

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday
September 18, 2024
8:30pm
via Zoom



The **movement** starts here.



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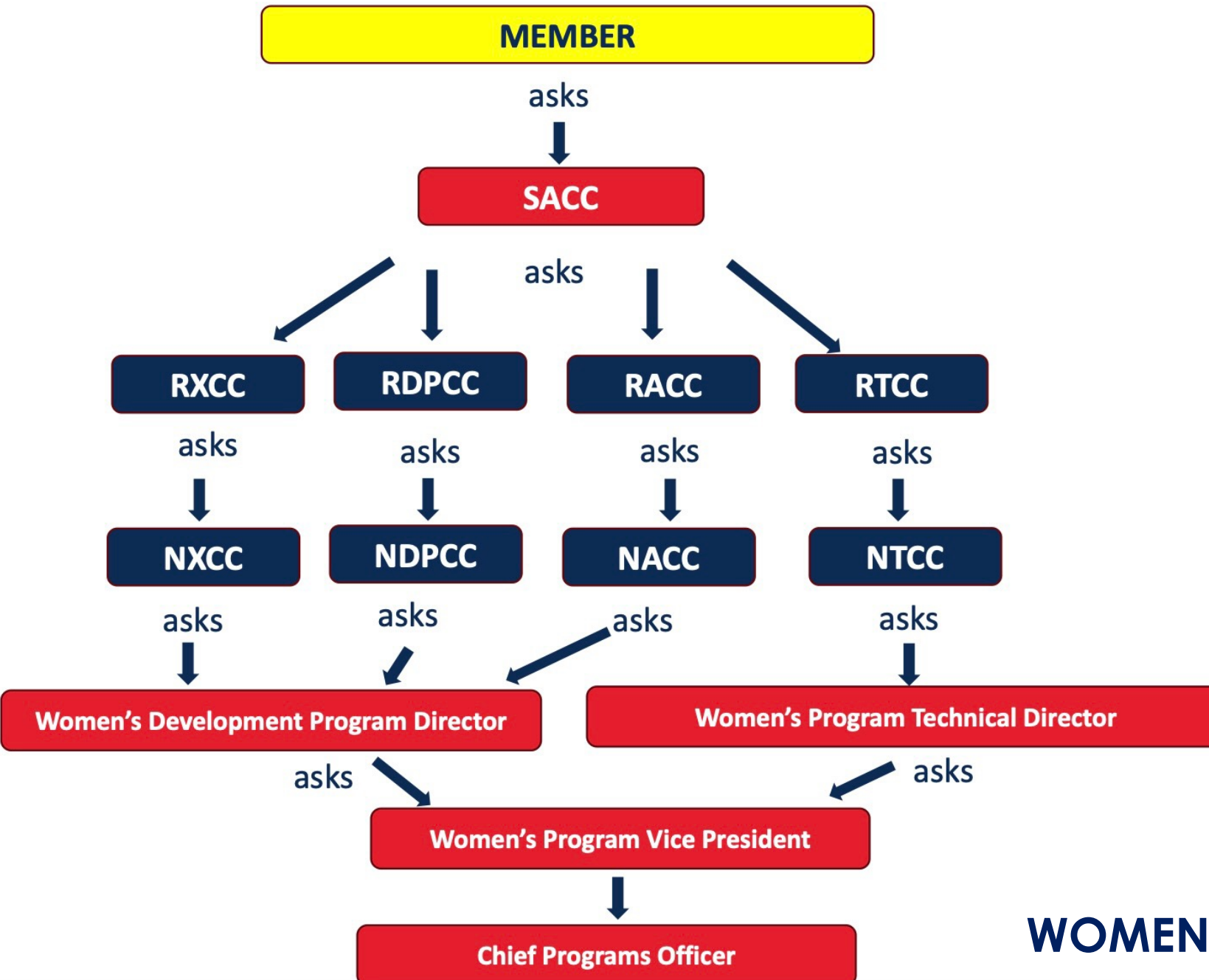
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State Administrative Committee 2024-2025



Women's Program Hotline

Should members have questions, they should utilize the Hotline starting with contact to the State Administrative Committee Chair

