2025-26 Rules and Policies Level 6 - 10

Number of Meets

➤ 1 State Championship for Level 6-10

Only official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted (downloadable form posted on TXUSAG.com)

- ➤ 1 Regional Championship for Level 7-10
- > 1 Western National Championship for Level 9
- > 1 National Championship for Level 10

🚣 Entry Fees

- \$120.00 State Championship
 - (\$5.00 of entry must be sent to Region 3 for the apparel fund).
- > Entry fees must be received by the date posted on the Competition Deadline Chart.
- ➤ Entries received after the deadline may be accepted by the meet director on space availability with the approval of the competition committee. A late fee of 30% of the total entry will be assessed as well as possible additional penalties according to the circumstances that surround the late entry. Deadline applies to the paper entry/payment and the USAG Online entry.
- ➤ Entry Fee refunds will be given prior to the Entry deadline. Fees are non- refundable after the deadline. Please see the official competition deadline chart for specific dates.
- > Must register online in the USA Gymnastics Reservation System.

Gate Fees

State

Adults \$15 per day
Children 12 & under/ Seniors 60+ \$10 per day

Judges

- ➤ Judges must hold a Level 7/8 or above rating for Level 6.
- Judges must hold a Level 8 or above rating for Level 7.
- > Judges must hold a Level 8 or above rating for Level 8.
- Judges must hold a Level 9 or above rating for Level 9.
- Judges must hold a Level 10 or above rating for Level 10.
- ➤ State Championships 2 judges per panel, plus a separate meet referee.
- The State Administrative Assigning Committee will determine the final selection of officials for the State Championships.
- ➤ Athlete's individual event score and Start Values will be flashed at all optional competitions.

Event Awards

State Championships

- Official USAG State Championship Medals are required at the State Championships. Order the Official USA Gymnastics State Championship medals through the State Chair.
- Events: 50% of the athletes entered in each Age Group must be recognized with Medals on each of the four (4) individual events.
- 100% of the athletes must be recognized in the All Around with medals.
- The Meet Host is financially responsible for the state medals.
- USAG Medals must be used and are purchased through the state (contact Debbie Williams)

State Team Competition

- Large Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 11 or more athletes will be placed into Large Team competition. 7 scores will count for Large Team Competition.
- Medium Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 6-10 athletes will be placed into Medium Team competition. 5 scores will count for Medium Team competition.
- > Small Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 3-5 athletes will be placed into Small Team competition. 3 scores will count for Small Team competition.
- > Team size may NOT change after the entry deadline.
- ➤ At State Championships (banners must be used): Teams will be awarded 1st 3rd. ***No charge for team competition. All clubs will be entered in team competition based on the number of athletes registered. ***
- > Banner orders are made through the state (contact Debbie Williams), the USAG required vendor (A-1 Awards) will be used. Banners will be drop shipped to the host.

Qualifying Procedures

> State Championships

- By a score of 32.00 obtained at any USA Gymnastics Invitational held in Texas that is an approved qualifier.
- Event specialists 9.1 event score to qualify to State.
- Injury/Illness Petitions will be allowed for State Championships See National R & P for rules regarding the different levels and the score needed. Send petition to Debbie Williams State Chairman (<u>deborahdwilli@gmail.com</u>)

> Regional Championships

The qualifying score for Level 7 and 8 Regionals in 2024 is a 34.00 All Around at the State Meet. No IES. All around petitions will be considered.

Special Rules

- Gymnast must have reached her 6th birthday to compete Level 6 (she may compete on her 6th birthday).
- > Gymnast must have reached her 7th birthday to compete Level 7 (she may compete on her 7th
- Gymnast must have reached her 8th birthday to compete Level 8-10 (she may compete on her 8th birthday).
- Gymnast must have reached her 9th birthday to compete Level 9 & 10 (she may compete on her 9th birthday).
- > Gymnast may drop back one level prior to March 1st of the current season.
- Level 6 may be skipped if a 32.00 was obtained at Level 5.
- A minimum score of 32.00 must be obtained to move to Level 7.
- A minimum score of 34.00 must be obtained to move to Level 9.

> State Championships

- Age Groups for Level State Championships will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B, Sr. C. with sub-divisions of 1-5 can be used for large competitions (sample: Jr. A1, Jr. A2)
- In the event entry numbers are low, the number of age groups may be reduced with the approval of a competition chairperson.
- The ultimate goal is to have approximately 12-15 athletes per age group.
- Competitive Draw for sessions at state championships MUST be by Age Group.

Regional Championships

- Athletes will be distributed into age groups set by Region 3.
- Age is determined according to age the athlete will be at Regional Championships.
- Advancement to Regionals by a score of 34.00 achieved at the Level 10 State Championships.

• The format and number of athletes must be approved by the Regional DP Committee Chairman and Regional Technical Committee Chairman.

Western National Championships

- The Meet Directors of the Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships shall contact the WDP Director for specific information on
 - Schedule
 - The draw, squads, and rotations
 - All technical matters of the meet
 - Financial responsibilities of local organizing committee and USA Gymnastics
- Age Groups for Westerns are divided into 16 groups of 28 athletes.
- Top 8 in the All Around & Events will be recognized in awards ceremony.

Event Specialist

- ➤ Athletes must declare as a specialist prior to the State Championships.
- > 9.1 event score required to qualify to State Championships.
- ➤ Level 9 & 10 Event Specialists must qualify with a score of a 9.1 obtained at State Championships for Regional Championships.