7/18)

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XCCEL REGIONALS

If an athlete for Xcel State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies at State meet. (6/19/14)

Beginning with Xcel Regionals in 2016 utilize two meet referees at Xcel Regionals if two gyms are needed and that the first 2016 Xcel Regional meet referee be from the home state and that the second meet referee be Marian Dykes. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Xcel Regionals is 1848 + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for State team for all division except Diamond were 3 scores will count). There are no petitions accepted to Xcel Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Xcel athletes in their state with 34.00 AA by Division by the designated deadline. A percentage for each division for each state is figured for the 1848 places from the 34.00 AA number (deleted stuff from here), from all 8 states. The breakdown per division follows. (6/7/18)

Division	All-Stars	Team	Total
Silver	512	64	576
Gold	728	64	792
Platinum	320	64	384
Diamond	32	64	96

Beginning at the 2015 Xcel Regional championships an athlete will only be able to compete once. (6/19/14)

Beginning with 2019 Xcel Regionals Region 8 Committee voted to drop club team competition at Xcel Regionals. (6/7/18)

No open scoring at Xcel Regionals. (6/16/16)

Diamond Team Members do not have to score a 35.00 AA to be on State Team, but must compete at their State meet. If a state does not have 3 or more Diamonds to make up a State Team then the athlete with the top All Around score may compete as an All Star at Xcel Regionals.

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Xcel Athletes residing in a state that does not offer all divisions of Xcel at a State Championship, then Xcel athletes in any division in that state may qualify to Xcel Regional Championships by scoring 1.00 higher than the regional qualifying score for their division in 2 sanctioned meets using a 2 judge panel. Documentation must be sent to the SACC. (6/19/14)

The RACC will do the draw for Xcel Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The 8 gymnasts comprise a state's team for Xcel Regional in each division with 4 scores counting. (6/11/09) Diamond State Team competition will count 3 scores. (6/19/14) (6/7/18)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

Committee to be submitted to the Regional Committee with the meet referee being from the host state. (6/11/09)

The entry for Xcel Regional be set at \$100 per gymnast with \$15 directed to Region 8. (6/11/09) (6/22/17)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competition make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00/15.00 per athlete was not waived. (6/7/18)

Beginning with 2019 Xcel Regionals the format for qualifying to Xcel Regionals will be changed to one similar to the Levels 6,7,8 Regional Percentage format. No scratch and replacement procedure will be used. (6/7/18)

Maximum regional gate fees:

DAYS	ADULT	SENIOR/STUDENT (1 ST -12 TH GRADE)
1	\$15.00	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	\$15.00
3	\$35.00	\$20.00
4	\$40.00	\$25.00

Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charge for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08) (6/22/17)

The 2 judges per state be selected by each state's administrative Committee.

If a tie for state team occurs at Xcel Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

If there are judging travel problems due to unforeseen circumstances at a Regional competition, Regional officers (RACC, RTCC, and RJOCC) or (RACC, RTCC, and RXCC) will make the decision on reimbursement to the judge(s) affected. The meet host is financially obligated to the decision. (6/22/17)

Xcel and 6/7/8 State teams to be filled even if athletes score is below the qualification score for that Division. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the qualification score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

TRAINING CAMP

The entry fee for the Regional Level 6/7/8 and Level 8, 9 & 10 is \$140 and National team training camps is \$130. (7/27/01) (6/16/16)

TOPS National Team Members from the current or previous year be permitted to register for the Regional 8/9/10 training camp. (12/16/00)

Petitions will be considered for acceptance to the training camps. Petitions are to be sent to the RTCC and a copy to RJOCC and reviewed under normal Rules & Policies petition guidelines. (7/9/03)

Level 6 - All Level 6 gymnast who qualify to Regional Meet are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03) (8/9/12)

Level 7 - All Level 7 gymnast who qualify to the State Meet and above are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03) (8/9/12)

Level 8 - All Level 8 gymnast who qualify to the State Meet and above are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03)