State

SACC – State Administrative Committee Chair

Regional

- RXCC – Regional Xcel Committee Chair
- RDPC – Regional Development Program Committee Chair
- RACC – Regional Administrative Committee Chair
- RTCC – Regional Technical Committee Chair

National

- NXCC – National Xcel Committee Chair
- NDPCC – National Development Program Committee Chair
- NACC – National Administrative Committee Chair
- NTCC – National Technical Committee Chair

USAG Staff

See Hotline published within the Rules & Policies for further information.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM HOTLINE



2024 Region 6 Congress Celebration

Massachusetts Awards Recipients

*MA State
Service Award*

*Debbie
Pietrafetta*





*Congratulations
to
Yellow Jackets*

*MA
Development
Program
Club of the
Year*



*Congratulations
to
Paradise
Gymnastics*

*MA
Xcel Program
Club of the
Year*

Where can I find the answers to my questions?

RULES & POLICIES

Now available on the USA Gymnastics Website:
usagym.org

The following slides will show you how to locate
R&P on the USA Gymnastics website...

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DISCIPLINES

WOMEN'S ARTISTIC



Presented by **AAI**
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Scroll down on the Women's page to find this menu:



WOMEN'S MEMBER UPDATES

View current and archived member updates for the Women's Artistic discipline.



EVENTS & CALENDARS

Upcoming events and calendars for Women's Artistic gymnastics



RULES

<<Click Here

Review the Rules & Policies of the Women's Artistic discipline and the Operating Code.



JUDGES

Judging resources for Women's Artistic gymnastics



FORMS

Forms for Women's Artistic members



ELECTIONS

Members can access and participate in any open elections.



COMMITTEE MINUTES

Read current and archived minutes from the Women's Artistic discipline.



NCAA RECRUITMENT INFO

To assist our high school aged athletes with the college recruiting process, USA Gymnastics Women's Program is pleased to provide resources for all interested recruitable aged athletes.



CONTACTS & LINKS

Find contact information and additional links relevant to the Women's Artistic discipline.

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Rules & Policies

- [2023-2024 Rules & Policies](#)  **CLICK HERE**
 - [Click here](#) to download the 2024-2025 Development Program Update
 - [Click here](#) to download the 2024-2025 Xcel Program Update
 - [Click here](#) to read the Women's Program Committee meeting minutes.
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Where can I find the answers to my questions?

PROGRAM UPDATES

Now available on the USA Gymnastics Website:
usagym.org

The following slide will show you how to locate links to the 2024-2025 Program Updates on the USA Gymnastics – MA website...

MAUSAGYM.COM

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DECLARATION DATE FOR 2024-2025 SEASON

The Massachusetts SAC has determined that the designated "declaration" date for the 2024-2025 season is as follows:

Level / Division	Declaration Date
ALL Dev. Levels and Xcel Divisions	February 3, 2025

As listed in the **Women's Program Rules & Policies**: "The highest division / level and the program (Xcel/Dev) competed at a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition AFTER the declaration date will determine the division/level and program (Xcel / Dev) for which the athlete can compete for the remainder of that season." Please review the specific Dev and Xcel chapters for drop back procedures.

[2024-2025 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE](#) →[CLICK HERE FOR DEV. UPDATE](#)[2024-2025 XCEL PROGRAM UPDATE](#) →[CLICK HERE FOR XCEL UPDATE](#)[Need Help?](#)

*Moving
Forward
to
2024-2025
in
Massachusetts
USA
Gymnastics*



Professional Membership Reminder

- If you took your Safe Sport Course (U110) prior to August 1st – you will need to re-take it prior to 12/31 to remain active and compliant.
- This is because the US Center for Safe Sport does not have their certification calendar aligned with every NGB's membership "season" dates.
- Anything comes out from Safe Sport is driven by Safe Sport. USA Gymnastics needs to remain compliant with their requirements.



