

2026-2027

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE



Women's Artistic



WEBSITE RESOURCES



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



MINUTES ARE POSTED AND FINAL

RULES & POLICIES



**WILL BE UPDATED AND POSTED ON THE
WEBSITE**

PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MEMBERS



ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CLUB OF THE YEAR

2026 Regional Nominees

1

Royal Gymnastics and
Sports Academy
Tracy, CA

2

Pacific Reign
Woodinville, WA

3

AIM Athletics
The Woodlands, TX

4

Twin City Twisters
Champlin, MN

5

Queen City Gymnastics
Cincinnati, OH

6

Infinity Elite
Syosset, NY

7

Capital Gymnastics
National Training Center
Burke, VA

8

Brandy Johnson's Global
Gymnastics
Clermont, FL



2026 National Development Program Club of the Year

Congratulations!

**CAPITAL GYMNASTICS NATIONAL
TRAINING CENTER
Burke, VA**



NEW FOR 2027 LEVEL 9 EAST/WEST

- Thursday training day will be removed from Level 9 Eastern/Western Championships
- Individual Event Specialist sessions to be added in place of Thursday training day

WAG committees will continue to work through and finalize the specific format, qualification procedures, and operational details for the new sessions.



JUDGES COMPENSATION PACKAGE

USA GYMNASTICS JUDGES' COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2026-JULY 31, 2027)

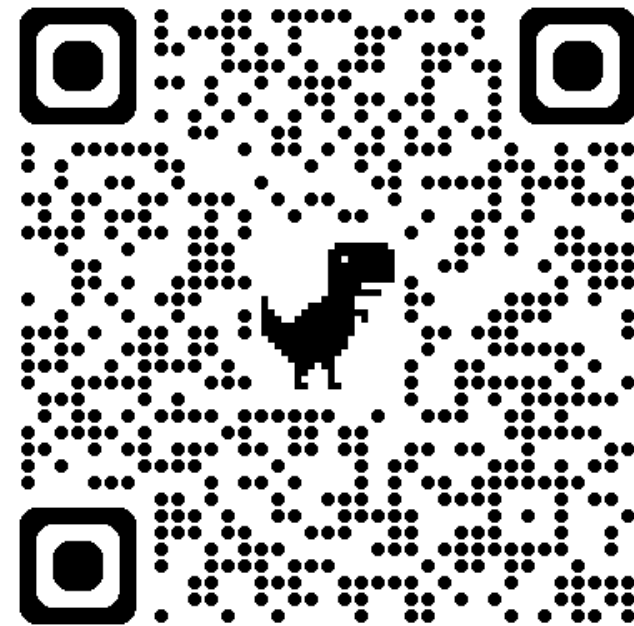
- As WAG officials transition to a four-Category system, a revised fee structure has been implemented to align with the new Categories.

Hourly Rate	
Brevet / National 1- \$40.00	Level 10 - \$32.00
Brevet / National 2 - \$38.00	Level 9 - \$28.00
National 3 - \$36.00	Level 8 / XR - \$24.00
National 4 - \$34.00	Level 4/5 / X1R - \$20.00

- Level 9 Easterns/Westerns Championships - \$325.00 per day



Women's Development Program Optional Code of Points 2026-2030 (E-book)



FLIP BOOK

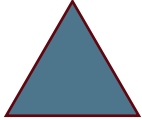
- All Flipbook pages will be updated and reprinted.
- The revised Flipbook pages will be available for ordering this fall.



WHO MADE THAT RULE???