Level 8 - All Level 8 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Meet are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp. (6/7/00)

Level 9 - All Level 9 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Meet, who competed at Regionals, or had petitions accepted to Regionals are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp (6/7/00)

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Level 9 Eastern and JO National qualifiers are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp, National Team camp or both. (6/27/96)

Level 10 - All Level 10 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Elite all current Elite gymnasts would be eligible for the 8/9/10. (6/27/96)

No fees will be paid for clinician service at training camps. Services will be donated to the region in order to use this as a fund-raiser for the Regional Apparel Fund. (6/27/96)

CRITERIA FOR PETITION CONSIDERATION FOR Region 8 NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP

Petitions will be considered if:

- 1) A gymnast was injured during the same year as the camp and achieved the AA score of 37.00 + (during that year) at a sanctioned competition.
- 2) A gymnast qualified to the previous year's National Meet at the same level as they are when petitioning.

JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Judges will be assigned to Level 9/10 Regionals by the percent athletes that qualified to the previous year's Level 9/10 Regionals beginning with 2020 Level 9/10 Regionals. (12/4/18)

The Region 8 Committee will use a 4-year rotation plan beginning 2020-2023 for assigning the Eastern and JO national meets – the Current National judges in the eastern rotation will be added to the JO National rotation. All Region 8 National Judges will be sent applications in February by Marian Dykes – Judges that wish to be considered for selection to be added to the National eligible list will need to submit application by deadline date – the committee will select the final list of National rated judges to judge Eastern and JO Nationals. (12/4/18)

If a Regional judging emergency occurs within 24 hours of a Regional meet, the Regional Committee shall give authority to the Technical Director to adjust assignments. If possible the Technical Director shall contact other Regional Committee officers. (6/17/10)

Region 8 will use NAWGJ as the regional judging contractor. (6/20/13) (6/7/18)

All Judging Availability Forms, In-Gym Cards and Tracking form for regional assignments must be received by the appropriate recipient (RTCC and RJD) by the deadline date to be considered for Regional Assignments (10/10/03)

Tracking numbers on the Judge Regional Availability form should include numbers from Invitational and State Meets only. (No Regionals) (6/19/14)

Judging contracts for Regionals must be received by the deadline indicated on the contractor the contract is void. The RJD will go to the next designated alternate in consultation with the RTCC. (12/19/03)

In unusual gymnastics related circumstances, the Regional Committee delegates last minute assignment decisions to Region 8 Committee. (6/2/04)

The number of judging slots received by Region 8 will be filled based on the corresponding number of judges at the top of the judges' rotation. Should a Brevet who would be in a slot eligible for assignment make the decision not to take the assignment, or not judge once assigned, he/she will automatically be dropped to the bottom of the rotation.

Extenuating Circumstances: Should an emergency situation occur and cause the assigned Brevet to miss his/her assignment, the next judge in the rotation will move up. The situation will be presented to the Region 8 committee to determine if the effected judge takes the rotation slot of the replacement judge or is dropped to the bottom of the rotation.

CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

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In gym experience per existing regional guidelines every year. (12/20/02)

Volunteer to host, teach or work actively with the athletes at least one Region 8 training camp every other year. In the case of a valid conflict, a written request for a waiver may be submitted with the Availability Form to Marian Dykes. Requests for waiver will then be submitted to the Regional Committee. The judge must work the full camp, from beginning to end to fulfill the requirement. (1/9/99) (12/20/02) (11/6/04) (12/14/07)

If a Brevet judge does not fulfill and submit documentation of fulfilling the Junior Olympic Judging Assignment criteria for 2 years in a row, then he/she would be removed from the rotation order for Eastern/National eligibility. If he/she requests to be placed back in order, a written request must be submitted to the Region 8 Committee with availability and, if accepted, may be placed back in the rotation at the bottom of the order. (6/19/14)

Judge, coach or work in a regional administrative capacity at Regional Championship in the current year and 1 of the 2 prior years. (12/20/02).