2024 State Championship Dates

- *March 22-23 Level 8, 9, 10 States at Shrewsbury High School*
- *March 29-30 Level 5, 6, 7 States at Fitchburg High School*
- *April 5-6 Level 4, Xcel Platinum, Xcel Diamond, Xcel Sapphire States Site TBD*
- *May 3-4 Xcel Silver and Xcel Gold States at Shriners Auditorium*
- *May 10-11 Level 1, 2, 3 and Xcel Bronze States at Shriners Auditorium*

How to Qualify to States

All competitions on the MA Qualifying Calendar can be used as qualifiers to States.

- Levels 1-5, Xcel must qualify from an IN-STATE qualifier.
- Levels 6-10 may still also use OUT OF STATE qualifiers, with scores and Sanction # for verification.
- Any athlete who is repeating a level can enter directly into the current season's State Championships if the following criteria is met:
 1. They competed at that level's previous year's States AND
 2. They achieved the state qualifying score at the previous year's States.

State Qualification Criteria

- Xcel (All Divisions) Must compete in one IN STATE competition from the USAG-MA Qualifying Calendar.
- Levels 1-2-3 Must compete in one IN STATE competition from the USAG-MA Qualifying Calendar.
- Levels 4-5 32.0+ AA at one IN STATE competition from the USAG-MA Qualifying Calendar.
- Levels 6-7-8-9-10 32.0+ AA at one IN STATE competition from the USAG-MA Qualifying Calendar
OR
32.0+ AA at one OUT OF STATE competition.

Declaration Date

- February 3, 2025 - for all Dev. Program Levels and Xcel Divisions.
- The highest level that an athlete competes in 1-4 events in a sanctioned competition after the “declaration” date designates her level for the remainder of the current season. See next slide for DD clarification from USA Gymnastics...



DECLARATION DATE

Friendly reminder

An athlete may NOT drop back to a lower level/division in a competitive season AFTER the declaration date.

SAC determines prior to the beginning of the competitive year, a designated "declaration" date for each level for this purpose.

The highest level/division competed at a sanctioned competition after the "declaration" date will determine the program (Dev / Xcel) for which the athlete can compete for the remainder of that season. It does NOT matter if an athlete competed in 1 event or as an All-Around, if they competed a higher level/division after the declaration date they are bound by the qualification rules of that level/division for the rest of the season. DO NOT MAKE THIS MISTAKE!!!



Qualification and Entry Deadlines for States

	Qualification Deadline:	Entry Deadline:
• Level 8-9-10	QD March 3	ED March 3
• Level 5-6-7	QD March 10	ED March 10
• Level 4-XP-XD-XSA	QD March 17	ED March 17
• Levels 1-2-3-XB-XS-XG	QD March 31	ED March 31

How to Register for MA State Championships

Submit your Meet Reservation online at www.usagym.org, then process payment online at www.meetmaker.com. Refunds will only be distributed to scratches that are submitted online in Meet Reservations AND processed via MeetMaker by the entry deadline.

State Calendar

- The most up to date version of the MA Qualifying Calendar is posted on the MA website.
- USAG MA has hired Kathy Ostberg as our Independent Assignor to handle the assigning and contracting of officials through our Arbiter portal.
- For competitions that are already listed on the MA Qualifying Calendar, if you have secured your own officials, you should have already submitted your list of officials to kathyostberg@gmail.com.

STATE ENTRY FORMS

- As soon as all of your athletes have qualified to their respective State Championships, please submit the REQUIRED qualification form to massusagcommittee@aol.com. One form per competition. Please do not wait until the deadline to do this!
- *Forms that are submitted later than the Qualification Deadline, not completed in their entirety, or not completed correctly, will be assessed a \$5.00 per athlete verification fee (\$500 maximum).*
- Forms that are submitted on or prior to the Qualification Deadline, completely and correctly, are at no charge.
- Forms will be available on the website by October 1st. Remember - You do not have to wait until the QD gets close to submit your forms!