ADMINISTRATIVE (ADMIN) COMMITTEE



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (DEV) COMMITTEE



XCEL COMMITTEE (XCEL)



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TECH)



JOINT DEV/TECH COMMITTEE



JOINT XCEL/TECH COMMITTEE

**Each slide features one of the symbols above, showing which committee meeting the rule was established in*



2026-27 National DEV Committee (NDPC)

National DEV Chair (NDPCC): Tom Koll***

Regional DEV Chairs (RDPCC)

Current term ends 2030*

Current term ends 2028**

Current term ends: 2027***



ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES: Jaylene Gilstrap, Chae Campbell



2026-27 National Administrative Committee (NAC)

National ADMIN Chair (NACC): Jennifer Krause***

Regional ADMIN Chairs (RACC)

Current term ends: 2027*

Current term ends: 2029**

Current term ends: 2028***

1

Evelyn Paradis*

2

Sandy Flores**

3

Kim Stepanek*

4

Rick Nelson**

5

Tami
Schaafsma*

6

Michele
Archer**

7

Jen Bortz*

8

Michelle
Pomerantz**



2026-27 National Technical Committee (NTC)

National TECH Chair (NTCC): Cheryl Hamilton ***

Regional TECH Chairs (RTCC)

Current term ends: 2029*

Current term ends: 2027**

Current term ends: 2030***



2026-27 National Xcel Committee (NXC)

National Xcel Chair (NXCC): Claudia Kretschmer***

Regional Xcel Chairs (RXCC)

Current term ends: 2030*

Current term ends: 2028**

Current term ends: 2027***



THANK YOU!!!!

Regional Xcel Chairs

(term ended June 30, 2026)



Region 2

Dianne Palmer



Region 6

Gail Caspare



Region 8

Pam Kitchen

National Technical Committee Chair

(term will end July 31, 2026)



Linda Thorberg





**GOT
A
QUESTION?**

**ALWAYS
START
WITH
YOUR
STATE
CHAIR!!!**



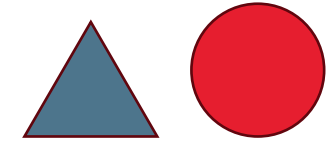
The following clarifications and recommendations for change are to be effective for the 2026-2027 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2026.
(Unless otherwise noted)



GENERAL

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

Presentation of Awards & Qualification



An additional tiebreaker has been added (before the coin toss):

- Add Chief Judge score for all four events to break the tie.

1) TIES IN THE ALL-AROUND

- a) The gymnast with the highest individual event score receives the award for the tied place.
- b) If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the second highest individual event score receives the award.
- c) If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the third highest individual event score receives the award.
- d) If the gymnasts are still tied, then the flip of a coin in the presence of both coaches will break the tie for the award.



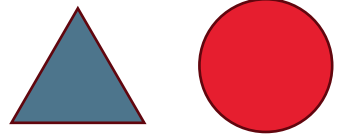
JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS

STATE MEETS AND ABOVE

1. **RULES & POLICIES – JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS:** Recommendation to revise judge selection procedures for State and above to reflect:
 - a. **STATE:** The SAC selects the officials for State Championships. Meet Referee, Chief Judge and Panel Judge assignments to specific State events are the responsibility of the SAC. It is strongly recommended that the SAC ask the assigned Meet Referee to make the Individual Event Assignments.
 - Each SAC member must submit their recommendations in rank order (or groups in rank order) to the SACC **and additional SAC member as designated.**
 - Rotation of officials is encouraged but not required.
 - b. **REGIONALS:** In consultation with the RACC and the RTCC, the RAC selects the officials for Regional competitions. **Meet Referee, Chief Judge and Panel Judge assignments to specific Regional events are the responsibility of the RAC.** It is strongly recommended that the RAC ask the assigned Meet Referee to make the Individual Event Assignments.
 - Each SAC must submit their recommendations in rank order (or groups in rank order) to the RACC and RTCC.
 - Rotation of officials is encouraged but not required.
 - c. LEVEL 9 EASTERN/WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS, LEVEL 10 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and **NATIONAL XCELEBRATION** assignments will be made by the NTCC, in consultation with the Women's Program Technical Director after reviewing the RAC recommendations.
 - The RTCC must submit their RAC's recommendations in rank order (or groups in rank order) to the NTCC and Women's Program Technical Director, no later than November 1.
 - Rotation of officials is encouraged but not required.