If a judge recommended to Nationals does not judge at Regionals, the committee will replace that judge unless it decides, based on financial considerations, to keep the original judge. (6/30/99)

International judging assignments supersede Region 8 Judging assignments. (6/2/04)

No more than one-half of the Level 10 National judges recommended from Region 8 will be from the same state. (6/2/04)

Actively judging at the Junior Olympic level as required by Rules and Policies.

Any judge who does not meet the regional criteria for assignment for JO Nationals or Easterns for two consecutive years be removed from the rotation list. (8/9/12)

If a JO National meet or an Eastern national meet is held in Region 8, at least one judge recommended will reflect representation from hosts geographical area. (6/2/04)

The first year that a Brevet judge who has moved to Region 8 fulfills the regional criteria, then said Brevet judge's name will be placed at the bottom of the Eastern/National rotation list. (8/9/12)

If a judge submits Regional availability, receives an assignment and declines the contract, the judge will not receive any Regional Assignments for the next competitive year. Judges need to inform the RTCC and RJD of any change in availability prior to Region 8 Congress to avoid this penalty. (12/12/15)

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GAT symposium (Gymnastics Association of Texas) as an approved clinic for the 2017-2018 Regional Availability criteria. (6/16/16)

PROCEDURE

The Regional Committee will decide upon judges assignments for each national and regional meet independently. Every attempt will be made to assign different judges to Level 10 Nationals and Level 9 Eastern Nationals within each year.

The order is as follows:

- Level 10 Nationals
- Level 9 Easterns
- Level 9/10 Regionals
- Level 6/7/8 Regionals
- Level Xcel Regionals (7/14/11)

Judges attending the 6/7/8 Training Camp be permitted to use that to satisfy their clinic attendance requirement for assignment to the following year's regional Level 6/7/8 meet. (1/4/97) (7/17/08)

The Region 8 Committee recommends that Level 9/10 Regionals provide a single room for each judge. To offset the cost of single rooms for judges Region 8 will waive the \$10 per athlete competition fee Level 9/10 Meet Host pays to Region 8. (6/7/18)

All Regional Meet Hosts are strongly encouraged to provide single rooms for judges. (6,7,8 and Xcel Regionals). Since these competitions make a large profit, the competition Fee of \$10.00 - 6/7/8/15.00 – Xcel per athlete was not waived. (6/7/18)

APPAREL

Level 6, 7 & 8 State Team to Level 6/7/8 Regionals must have a minimum of competitive leotard provided by SACC at no cost to those athletes or their parents. (6/17/98)

RJOCC will provide sample apparel with sample sizes at Region 8 Committee December meeting each year for Region 8 Committee to decide on apparel to be distributed at the next year's Regionals. Athletes and coaches will be available for sizing. (6/28/06)

The USA Gymnastics State Accounts will pay a fine of \$100.00 for the first occurrences if one of its coach's/club's does not wear the Regional apparel at Easterns or Nationals. Fine will be increased for subsequent occurrences. (6/20/13)

In order for coaches to receive apparel for Easterns and JO Nationals the club must be in "Good Standing".

"In Good Standing" is defined as:

1. Host a Camp within the last 2 years OR
2. Send volunteer coaches to a Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years OR
3. Send athletes to a Camp within the last 2 years OR
4. Make a \$1,000 donation to the Regional Apparel Fund. (Prior to start of Regional Championships)

Coaches of clubs that are not in "Good Standing" must purchase apparel by paying \$200 (1 day of competition), \$250 (2 days of competition), or \$300 (3 days of competition) per coach for the appropriate apparel and must wear apparel at Easterns and JO Nationals or their state will be fined. (6/16/16) (6/22/17)

