

# 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 RTCC, by November 1st of each year. (7/3/02) (6/16/16)

### REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

The Xcel Regional entry fee is \$100, Level 6, 7 & 8 Regional entry fee is \$110, and Level 9 & 10 Regional entry fee is \$130 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)(6/27/19)

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 Host. The Xcel and Level 6, 7 & 8 Meet Host 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 coach's 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 Committee. (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 RTCC with a copy to RJOCC and RACC. Online entries must be marked petition. (7/3/02)

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 <sup>ST</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> 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 charged for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

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)

If there are judge's 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 State Cut-off score for that Division/Level. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the State Cut-off score to attend Regionals. (6/22/17)

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The Region 8 Committee requires 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)

Refunds will be issued for scratches which have a doctor's excuse and occur 7 days or more prior to competition. (6/27/19)

### LEVEL 10 REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

Entry fee \$130.00. Qualification score is 35.00. Petition score 36.00. (6/16/16) (6/27/19)

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)

The Region 8 Committee Requires 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)

Maximum regional gate fees:

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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 charged 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. 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. No petitions allowed for Level 9. (6/7/18)

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

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

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

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 judge's 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)

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### LEVEL 9 REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

Level 9 Regional entry fee \$130.00. 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:

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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)

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The Region 8 Committee **requires** 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)(6/27/19)

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### LEVEL 8 REGIONALS

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The entry fee for Level 8 Regionals be \$110.00 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)

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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 384 +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 448 places 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 judge's 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 State Cut-off score for that Division/Level. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the State Cut-off 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)

Maximum regional gate fees:

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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 charged for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03) (7/17/08) (6/22/17)

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)

All Level 8 Regional athletes will compete on Saturday in two gyms. The Level 8 team session will be last session Saturday. (6/11/09) (8/9/12) (6/16/18) (6/27/19)

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)

Refunds will be issued for scratches which have a doctor's excuse and occur 7 days or more prior to competition. (6/27/19)

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### LEVEL 7 REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

The entry fee for Level 7 Regionals be \$110.00 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)(6/27/19)

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 State Cut-off score for that Division. Once a team is filled all additional athletes must achieve the State Cut-off 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)

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)

The number of gymnasts at Level 7 Regionals is 320 +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 384 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)

All Level 7 Regional athletes will compete on Friday in two gyms. The Level 7 team session will be last session Friday. (6/11/09) (8/9/12) (6/16/18)(6/27/19) 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)

Maximum regional gate fees:

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1	\$15.00	\$10.00
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Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charged 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 judge's 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)

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

### LEVEL 6 REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

The entry fee for Level 6 Regionals be \$110.00 with \$10 directed to Region 8. (12/19/08)(6/27/19)

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.

All Level 6 Regionals will be on Sunday in two gyms. The Level 6 Team session will be the last session Sunday. (6/16/16/) (6/7/18)(6/27/19)

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)

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The number of gymnasts at Level 6 Regionals is 320 +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 384 places 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:

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Refunds will be issued for scratches which have a doctor's excuse and occur 7 days or more prior to competition. (6/27/19)

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:

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

### XCEL REGIONALS

Meet hosts are required to provide private hotel rooms for judges at all Region 8 Regionals. (6/27/19)

All states that have enough qualified athletes to field a state team must compete as a state team in that Division. (6/27/19)

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)

Xcel Regionals will utilize two meet referees at Xcel Regionals. The first Xcel Regional meet referee to be from the home state and that the second meet referee to be RTCC. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Xcel Regionals is 1800 + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for State team for all division except Diamond where 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 1800 places from all 8 states. The breakdown per division follows. (6/7/18) (6/27/19)

Division	All-Stars	Team	Total
Silver	480	64	544
Gold	680	64	744
Platinum	320	64	384
Diamond	64	64	128

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)

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)

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Eight 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)

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

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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)

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1	\$15.00	\$10.00
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Children 5 and under free. Competitors will not be charged for attending additional sessions. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08) (6/22/17)

The 4 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 judge's 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)

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### 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)

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

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)



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### 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

Judge from 2019 Xcel Regionals who was found to have unprofessional behavior as a chief judge will not be assigned to a Region 8 Regional Competition in 2020 and if assigned in 2021, 2022, or 2023 will not be assigned as a chief judge. (6/27/20)

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 RTCC – 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)

Judges selected for the National Rotation (JO Nationals or Easterns) must re-apply for consideration in each subsequent cycle.

**The procedure used for the first draw follows:**

#### JO Nationals

1. Drew 2 Brevets and 2 Nationals from separate hats for 2020.
2. If the judge drawn from the hat had a national assignment in 2019, the judge was moved to the next year.
3. If the next judge drawn from the hat was from the same state as the previous judge(s) drawn, the judge was moved to the next available year.