DECLARATION DATE

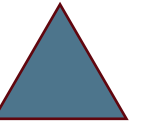


The SAC (State Administrative Committee) **NO LONGER** must determine a declaration date.

Each SAC may determine if a declaration date is necessary for their state and will communicate accordingly.



MOBILITY – LEVEL 4 TO LEVEL 6

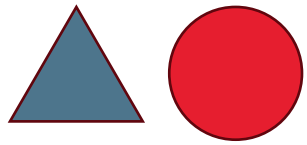


Clarify that the two (2) 36.00 All-Around scores needed to mobilize directly from Level 4 to Level 6 (skipping Level 5):

The scores may be from the current or previous season.



PETITION PROCESS – PRIOR COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE



Any athlete who has:

- prior competitive experience in the Development Program,
- competes in State Meet in an alternate program (e.g. Xcel or other organization),

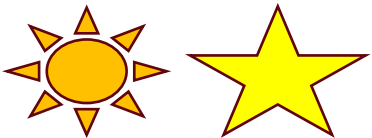
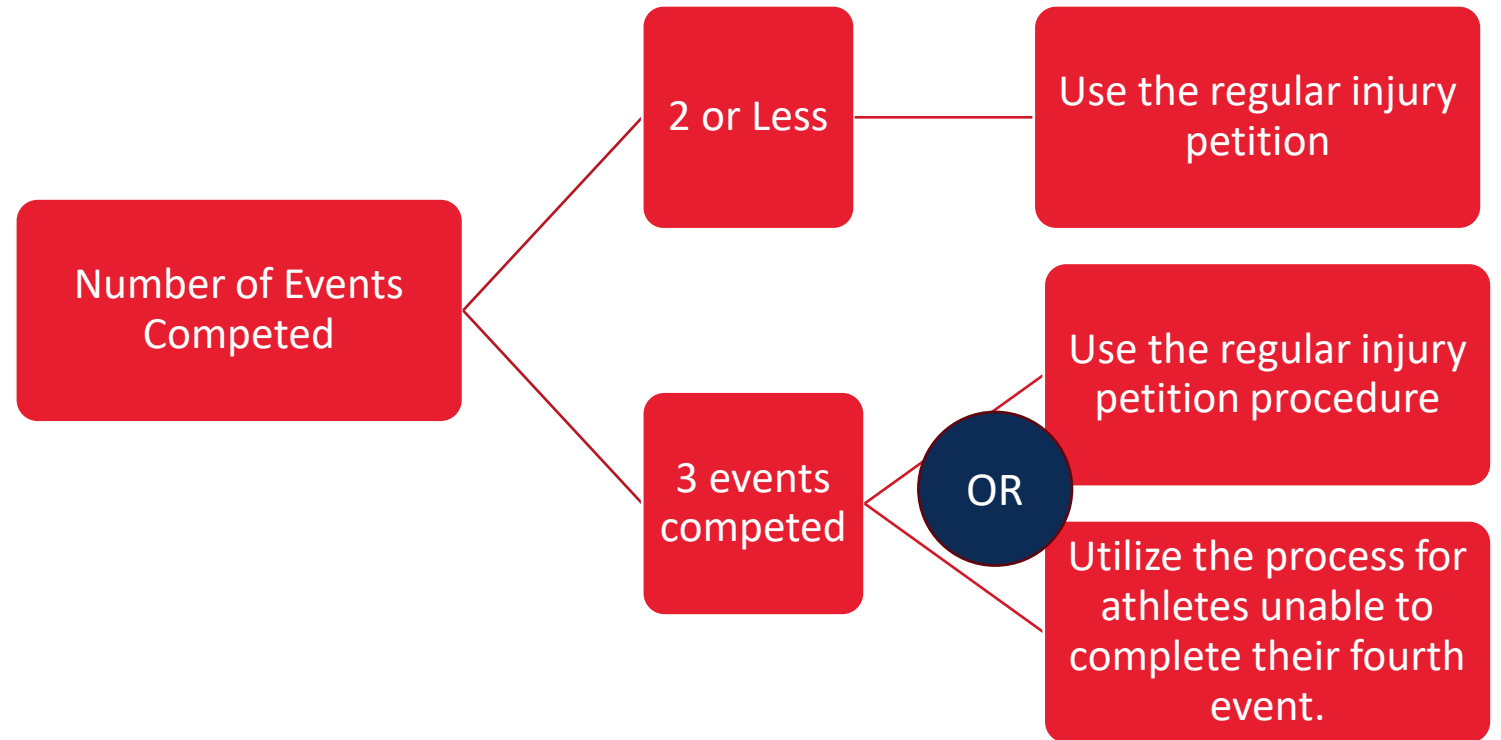
MUST submit a petition to RE-ENTER the Development Program **at the level they are eligible to enter/compete.**



