

**NEVADA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION
NV USAG
HANDBOOK**

**NV STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (SACC)**

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**STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND POSITION
(SACM)**

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2010-2011

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE USAG RULES & POLICIES

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Nevada USAG.

PURPOSE

1. *Coordinate non-school gymnastics* for the state of Nevada.
2. Hold at least one annual meeting during the spring state championships.
4. Update state handbook.
5. Perform any other function that the membership deems necessary.

THE ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED FOR NONPROFIT PURPOSES AND INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT DERIVE PROFIT THEREFROM.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership is available to all private gymnastics clubs in the state and other interested parties.

Membership dues are \$200 and are due by the Spring State Meet Each Year. These dues are used to better Nevada gymnasts, coaches and judges.

ELECTIONS

Elections are conducted in accordance with USAG policies.

Positions on the SACM shall consist of 1) two representatives from the Northern Nevada area, and 2) two from the Southern Nevada area, 3) one representative from the Nevada NAWGJ (judging association), 4) one representative at-large (this can be anyone with a USAG membership that is involved in the Nevada programs in several ways, i.e. parent, judge, coach)

COMMITTEES

The SACC shall be empowered to establish as many committees as he/she may deem necessary.

DUTIES OF THE SACC

1. Chair annual meeting/meetings.
2. Collect dues and keep a bank account specifically for NV USAG , and keep the membership apprized of the balance of said account.
3. Communicate with the membership with a website and periodic e-mails.
4. Attend all Region One meetings as a representative of Nevada and vote on items as directed by the SACM.
5. Communicate with the SACM on all decisions that directly affect the NV USAG.
6. Appoint sub-committees as needed.
7. Stay current on all developments in the sport of women's gymnastics.
8. Rule on petitions.
9. Receive and review all meet results.
10. Preside over all State Championships.
11. Publish this handbook and the necessary revisions each year as needed by the membership.
12. Organize and produce a competitive calendar for each season.
13. Maintain an up- to- date club list with phone numbers, fax numbers, address, emails, and coaches' names.

DUTIES OF THE SACM

1. Communicate with the general membership to determine such items that need to come before the committee.
2. Vote on those judges from our Region that will represent Nevada at nationals and Westerns.
3. Approve a list of judges for State Championships
4. Make decisions as needed when contacted by the SACC.

SENIOR GIFTS/REGIONAL GIFTS:

It is required that the state buys senior gifts (between \$150-\$200 depending on state funds), regional qualifier leotards, and state team leotards for gymnasts.

STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR ASSIGNING POLICY:

If you are using the SJD (Lynn Scheib) to assign your meets, you will either be required to have 2 judge panels for levels 4-10 and prep optional OR if requesting 1 judge panels for levels 4-6 and prep optional, the judges must be rated a minimum of level 9. If you are not going to do this, you will need to assign meet without the assistance of the SJD. If your meet has one judge panels it MUST be advertised on meet flyer.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

Nevada will hold a state meet in the spring season (March). The weekend will be chosen based on recommendations by USAG. . The location of the meet shall rotate from North to South with the odd years being in the North and even in the South. (If a bid is not received from the north on odd years or the south on even years, the state chair will open bids to the whole state) Nevada State meet will include level 3-10 and Prep Optional. Level 3 and Prep Optional will not count towards overall team score and will have NO team awards. Please refer to USAG Rules and Policies for minimum requirements of classifications and Level Mobility regulations. The SACC shall receive \$2 per gymnast to pay to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman. The format that will be recommended for state championships is modified capital cup.

Awards shall be given at the minimum 50% per age group, this includes the team awards. Team awards given at state meet must be a banner. Please refer to USAG rules and policies for requirements of awards in addition to the 50% minimum as mandated by our state. An over all team trophy will be given based on the point system attached.

Entry fees shall be determined based on USAG Rules and Policies and may only exceed \$50 if approved by the Regional Chair. A budget worksheet must be provided if the entry fee is going to exceed \$50. There is a team entry fee for teams of 3 or more of \$25. There will be no Prep Optional or Level 3 team fee and any team that does not wish to pay the \$25 team entry fee will not be included in team awards, nor will there team's points be considered for the overall team count. Final entries and fees will be due 30 days prior to the state meet. A \$10 head tax can be added to our state meet entry fee (after proper steps by the meet host are taken in order to set the entry fee based on budget worksheet). This head tax could be put in place in order to help support the meet host as well as covering the cost of high priced meet venues. See USAG policy on late entries and late fines that USAG Nevada will follow.