State Meet Entry Forms

STATE MEET ENTRY FORM

PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER STATE MEET

STATE MEET:
CLUB NAME:
CLUB USAG #:
CLUB CONTACT EMAIL:

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND MINORITY SCORES OVERVIEW CHART				
*Please consider all missing both in next section				
LEVEL	MINORITY AVE REQUIREMENT*	PREVIOUS SCORES	PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES	MINORITY SCORES TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL
1-2	L1- Reached 4 th birthday L2- Reached 5 th birthday	None		None
3	Reached 6 th birthday	None		None
4	Reached 7 th birthday	75% proficiency at L1 or on Walk, Run, Swim, Flyer	Level 4 or 5*	\$4.00 AA at Level 4 \$4.00 AA at Level 12, 14 months to move directly to Level 5
5	Reached 7 th birthday	\$4.00 AA at Level 4	Level 5 or 6*	\$4.00 AA at Level 5 Ability back and forth between Level 5 and 6 allowed Level 5 may be skipped (Level 12) \$4.00 AA achieved Level 6
6	Reached 7 th birthday	\$2.00 AA at Level 5	Level 6 or 7*	\$2.00 AA at Level 6 Level 6 may be skipped if \$2.00 AA was achieved at Level 5
7	Reached 7 th birthday	\$2.00 AA at Level 5 or 6	Level 7 or 8*	\$2.00 AA at Level 7 Ind. Event Signatories: 5 per event
8	Reached 8 th birthday	\$2.00 AA at Level 7	Level 8 or 9*	\$2.00 AA at Level 8 Ind. Event Signatories: 5 per event
9	Reached 8 th birthday	\$10.00 AA at Level 8	Level 9 or 10*	\$4.00 AA at Level 9 or move to Level 10 Ind. Event Signatories: 5 per event
10	Reached 8 th birthday	\$4.00 AA at Level 9	Level 10 or 11* Dine*	None

XCEL ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS AND MOBILE SCORES OVERVIEW CHART (For use for all classroom-based or on-site students)			
Student	Minimum Age Requirement	Prerequisite Scores	Entry Criteria from the Developmental Progressor*
BRONZE	Reached 5 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2
SILVER	Reached 6 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2, 3
GOLD	Reached 7 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
PLATINUM	Reached 8 th birthday	10.00 AA or 10.00 Gold Division or 8.5-9.5	DEV Levels 5, 6, 7
Diamond	Reached 9 th birthday	10.00 AA or 10.00 Platinum Division or 8.5-9.5	DEV Levels 1, 8
SUPREME	Reached 12 th birthday**	10.00 AA or 10.00 Platinum Division or 8.5-9.5	DEV Levels 1, 8, 10

*Must have completed all-around at a minimum of one (2) sanctioned meet at the specified Development Program level to enter in the appropriate level division.

⁴⁴ Any gymnast who has not reached the Minimum Age Requirement for Xcel Sapphire may petition for entry into Xcel Sapphire by submitting a petition to the Regional Xcel Committee Chair (RXC) and the National Xcel Committee Chair (NXC). The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates her skill level.

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Hosting a Meet

When hosting any USA Gymnastics Sanctioned competition, please remember that you are required to follow ALL competition procedures, requirements and equipment specifications set forth by Rules & Policies.

Gate Fees:

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Seniors/Children</u>
In-Gym Qualifier	\$5.00	\$5.00
In-Gym Invitational	\$5.00	\$5.00
State Meet	\$10.00	\$5.00
Outside Venue Invitational	At the Discretion of the Meet Director	

Mass Modified Numbers allowed per session:

	<u>In-Gym</u>	<u>Outside Venue Invitational</u>
Levels 1-6	60	68
Xcel	60	60
Levels 7-10	48	56

Awards:

Level 1-3/XB 100% Awards

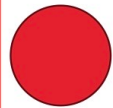
In-Gym and Outside Venue
Invitationals/States – 100% AA of
something – does not have to be a
trophy.

Placements for events
States @ 40% for Xcel as in R&P;
Invitationals recommended 50%.

NEW FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

There are no longer any
time restrictions for Xcel
Sessions on school days.

USA GYMNASTICS COMPETITION UPDATES FROM R&P



DEFINING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

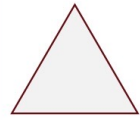
RULES & POLICIES

Competition schedules are set using available dates without regard to the diversity of religious and cultural practices of potential participants.

USA Gymnastics acknowledges and regrets that athletes may have to choose to opt out of participation in any specific competition due to religious practices or scheduling conflicts.