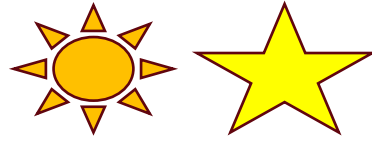
PETITION PROGRESS – Athletes injured at State Meet

Applies to Athletes
injured at state meet
for Regions that have:

- **A score requirement for regional qualification** and
- the **Levels competing at that regional.**



SCORE VERIFICATION SHEETS

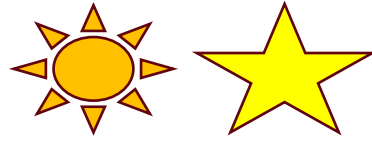


State & Regional committees now have the flexibility to use (or not use) **written back up (verification heat sheets)** for State and Regional championships.

- If a verification sheet is not used, the Chief Judge **must document** all individual scores, the average score, and any neutral deductions.

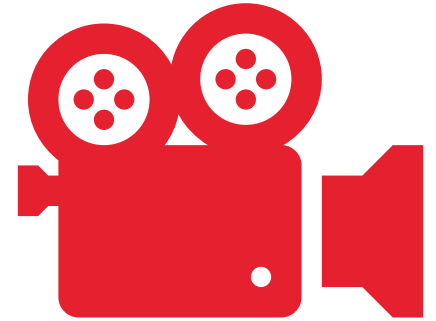


VIDEO REVIEW

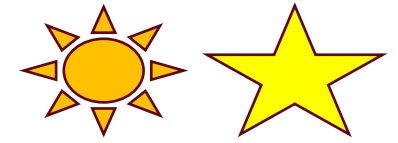


Videos can now be reviewed in **regular, slow motion, or freeze frame:**

- to evaluate items that are allowed under the video review process.
- where the Meet Referee may watch a video to determine if the inquiry should move forward.



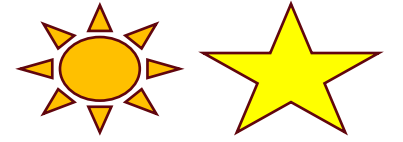
UP TO 0.10 INQUIRY



- **LEVELS 9–10: Only applies to a region that cannot fill all allotted age group regional team spots for L9 E/W and/or L10 DEV Nats.**
- The additional 0.10 (or less) **MAY NOT** be used to advance an athlete ahead of athletes who previously qualified by meeting the minimum score requirement without the adjustment
- For qualification purposes ONLY; If, after the completion of the last event, an athlete's AA score is 0.10 or less than the minimum qualification score to **Level 9 East/West** (34.00 AA), or **Level 10 National Championships** (35.00 AA):
 - The coach may submit an inquiry for the gymnast's lowest scoring event (regardless of the order in which that event was performed).



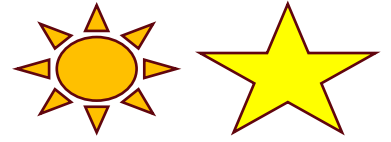
NEW ELEMENTS (LEVELS 6-10)



All Element Evaluation Forms for Development Program athletes submitted during the season will be reviewed annually at the May committee meeting for possible inclusion in the Development Program Code of Points.