4. This process resulted in all eligible judges (n = 16) being assigned to one National meet in the four-year period.
5. Note: Mary Lou and Toni asked to be removed from the rotation; Deb asked to be an alternate in all years unless she was needed.

#### Easterns

1. Drew 1 Brevet from a hat for each of the four years to ensure Region 8 would have a judge eligible to be Chief Judge at Easterns.
2. Put all remaining Brevets, Nationals, and the four “New Judge” slips in one hat and draw for remaining years.
3. If judge had a national assignment in 2019, the judge was moved to the next year.
4. If the next judge drawn was from the same state as a judge already drawn for a particular year, the judge was moved to a different year.
5. This process resulted in 16 of the 19 eligible judges being assigned to one Eastern meet in the four-year period.
6. Note: Mary Lou and Toni asked to be removed; Deb asked to be an alternate only if needed; Marian asked to be alternate only.

#### Alternates

1. Judges were assigned to alternate slots in years in which they were not judging Nationals or Easterns.
2. Judges who were not drawn to judge Easterns were given an extra alternate spot if possible.
3. The alternate list can be used to help the committee select replacements based on state and rating (Brevet or National) of the judge to be replaced or may be selected on other criteria as appropriate (e.g. geographic location, availability, etc.) (6/27/19).

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4. The Committee decided to select alternate judges on an annual basis rather than project four-year assignments for alternates.
5. Note: Because there were more judges eligible for assignment to Easterns than there were slots available, three judges in the rotation did not receive an Easterns assignment. The Committee agreed that these three judges would be given priority consideration for Easterns if a slot became available and if they met the criteria for replacing that slot. In addition, One judge had to decline Easterns in 2020 and she was added to the list for consideration for a future Easterns assignment.

If a Regional judging emergency occurs within 24 hours of a Regional meet, the Regional Committee shall give authority to the RTCC to adjust assignments. If possible the RTCC 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) (6/27/19)

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 contract or 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 for Eastern Nationals and JO Nationals received by Region 8 will be filled based on the number of judges in the National judges' rotation. Should a judge who is in a slot eligible for assignment make the decision not to take the assignment, or not judge once assigned, the judge may be added as an alternate in a subsequent year. The Region 8 USA Gymnastics Committee will make a decision about a future assignment, if any, on a case-by-case basis. (12/10/19)

The name of the Brevet/National that did not fulfill an assignment should be shared with the Region 8 Committee prior to the current year discussion. Decisions about a future assignment will be on case by case basis.

Extenuating Circumstances: Should an emergency situation occur and cause the assigned Brevet to miss his/her assignment, an alternate judge will be assigned from those eligible in the National Rotation. The situation will be presented to the Region 8 committee to determine if the affected judge will be added as an alternate in a future year or given an assignment should a slot become available. (12/10/19)

### CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

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

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Volunteer to host, teach or work actively with the athletes at Level 8/9/10 or National Team Region 8 training camp **fulfilling four 8 hours tracks in 4 years (March 2020 amendment to December 2019 motion)** **Note: makes new requirement comparable to prior requirement of attending training camp at least once every two years but eliminates required attendance from start to finish at camp).** In the case of a valid conflict, a written request for a waiver may be submitted with the Availability Form to RTCC. Requests for waiver will then be submitted to the Regional Committee. (1/9/99) (12/20/02) (11/6/04) (12/14/07)(12/10/19)

If a **National** or 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 the rotation, a written request must be submitted to the Region 8 Committee with availability and, if accepted, **the judge may be considered as an alternate in the four-year rotation drawn for the current cycle or given an assignment** if a slot becomes available. (6/19/14) (12/10/19)

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 and **added to the draw for the next four-year rotation or eligible for consideration as an alternate within the current four-year rotation.** (8/9/12) (12/10/19)

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)

GAT symposium (Gymnastics Association of Texas) as an approved clinic for the 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 and/or Xcel meet. (1/4/97) (7/17/08)

The Region 8 Committee requires that Level 9/10 Regionals provide a single hotel room for each judge. To offset the cost of single hotel 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)

### APPAREL

Level 6, 7 & 8 State Teams 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)

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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 Regional Training Camp within the last 2 years OR
2. Send volunteer coaches to a Regional Training Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years OR
3. Send athletes to a Regional Training 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 Jackets 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)

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 appointed persons attending State Committee meetings.  
(8/21/98) (12/20/02)

### 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) **Suspended 12/19**

### 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

**All Star Trip will be reinstated for 2020. (12/10/19)**  
**All Star Trip will be suspended for 2020 due to COVID-19. (3/25/20)**

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.

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- Send athletes to a Regional Training 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)

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.**

### **Level 9 Selection:**

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

### **Level 10 Selection:**

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

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

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

Any athlete(s) that place(s) fourth in the AA get fourth 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 or parent.**

**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) (12/10/19)(12/10/19)

### **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. 1<sup>st</sup>. (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)