USA GYMNASTICS COMPETITION UPDATES FROM R&P



TIMED WARM-UPS (LEVEL 9/10 BARS)

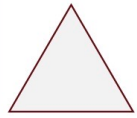
RULES & POLICIES

At all sanctioned events on Uneven Bars ONLY:

- if a Level 9/10 squad has less than 5 athletes (4 or less) due to onsite scratches or unforeseen circumstances, **an additional 2 ½ minutes timed warm-up may be provided.**
- This WILL include the bar settings.



USA GYMNASTICS COMPETITION UPDATES FROM R&P



INJURED ATHLETES

RULES & POLICIES

Only competing gymnasts and coach(es) allowed onto field of play, only during session they are competing.

At Meet Director's discretion and at invitationals ONLY, may include gymnasts who were entered / scheduled for session but scratched due to injury.



USA GYMNASTICS COMPETITION UPDATES FROM R&P



ALLOWED MATS ON FLOOR

CLARIFICATION

Currently in R&P: Only 1 skill cushion/throw mat (4 inch or 8 inch) per tumbling pass may be used, with no more than 2 mats on the Floor Exercise area at any one point in time. Matting may be used as a take-off / landing surface.

CLARIFICATIONS TO BE ADDED:

- An athlete may NOT utilize the 2 mats end to end on any one tumbling pass, i.e., punch off one mat to land on another.
- If using a sting mat in addition to the 2 supplemental mats, the sting mat must be under or on top of the 4" throw mat or 8" skill cushion.



After Hosting a Meet...

After hosting ANY USA Gymnastics Sanctioned competition:

- Close sanction with USA Gymnastics.
- Send \$2.00 per gymnast (maximum \$1,500.00) payable to USAG Region 6 to Michele Archer - PO Box 294 - Ashburnham, MA 01430. Please include the Sanction # on the check!
- *If the \$2.00 per athlete head tax is not paid to Region 6 in the 30 days following the conclusion of the competition, the amount per athlete raises to \$3.00.*
- PTF sent to massusagcommittee@aol.com (must be done by the Wednesday following the competition).
- Publish results to myUSAGym following competition.

Mobility Meet Reminders

- If you have hosted a Mobility Meet, please submit those PTFs to the massusagcommittee@aol.com email address as soon as possible and publish the results to myUSAGym.
- If you attended an out of state mobility meet, please send a copy of those scores with the sanction number to the massusagcommittee@aol.com email address.
- As per R&P, virtual meets are not allowed for mobility purposes.

Mobility Charts

Chapter 8 – DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGE/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND MOBILITY SCORES OVERVIEW CHART (*see specifics of dropping back in next section)				
LEVEL	MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE SCORES	PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	MOBILITY SCORE TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL
1 – 2	L1 - Reached 4 th birthday L2 - Reached 5 th birthday	None		None
3	Reached 6 th birthday	None		None
4	Reached 7 th birthday	75% proficiency at L1-3 on Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor	Level 4 or 5*	34.00 AA at Level 4 36.00 AA at two (2) L4 meets to move directly to Level 6
5	Reached 7 th birthday	34.00 AA at Level 4	Level 5 or 6*	32.00 AA at Level 5 Mobility back and forth between Levels 5 and 6 is allowed. Level 5 may be skipped if two (2) 36.00 AA achieved at Level 4
6	Reached 7 th birthday	32.00 AA at Level 5	Level 6 or 7*	32.00 AA at Level 6 Level 6 may be skipped if 32.00 AA was achieved at Level 5
7	Reached 7 th birthday	32.00 AA at Level 5 or 6	Level 7 or 8*	32.00 AA at Level 7 Ind. Event Specialist: 8.5 per event
8	Reached 8 th birthday	32.00 AA at Level 7	Level 8 or 9*	34.00 AA at Level 8 Ind. Event Specialist: 8.5 per event
9	Reached 8 th birthday	34.00 AA at Level 8	Level 9 or 10*	34.00 AA at Level 9 to move to Level 10 Ind. Event Specialist: 8.5 per event
10	Reached 9 th birthday	34.00 AA at Level 9	Level 10 or Elite*	None