NEW ELEMENTS (LEVEL 10 ONLY)



Variations of existing “E” elements MAY be named after the athlete that successfully (no fall or spot) performs the element at Dev Nationals or the Level 10 All-Star session.

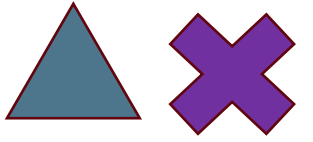
Elements will be reviewed annually at the May committee meeting for possible inclusion in the Development Program Code of Points.





EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT SPRINGBOARD

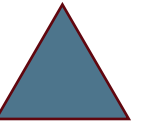


A springboard is **ALLOWED** to be placed on an 8" mat for mounting purposes.

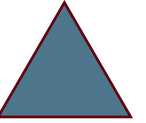


EQUIPMENT - VAULT LEVEL 6/7 REQUIRED MATTING

If using a 4-inch base mat, an additional minimum 8-inch mat is **REQUIRED** on the floor at the end of and touching the Mat Stack, opposite the table.



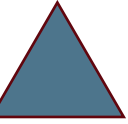
EQUIPMENT - VAULT LEVEL 6/7 MAT STACK



The Level 6/7 Vault Mat Stack does NOT have to touch the vault table and may be moved back.

The base mat MUST be positioned against the vault table.





EQUIPMENT - VAULT

ALTERNATIVE SKILL CUSHION

Level 6 & 7 – alternate skill cushion made of softer foam (minimum of 4 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 in., i.e. Pit Pillow) allowed at invitationals and **REQUIRED** at State Championships and above.

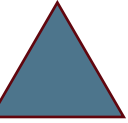
- This alternate skill cushion does NOT count towards the required mat stack height but rather would be an addition once the required mat stack height has been achieved.



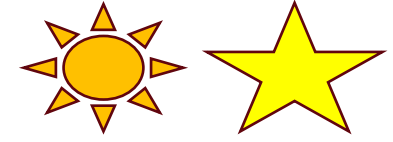
EQUIPMENT – VAULT

Level 9 East/West & Level 10 Nationals

Add the AAI Tac-10 Pro Elite Vault Table to the equipment list effective **2027**.



EQUIPMENT – FLOOR MATTING



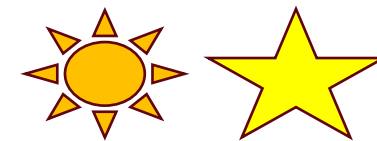
LEVELS 6–10: Removal of floor mats permitted during a routine **regardless of their placement on the floor exercise area.**

- When removal is required, coach may enter the floor exercise area to remove matting.





VAULT



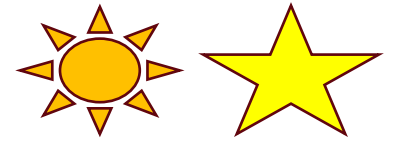
The Chief Judge is **REQUIRED**
to notify the coach if any
judge on the panel voided the
Vault performed.



