

# Georgia USAG Head Tax – 4/6/25

Have you ever wondered why you pay a Head Tax of \$2.00 or \$3.00 for each athlete who competes in a USAG sanctioned event in Georgia? Have you ever wondered how Georgia USAG can afford to pay entry fees, give leotards and shirts to our athletes and coaches, or give all our Seniors gifts, well here is what you need to know.

**Georgia USAG Head Tax Policy:** Following each USAG sanctioned event held in Georgia, the meet director must send a check made out to Georgia USAG to the SACC (Becky Oppenheimer) of \$2.00 for the first 500 USAG athletes and \$3.00 for each additional USAG athlete who paid an entry fee in the competition that was not refunded. This payment is called the Head Tax fee. The head tax is paid for every athlete, regardless of whether the athlete resides in the state of Georgia. If the USAG sanctioned event is held in the state of Georgia, then head tax is paid for every attending athlete. The Head Tax fee is the primary source of income for Georgia Women's USAG, and the SACC is responsible for overseeing the collection, reporting and usage of these fees.

**Usage of the Head Tax:** The following is a list of the ways in which the SACC uses the funds which are collected from the Head Tax fee.

- **Regional Entry Fees** – the following Regional Entry fees are paid by Georgia Women's USAG, and not the athletes:
  - All Level 9 and 10 athletes who qualify for Regionals (not petitions)
  - All Level 6/7/8 athletes who make the State Team for Regionals
  - All Gold/Platinum/Diamond athletes who make the State Team for Regionals
- **Regional Apparel** – the following regional apparel is paid for by Georgia Women's USAG, and not the athletes:
  - All Level 6-10 athletes who qualify to regionals receive a regional leotard at no cost for the athlete. This does not apply to athletes who petition to the regional meet.
  - All Level 6/7/8 athletes who make the State Team for Regionals receive a competition leotard, jacket and leggings that are worn during the State Team competition.
  - All Gold/Platinum/Diamond athletes who make the State Team for Regionals receive a competition leotard, jacket and leggings that are worn during the State Team competition.
  - All coaches who will be on the floor coaching during the State Team competition at level 6/7/8/Gold/Platinum/Diamond receive a coaching shirt to be worn during the State Team competition.

**Note:** All Xcel athletes who qualify for the regional competition are given the opportunity to purchase a regional leotard, however, the athlete is responsible for the cost of the leotard.

- **Senior Gifts and Recognition** – Each year Georgia USAG recognizes our senior athletes at their state meet and presents them with a gift. Additionally, each senior has a signing board with a picture of the athlete on display at the state meet.
- **Tim Rand Fund Donation** – traditionally, the Georgia USAG SAC has voted to contribute to the Tim Rand Fund. This is a Region 8 fund started to honor one of the outstanding leaders of our region who passed away. This fund is used to pay the entry fee for all Region 8 athletes who qualify to Level 9 Easterns or Level 10 Nationals, and to provide apparel to both the athletes and coaches at these championships.
- **Operational Costs of Georgia USAG** – these costs include, but are not limited to, website hosting, email distribution, travel expenses for SAC members, gifts & flowers, USAG memberships, committee and membership meetings, judges' education donation, and Club of the Year recognition.