

NEWSLETTER



Massachusetts Pro Members,

Congratulations to all for an exciting competitive season! This past year, over 2100 athletes qualified and participated in MA State competitions! Sincere thanks go out to the current state committee for all of their hard work and support, and thanks to all of the hosts for sectionals and state meets last season.

In this newsletter, you will find ALL of the information that you need to start planning your 2007-08 season. There is A LOT of useful and time sensitive material in this newsletter, so please take the time to read it thoroughly, and adhere to the deadlines!

Good luck this upcoming season and enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Save The Date!

**State Business Meeting
and State Sponsored Clinic
Sunday September 16
details to follow...**

Things to remember when filling out your meet request:

- Form must be filled out completely and returned by the deadline to the calendar coordinator.
- \$3 per official requested must be sent in with the completed form (checks made payable to NAWGJ).
- Please list start times and format for the sessions.
- Any changes (additions or cancellations) to the original meet request must be approved by the calendar coordinator.
- Meet directors and their affiliates will be allowed a maximum of one theme meet and one invitational per competitive year.
- Meet directors must host a local meet for each theme meet or invitational requested.

Keep in mind...

- When requesting judges, remember that levels 2-4 and Prep Optional only require one judge panels, so plan to schedule those levels together (same day or session).
- When requesting a level 5-10 meet, the highest rated official will be assigned, so if you request a level 10 meet, you will have level 10 rated officials. For example, if level 8 tends to be the highest level gymnast in attendance, we suggest requesting a level 5-8 meet instead.
- Judges need at least one full week notice for changes to their contract with the meet director. This includes (but is not limited to) being taken off of a meet, changes in time, as well as reducing or increasing the number of sessions.

NEW Competition Entry Fees 2007-2008

Compulsory/PREP	Local	\$35.00	Theme	\$50.00
Optional	Local	\$40.00	Theme	\$55.00
Team Fee	Local	N/A	Theme	\$25.00 (optional)

Theme meets must adhere to the following criteria:

- 2 judge panels at levels 5-10
- 1 judge panels are allowed at PREP OP and levels 1-4.
- Medals, trophies, plaques are recommended
- Participation memento for all competitors

*If using a one judge panel, Massachusetts USAG strongly encourages lower entry fees at Theme and Invitational competitions.

MASSACHUSETTS USA GYMNASTICS
2007-2008 STATE/SECTIONAL COMPETITION BID FORM
Deadline: October 15, 2007

Competition Level _____ Date of Competition: _____

Name of Host Group: _____ Size of Group: _____

MEET DIRECTOR INFORMATION: (Must have meet director certification)

Name: _____ USAG# _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone: Gym _____ Fax _____ Home: _____ Cell # _____

Number of meets conducted in the past 2 years: _____ Local _____ Sect. _____ State _____ Theme _____ Inv. _____

Number of athletes at your largest meet? _____

Number of meets attended in the past 2 years: Sect. _____ State _____ Regional _____ National _____

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

Size of competition area : _____ Spectator Capacity _____ Handicap Accessible Yes/No

Length of vault runway(including runway, horse, mat area) _____

Clearance distances: End of vault mat to wall _____ Around FX mat _____

Ends of Beam: _____ On both sides of bars Front _____ Back _____

Type of Equipment to be used if not state owned: List Manufacturer _____

State Equipment needed? Y _____ N _____

Separate Meeting area for 9 judges? Y/N _____

Please indicate which STATE or SECTIONAL COMPETITION you are interested in hosting

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|---|--|
| _____ Sectional #1 - Levels 7-10 (Feb 10) | _____ States Levels 9-10 (April 5) |
| _____ Sectional #1 - Levels 5-6 (March 9) | _____ States Levels 6/8 (April 12-13) |
| _____ Sectional #2 - Levels 8-10 (March 16) | _____ States Levels 7/PA/PHS (May 10-11) |
| _____ Sectional #2 - Levels 5-7 (April 6) | _____ States Level 5 (May 3-4) |
| | _____ States Levels 2-4 (April 26-27) |
| | _____ States Levels PN/PI (May 16-18) |

I certify that the above information is accurate. I agree to follow the guidelines as listed in the USAG Women's Rules & Policies in the conduct of this meet.