G. Entry Deadline (for USA Gymnastics sanctioned competitions)

1. Entries must be postmarked a minimum of 14 days (or as per State Administrative Committee guidelines) prior to the first day of competition. A maximum fine of \$25.00 per individual entry will be charged to individuals whose entry is received after the deadline or if entry is completed improperly. Entries must include:
 - a. Competitors and petitioned athletes' name(s), USA Gymnastics Athlete Member number, birth date, citizenship and age division.
 - b. The name(s) and USA Gymnastics Professional number and Safety Certification expiration of all participating coaches.
 - c. ALL FEES PAID IN FULL.
2. The Meet Director may refuse entries if they are received 10 days or less prior to the first day of competition (or as per State Administrative Committee guidelines).
 - Replacements (with an athlete in the same age division and same level) may be made with no extra fee up to the start of the timed warm-ups.

Because of the problems we have encountered by adding gymnasts after the deadline, teams are required to include all "iffy" gymnasts (injured, etc.) on state meet entries by the deadline with a non-refundable fee of \$20. Gymnast will be noted on the entry as pending and if enter into the meet would pay the rest of the entry fee, if not the \$20 deposit would be held in order to cover costs for additional medals.

JUDGES The judging panels shall consist of 2-4 judges per event for the 8-10 levels and 2 judges per event for the 3-7 and Prep Optional levels. An equal division of the judges between the North & South shall be adhered to when the ratings meet the level of the gymnasts. These judges will be assigned by the NAWGJ State Director at the direction of the SACM. A floating meet ref is required for level 4-10 state meet sessions, if 4 judge panels are not used.

BIDDING PROCEDURE

Bidding for state meet will follow USAG guidelines with the following considerations. Bid forms are available online.

- It is strongly suggested that an out of gym venue is used, in order to accommodate large sessions and viewing.
- Bids will be due to the state chair by August 1st for any team that has not hosted a state meet in the last 2 years, in order to have priority bidding. (see below for past meet hosts) The bids and information will be put on the NV website. On August 31st any team (including prior hosts of state meet) may submit a bid (which will also be put on the website) and a board vote will be done by September 15th. No rules will be put in place at this time regarding not allowing a host to host 2 times in a row.
- If more than one bid is received the SACM will determine who will be awarded the meet, based on a vote, after all information on the bid has been placed on the Nevada state website, in order for the whole state to weigh in on the vote.

2007-2011- Past state meet hosts:

2011- High Sierra (North)

2010- Go For It (South)

2009- Deltchev (North)

2008- Go For It (South)

2007- Flips (North)

OTHER STATE MEET ISSUES:

- Event specialists may compete in state meet. The gymnast must declare they are specializing in an event(s) by the state meet entry deadline and they have proof of a score of 8.5 or higher on events they are specializing in.
- Door fee may not exceed what is in Rules and Policies for JO Nationals.
- Prep Optionals are allowed to compete in a JO level (4-10) as well as Prep Optional at State Meet.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH GYM TO HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE USAG RULES AND POLICIES . Call member services and verify your address to get your copy.

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NV USAG OVERALL NEVADA STATE TEAM CHAMPION

Format as approved by NV USAG board of directors.

- ***Compulsory Division Points System:***

Award points out as follows for all compulsory levels:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
level 6:	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
level 5:	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
level 4:	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**** No point value for individuals nor pairs. A valid team score must come from (3 members/club or more) only. The team score will be tallied from top 3 scores/team on each event.**

- ***Optional Division Points System:***

Open > 9 > 8 > 7 for all teams, minimum of two members, and individuals*. Count 3 scores, then 2, then 1.

* For individuals thereafter – **maximum** of 5 points for elite and/or level 10, and 4 – L9, 3 – L8, and 2 – L7.

Example: if there are 3 teams of 2 or more in the open division, and in order of score an elite came in 4th and two different 10's came in 5th and 6th respectively; then 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8, 4th = 5, 6th = 5, and 7th = 4. If there are ever more than 7 places; the point value for those individuals will reduce to 3, 2 and then 1 respectively. **Reward for all clubs entered.** (therefore, clubs with one gymnast will earn at least one point)

Award points out as follows for open division:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
open :	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Award points out as follows for levels 9, 8, 7:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
level 9:	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1
level 8:	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1
level 7:	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1