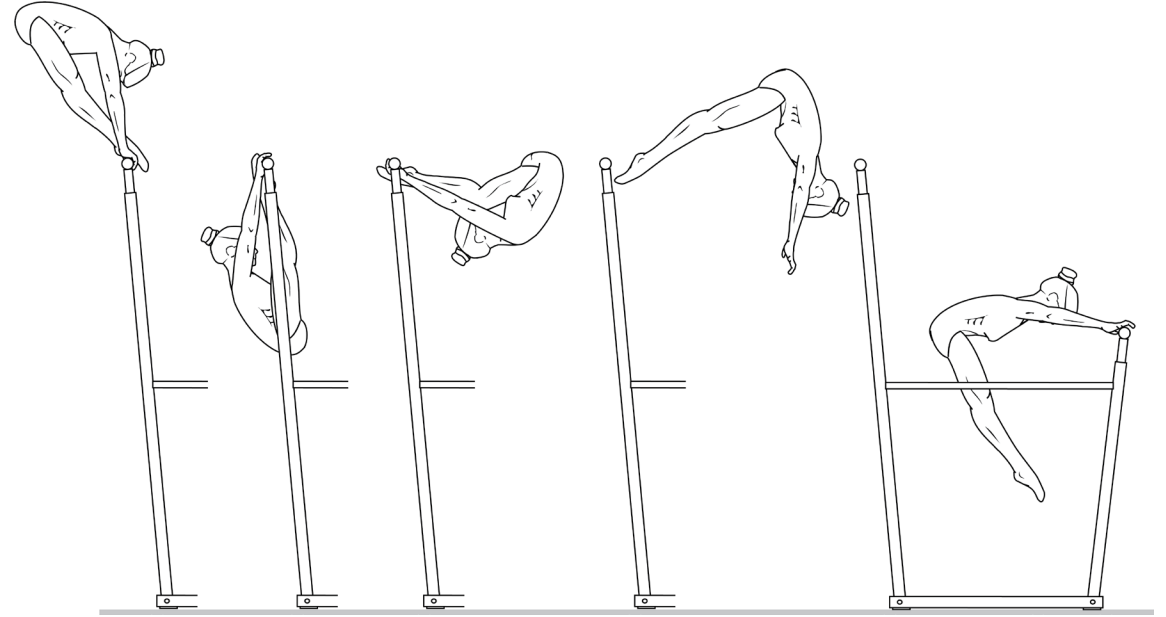


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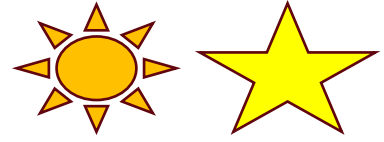
New variation to
#7.203 ("B") –
Sole circle
backward piked
with flight from
high bar to
regrasp low bar.





BEAM

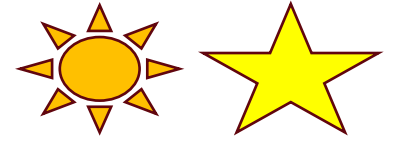
BALANCE BEAM – NEW ELEMENT



New BB element #3.506 “E”:
4/1 (1440°) in tuck stand on one leg,
free leg in forward or sideward
horizontal (Wolf turn) (Graba)



BEAM WARM UP



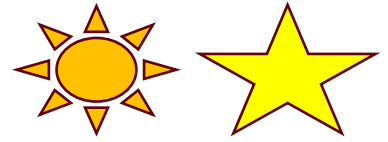
At competitions using a draw for individual competitive order, the first athlete scheduled to compete must begin the beam warm-up, regardless of whether she chooses to block warm-up time or warm up individually.

Athletes should then be grouped by beam height setting for the remainder of the warm-up.

If the first athlete elects to block warm-up time with additional athletes, those athletes must warm up with the first competing athlete.



BEAM



At State meets and above:

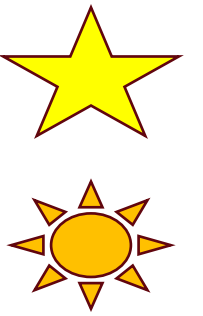
A Meet Director is required to provide an **audible sound device (bell, whistle, etc.)** to signal Warning and Time.





FLOOR

FLOOR – BACKWARD ROLL DEDUCTION



LEVEL 2:

- The Level 2 backward roll deduction for performing a backward roll to handstand decreased.
- Previous deduction = 0.60
- New deduction = 0.30



180° WALKOVER SPLIT REQUIREMENT



BEAM & FLOOR (LEVELS 6-10):

- The 180° split requirement for all walkovers (forward or backward) and walkover type elements **does not apply if performed in an Acro series.**
- If the series is broken the deduction would not apply to the resulting single elements.



GUARANTEED WARM UP TIME



FLOOR (LEVELS 6-10):

- Modified non-traditional format (when warming up between floor routines)
 - Athletes are guaranteed a minimum of 30 seconds of warm-up time between competitive routines.
 - Warm-up time may extend beyond 30 seconds until judges are ready to proceed.
- Coaches may request additional warm-up time from the Chief Judge if needed.