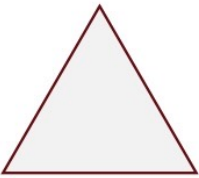
XCEL AGE/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND MOBILITY SCORES OVERVIEW CHART (*see specifics of dropping back in next section)			
Division	Minimum Age Requirement	Prerequisite Scores	Entry Division from the Development Program*
BRONZE	Reached 5 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2
SILVER	Reached 6 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2, 3
GOLD	Reached 7 th birthday	None	DEV Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
PLATINUM	Reached 8 th birthday	32.00 AA at Gold Division or 8.5 IES	DEV Levels 5, 6, 7
DIAMOND	Reached 9 th birthday	32.00 AA at Platinum Division or 8.5 IES	DEV Levels 7, 8
SAPPHIRE	Reached 12 th birthday **	32.00 AA at Diamond Division or 8.5 IES	DEV Levels 8, 9, 10

*Must have competed all-around at a minimum of one (1) sanctioned meet at the specified Development Program level to enter in the appropriate Xcel division.

** Any gymnast who has not reached the Minimum Age Requirement for Xcel Sapphire may petition for entry into Xcel Sapphire by submitting a petition to the Regional Xcel Committee Chair (RXCC) and the National Xcel Committee Chair (NXCC). The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates her skill level.

Individual Event Specialist (IES)

- ❖ Mobility through levels 7-9 is an 8.5.
- ❖ Gymnast needs to score an 8.7+ twice in any qualifying meet to qualify for states.
- ❖ To qualify to Level 9/10 Regionals, an IES needs to score a 9.0+ at states on their respective events.
- ❖ There is no opportunity for Level 7, 8 or Xcel IES athletes to qualify to Regionals.
- ❖ If at States an athlete does not attain the qualifying AA score to Regionals, but scored a 9.0+ on certain events, that athlete may still enter Regionals on the events in which she attained the 9.0+.
- ❖ IES who are entering States but did not qualify with an AA score, must designate their events upon States entry and are not eligible to compete in any events in which they did not qualify.



IES DESIGNATION

State meet All-Around qualified gymnasts do NOT have to designate as IES.

- If their scores do not qualify in the AA, may still have qualified on an individual event.

State meet IES qualified gymnasts MUST designate events

- Not eligible to compete on events in which they did not qualify.



Entry Fees

States:

Levels 4-10, XS, XG, XP, XD, XSA	\$85.00	\$40.00 Team (Minimum 3 athletes)
Levels 1-3, XB	\$80.00	\$40.00 Team (Minimum 3 athletes)

Suggested Entry Fees:

In Gym Qualifier	\$50.00 L 1-5, XB-XS	\$55.00 L 6-10, XG-XP-XD-XSA
In Gym Invitational	\$75.00 L 1-5, XB-XS	\$80.00 L 6-10, XG-XP-XD-XSA

OFFICIALS SELECTION PROCESS FOR MA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUDGE'S SELECTION FOR MA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ⇒ As per Rules & Policies, individual states may determine their own process for selection of officials to State Meets.
- ⇒ The State Administrative Committee (SAC) selects the Meet Referee and officials for the State Championships.
- ⇒ Availability for State Championships will be sent out via Google Form to all officials in MA in September.
- ⇒ There is not a minimum/maximum number of State Championships assignments for each official.
- ⇒ There will be no more than one official per club for competitions in which judges have affiliations.
- ⇒ Questions regarding State Meet Assignments should be directed to the SAC.

Criteria for Selection to MA State Championships:

- Attend clinics, training camps, workshops, congress etc.
- Volunteer at State and Regional Meets or Events
- In-Gym observation/critiques with athletes and coaches
- Are ACTIVELY judging at the Level/Division of the meet
- Past State Meet experience
- Professionalism and Consistency

Procedure for Selection to MA State Championships:

- SAC will hold Judge's Selection meetings in late September / early October.
- Any judge who holds a SAC position (either voting or non-voting) will recuse themselves from these meetings.
- Selection is based on a consensus of the remaining, non-recused SAC members.

