



## **2024-2025 Competitive Season Rules, Policies and Procedures**

### ***USA Gymnastics Women's Artistic Program: Ohio***

Each year, USA Gymnastics National Office releases Rules and Policies for the Women's Artistic Program. In accordance with this document, the State Administrative Committee is required to determine a few items of operation for their respective States. The Ohio State Administrative Committee held our annual meeting in September and below are the rules and regulations for Ohio USAG Women's Program for the 2024-2025 competitive season. *For any clarification on rules and policies not explicitly listed below, please refer to USAG 2024-2025 R&P ([CLICK HERE for USAG R&P](#)).*

#### **State Qualification, Mobility, and Declaration Dates**

- Mobility Between Competitive Levels
  - Xcel:
    - 1-judge panels are permitted for mobility from Gold to Platinum
    - 2-judge panels are required for mobility from Platinum to Diamond and Diamond to Sapphire
  - Compulsory Mobility
    - 1-judge panels are permitted for mobility from Level 4 to Level 5
    - 1-judge panels are permitted for mobility out of Level 5
  - Optional mobility follows R&P (2-judge panels required)
- State Qualification
  - Compulsory
    - 1-judge panels are permitted for level 2 state qualification
    - 2-judge panels are required for Level 3-Level 5 State qualification
  - Optional State Qualifications
    - 2-judge panels are required for all levels
  - Xcel State Qualifications
    - 1-judge panel is permitted for Xcel Bronze state qualification
    - 2-judge panels are required for Xcel Silver and above
- State Meet Qualifying Scores
  - Level 2-5: 30.00
  - Level 6-7: 32.00
  - Level 8-10: 32.00
  - Xcel Bronze-Gold: 30.00
  - Xcel Platinum-Sapphire: 32.00
- Declaration Dates- Per R&P- The SAC must determine, prior to the beginning of the competitive year, a designated "declaration" date for each division/level. The highest division / level competed at a sanctioned competition after the declaration date will determine the program (Xcel / DEV) for which the athlete can compete for the remainder of that season (including the State Championship).
  - Level 2-5: February 24, 2025
  - Xcel Bronze-Platinum: March 3, 2025
  - Xcel Diamond & Sapphire: February 17, 2025
  - Level 6-10: February 17, 2025

## **Financial Updates**

- State Championships Meet Entry Fees-TBD
- Athlete Tax
  - For all USAG Sanctioned Events held in Ohio, a \$1 'athlete tax' charge will be due to **the State USAG Account. The Region has increased the athlete tax to \$2, which is due to the Region 5 USAG Account.** This is due within 14 days of completion of the event.
  - Penalties:
    - If not paid by deadline (14 days following the event)- SACC will contact meet host for payment
    - If payment is not remitted within 30 days, any future event hosted by the meet host will not be eligible for state qualification or mobility until paid in full. Additionally, the host will not be eligible to host a state meet until paid in full.

## **Additional Updates and Important Dates**

- Apparel for State Teams at Regional Championships
  - Ohio USAG will provide a leotard and t-shirt to state team members
  - Ohio USAG will provide a Bag Tag for each state team member with the current year
- Placements at State Championships (ALL Levels)
  - Age group size: 20 athletes maximum
    - Top 10 All around will receive awards
    - Top 33% on each event will receive awards.
- A State Qualification Medal will be provided by the SACC for each athlete qualified, registered, and competing at the State Meet, but not placed in the top 10 AA.
- The Top 3 Teams at each level at State Championship will receive a trophy in addition to their placement banner

## **State Championships Division Update**

- Divisions for individual competition at **Compulsory** State Meet have been removed (previously American and National Divisions)
  - All athletes will compete individually against all athletes in their respective age groups in their level.
  - Team awards will be split into 2 divisions. Divisions will be based on the number of athletes registered at that particular level, as has been determined in the past.
  - The competition for each level will not occur in 2 separate gyms with separate judges, so all athletes of the same level will compete with the same set of judges.
- Divisions may be determined for Xcel team competition depending on number of competitors at each level.
  - Due to the qualification processes to regionals, individual competition procedures would not change. Teams may be awarded with the same methodology as compulsory if needed based on registration numbers.
- National Division will count 4 scores for team score
- American Division will count 3 scores for team score

## **Judging Updates and Information**

- NAWGJ is the assigned governing body for USAG Sanctioned events in the state of Ohio
- Ohio USAG SACC will provide a \$2000 contribution towards 6-10 state meet for 4 judge panel (NAWGJ Ohio has committed to do the same)
- Single Occupancy Rooms for Judges

- Ohio USAG will require single occupancy rooms required for judges at ALL Ohio State Championships
- Invitationals: Follow R&P requirements and recommendations: Chapter 5 Page 43 Section C.2
  - Please be sure to note standard IRS overnight accommodation rate
- Judges Ratings
  - Xcel- following R&P for Xcel Ratings Requirements
    - A Level 7/8 rating is required for Platinum and Diamond divisions.
      - A minimum Level 9 rating is *recommended* for Diamond division.
    - A Level 9 rating is required for Sapphire division.
    - If there is a lack of qualified judges, the assigner must contact the RTCC for permission to assign a lower rated judge, if necessary.
  - Level 3- Judges must be compulsory rated to judge a USAG Sanctioned Level 3 Competition in Ohio
  - Compulsory (Level 4-5)- ratings determined by R&P
  - Optional (Level 6-10) - ratings determined by R&P
- Meet Directors (Information from NAWGJ Ohio SJDs)
  - Please put your meets into GymJas as soon as possible
  - Assigning fees must be paid before we will assign a meet, \$5 per judge ([CLICK HERE TO PAY](#))
  - The Judges Request Form must have the Room Accommodations part completed.
  - If you would like specific judges or not have specific judges on your meet, please put that in the comments section of the request form. If there is not enough room, please send an email with your requests to the assigner and the SJDs. All requests will be honored if the judge is available at the time of assignment and current on memberships.