FLOOR MUSIC REGULATIONS

Music failure (stoppage and/or malfunction) during the routine is **NOT considered equipment failure.**

- The athlete **must continue without the music and no deduction will be taken** for:
 - Absence of music
 - Failure to show synchronization of music with ending pose
 - Musicality—during the section performed without music

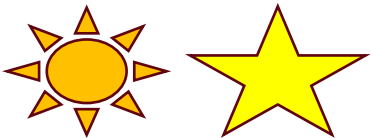


FLOOR - MUSIC APPROVAL PROCESS

To be submitted if music contains
QUESTIONABLE vocal sounds / lyrical sounds...

WHAT IS NEW?

- A subcommittee composed of RDPCCs, RXCCs and RTCCs will determine music approvals.
- If music contains words in a language other than English, the coach will be responsible for translating any foreign words (using music translating app).



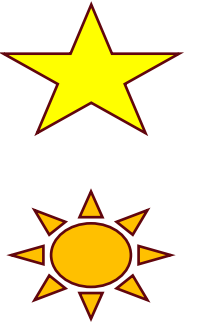


CLARIFICATIONS & FRIENDLY REMINDERS

DRAW & IES PLACEMENT

Individual Event Specialist: an IES should be placed first on the event she is competing within the squad **when possible**.

This clarification provides flexibility for the possibility of multiple (1) Individual Event Specialist (IES) competing on the same event.



FOOD FOR COACHES AT MEETS

**It is not a requirement for
Meet Directors to provide
food to coaches at
competitions.**





RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WOMEN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE (WPC)

- *All items are recommendations to and must be voted on by the Women's Program Committee (WPC) prior to implementation*
- *WPC meeting to take place at National Congress*

OPERATING CODE



Recommendations to the WPC

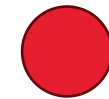
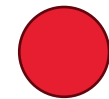
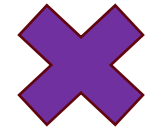
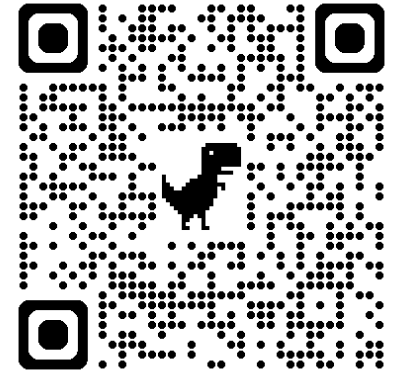
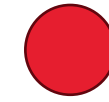
Add the Leadership Eligibility and Service Policy

Add Duties

1. DEV Committee (DPC) determines annually the National Development Program of the Year.
2. Regional DEV Chair (RDPCC) bring forward annually respective Regional DEV Program of the Year nomination.
3. SACC – Basic technology skills including email communication, Word, Excel software (or the equivalent).

Clarify

1. Update the position Requirement of the SACC – Must have previous volunteer experience in the **Women's Program** on a State, Regional or National committee.





RECOMMENDATIONS TO USA GYMNASTICS

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The following items are recommendations to USA Gymnastics for consideration. All recommendations submitted to USA Gymnastics are subject to review. Implementation of any recommendation is contingent upon formal approval by USA Gymnastics. USA Gymnastics has the authority to approve, change, or reject any recommendation, in full or in part, as it sees fit.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO USA GYMNASTICS