Policies for Judges with Affiliation

- Rules & Policies pages 33-34

Judges affiliated with a club, gymnast or coach participating in the competition MAY be assigned to judge, with the following stipulations:

- a. In USA Gymnastics qualifying competitions with panels of two (2) or four (4) judges:
 - 1) An affiliated judge may be assigned as a Panel judge or as the Meet Referee.
 - 2) No more than one (1) judge with the same affiliation may be assigned per panel.
 - 3) An affiliated judge may NOT be assigned as Chief Judge, regardless of accreditation rating.

Questions and Concerns...

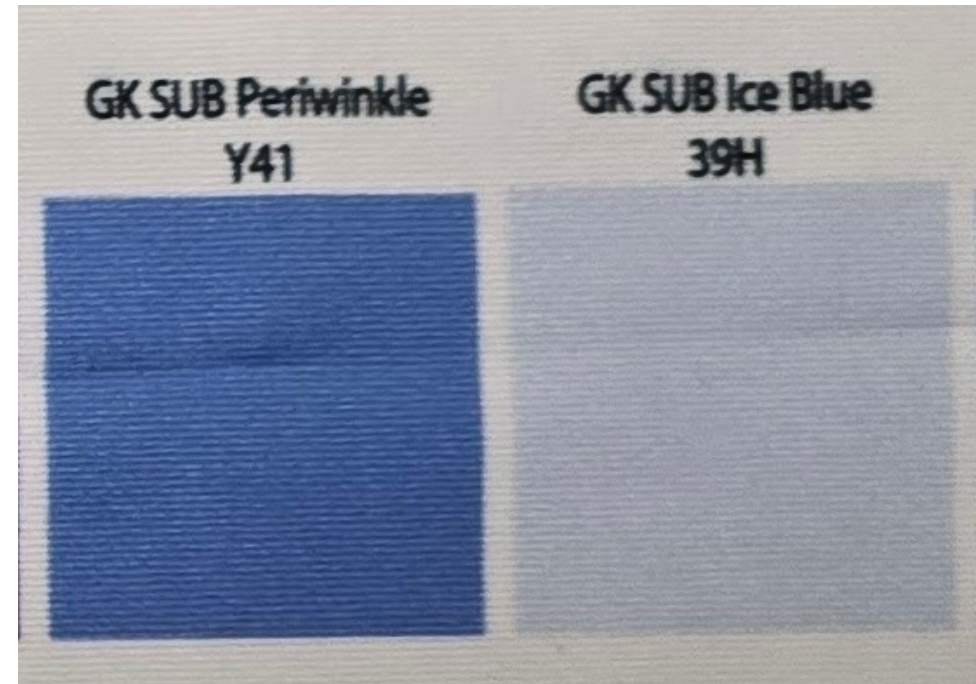
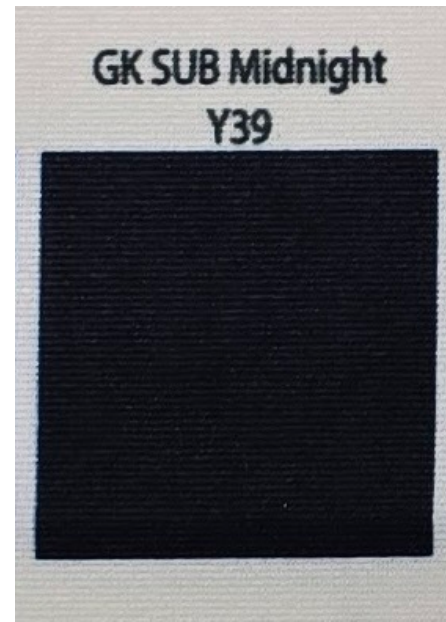
- *How is a question or concern brought to the attention of the committee?*
 1. Submit the question or concern via email to the SAC representative who directly corresponds to said question or concern.
 2. SAC members will either answer you, direct you where to find the answer or bring the question or concern to the SACC for guidance.
- USA Gymnastics-MA makes changes based upon the greater good of the membership.
- All actions, policies and procedures implemented by USA Gymnastics-MA are done so solely with the best interest of its athletes in mind.

MA STATE COLORS FOR 2025 REGIONALS

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Q & A



THE END!