Regional apparel as follows

1. All athletes competing at JO Nationals receive a base set of apparel. Level 9 Eastern National qualifiers will receive apparel as designated. Level 9 Eastern apparel package include a tank leotard for the qualifying gymnasts. (12/19/03)(6/7/18)
2. All judges who worked at a regional training camp and are assigned to judge Level 10 JO Nationals or Level 9 Easterns will receive apparel. (12/18/08)
3. Apparel items will be offered for sale. (12/18/08)

4. Apparel will be provided to the current members of the Regional Committee. (12/18/08)
5. Coaches who worked Training Camp will receive a Region 8 gift. (12/18/08)
6. Warm-up Jacket are provided for a two year period. (12/18/08) An active elite gymnast who has qualified to a Classic or higher competition may receive Region 8 apparel. (12/3/12)

NEWSLETTERS

Regional Committee recommends that each state chairman maintain timely State web and email updates. (12/18/08)

The Regional Newsletter will publish how much was raised from the Training Camps after expenses. (12/19/03)

Each state chairman should publish an annual financial statement. (7/3/02)(12/20/02)(John Hewett 8/10)

TIM RAND FUND

The Tim Rand Fund will be renamed the Region 8 Gymnastics TR Legends Fund. (12/16/11)

STATE COMMITTEE

A list of elected state committees should be sent to the RACC annually. Also a list of all other persons attending State Committee meetings. (8/21/98) (12/20/02)

Any appointed committee member or invited guests to a state or regional committee meeting need only participate in a meeting during that portion that pertains to them. (8/21/98)

MISCELLANEOUS

Region 8 will charge a regional competition fee based on the number of registered athletes from the previous year. Each state should pay \$1.00 per gymnast to the regional account. (12/15)

ANNUAL REPORT

State Chairmen must submit an annual summary report. Office equipment purchases, the state chair is responsible for sending a copy of the annual equipment form to the RACC by July 10th of each year. (8/21/98) (12/20/02)

ALL STAR TRIP

Due to the current climate and statements about travel made by USA Gymnastics, the 2018 Region 8 All Star Trip and future Region 8 All Star Trips will be cancelled until policies can be clarified. (6/7/18)

In order to qualify for the All Star Trip a gymnast's coach/gym needs to be in good standing with the Region. Athletes from gyms not in Good Standing are ineligible for the All Star Trip.

In Good Standing means:

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- Send volunteer coaches to a Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years
- Send athletes to a Camp within the last 2 years
- Make a \$1,000 donation to the Regional Apparel Fund (12/18/08) (Prior to start of Regional Championships)

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Qualification Procedures for All-Star Trip:

The Region 8 All-Star Team will be comprised of:

6 - Level 9's from Eastern Championships.

6 - Level 10's from JO Nationals.

Any athlete(s) that place(s) first in the AA get first priority.

If there are still spots available the athlete(s) with the highest AA score(s) regardless of Age Group will make up the remainder of the team. In the case of an AA tie for the last spot, the highest individual event score would break the tie.

Graduating Seniors are ineligible for the trip.

Athletes from clubs that are not in "good standing" in regard to training camps are ineligible for the trip.

Athletes that are under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a coach.

All Athletes are expected to abide by the USA Gymnastics Code of

Ethics and the Athlete Responsibilities outlined under Athlete

Membership at all times during the All-Star Trip.

(6/16/16) (6/22/17)

HALL OF FAME

Region 8 will develop a Hall of Fame with the first induction class consisting of past and current service award recipients.(12/15/06)

The Criteria for the Region 8 Hall of Fame will be posted on the Regional website-region8gymnastics.org (12/18/08)

All nominations for Hall of Fame be presented to the Regional Committee by the winter meeting for a secret ballot, with requests for nominations being submitted by Oct. 1st. (6/11/09)

A member of the Region 8 Hall of Fame may be removed at the vote of the Region 8 Committee if the member is banned by USA Gymnastics or has been convicted of a felony.(12/13/16)

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

The state committees nominate candidates for Club of the Year who display excellence and are actively involved in the total JO program for the past year. (6/11/09)