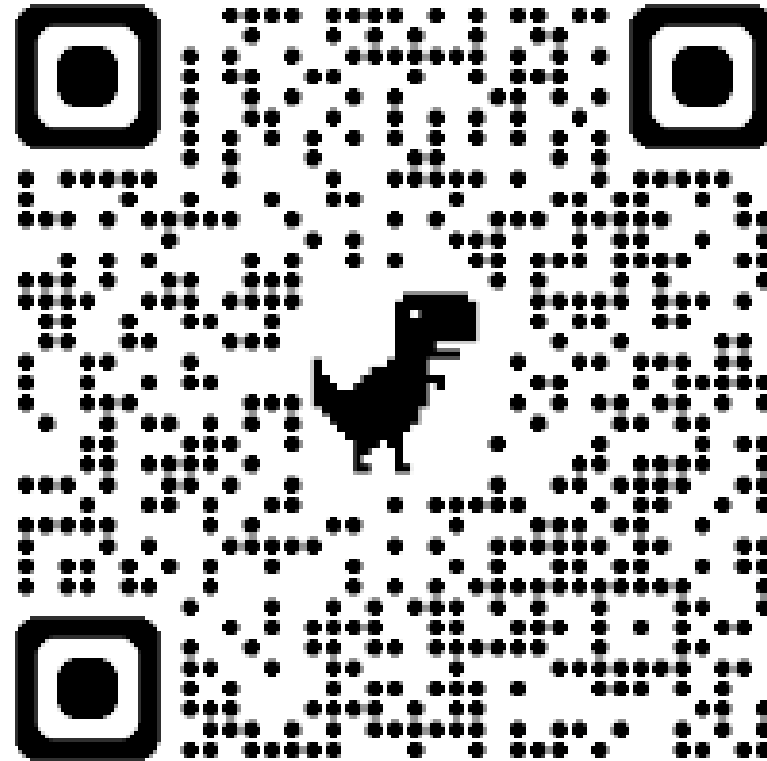
- **Revise fines and penalties** for intentional, egregious or habitual sanction violations
- **Reevaluate the medical requirements** for multiple-gym events that take place in one open space.
- **Modify the Photography policy:** Only photographers who have been officially contracted by the Meet Director are permitted to use professional or non-handheld photography or video equipment on the field of play.





NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATES

USA Gymnastics is Hiring!



Scan the QR code to see all open positions



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

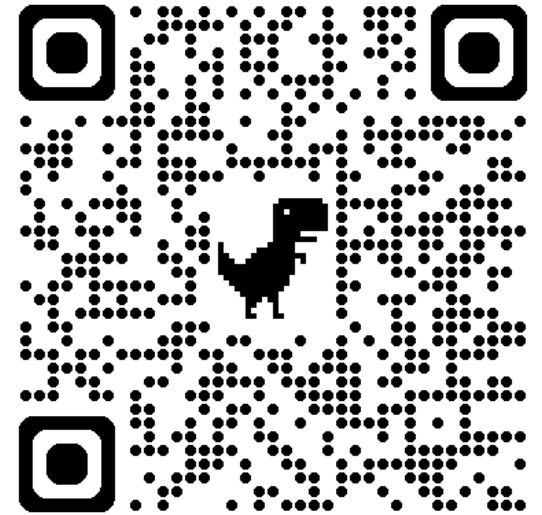
FlipBiz

- Member Clubs will have exclusive access, scheduled to begin in mid/late July.
- Each Member Club will receive portal access for one owner and up to three staff members.
- Portal includes educational content, curriculum resources, and implementation support valued at more than \$500 annually.



USA Gymnastics Survey: Recreational Programming & Club Support

- Provide feedback to help inform future initiatives and resources.
- USAG is gathering feedback on the needs, opportunities, and challenges facing recreational gymnastics programs
- Survey will take approximately 5–10 minutes



*Take the survey.
Share your insights.
Help shape what's next.*



NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY

September 19, 2026!

BANNER MAILING UPDATE

- New this season, Member Clubs will **opt in** to receive a National Gymnastics Day banner during the Member Club registration/renewal process.
- The **deadline to opt in** to receive this will be **August 1, 2026**.
- We encourage Member Clubs to renew before the deadline to ensure they receive an NGD banner if interested.
- All clubs will have access to all supporting digital files, including a digital version of the banner, certificates, activity pages that will be shared soon.





THE END!