Meet Director (print) _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Meet Director receives monies collected from: Admission Program Sales/Advertising/Concession Sales

USAG: MA will receive monies collected from: Competitor's Entry Fees

USAG: MA is responsible for Judges' Fees (Travel, lodging, per diem) Awards

Philosophy

1. A facility other than a gymnastics school is preferred to host state championships
2. The site must accommodate 4 simultaneous events and have seating for gymnasts and 2 judge panels
3. All equipment must meet specs as listed in rules and policies
4. An ATC must be on site for warm ups and competitions
5. Experienced computer scoring personnel with ProScore use is required.
6. Meet director is responsible for on site meals and hospitality for officials.
7. A separate meeting room is required for 9 officials
8. Event site must have adequate parking for spectators.
9. Accessible rest rooms are required.
10. Adequate seating for spectators is essential.

Mail completed form to Michele Archer, Mass USAG. 67 June Street; Leominster, MA 01453

MASSACHUSETTS USA GYMNASTICS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Dates: 6/14/2006- 6/30/2007

INCOME

competition fees	2,467.00
Equipment Rental	18,000.00
Finance Charge	-49.17
Invitational As Sectional	4,480.00
other	200.00
Rebates	12,184.96
States	43,888.11
Transfer of Funds	29,272.50
TOTAL INCOME	110,443.40

EXPENSES

Apparel	8,277.65
Bank Charge	149.63
Clinics	2,690.00
College Experience Lecture	400.00
Donation	2,200.00
equipment	11,821.00
Fees	33.59
Gifts Given	798.66
Meetings	2,225.78
Newsletter	688.01
Office	113.80
Office Equipment	598.38
Office Supplies	19.86
Phone	733.65
Postage and Delivery	117.57
ProScore	-62.00
Sectional	-11,349.66
Travel, Bus	2,796.54
website	1,015.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,267.46

OVERALL TOTAL 87,175.94

IT'S ELECTION TIME

This is an election year for all of the positions on the State Administrative Committee. To be eligible for a position on the State Administrative Committee, nominees must:

- ◆ Be a USAG Professional member in the Women's Program (and in good standing) for a minimum of two years.
- ◆ Be active in the State program for at least two years
- ◆ Be at least 21 years of age
- ◆ Have a working knowledge of ProScore

Junior Olympic Representative

Qualifications:

- ◆ Actively coaching at Level 10
- ◆ Must have qualified a gymnast to Level 9 or 10 Regionals in the year preceding the elections.

Job Description:

- ◆ Organize and assist SACC with state sponsored clinics, workshops, and cooperative workouts.
- ◆ Organize and assist with planning regional team workouts for Levels 8-10 prior to regional championships.
- ◆ Assist SACC with Level 8-10 post State championship tasks including forms, fees, and apparel.

Level Representatives (9-10, 7-8, 5-6, 2-4, PREP)

Qualifications:

- ◆ Actively coaching at present level,
- ◆ Must have qualified gymnasts to State Championships for that level in the year preceding the elections.

Job Description:

- ◆ Maintain a database of the athletes in the respective level, tracking qualifications.
- ◆ Set up the meet for sectional and state championships in their level.
- ◆ Maintain contact with SACC and site director for the sectional and state championships for their level.
- ◆ Attend respective State Championships.

Judges Representative

Qualifications:

- ◆ Member of NAWGJ for at least two years and in good standing
- ◆ Actively judging in the JO Program

Job Descriptions:

- ◆ Serve as the liaison between the SAC and NAWGJ

Calendar 2007-2008

SEPTEMBER '07

16

State Business Meeting

DECEMBER '07

9

Winter States

Levels 5-6

FEBRUARY '08

10

Sectional

Levels 7-10

MARCH '08

9

Sectional

Levels 5-6

16

Sectional

Levels 8-10

APRIL '08

5

States

Levels 9-10

6

Sectional

Levels 5-7

12-13

States

Levels 6 & 8

26-27

States

Levels 2-4

25-27

Regionals

Levels 9-10

MAY '08

3-4

States

Level 5

3-4

Regionals

Level 8

10-11

States

Levels 7, PA, PHS

9-11

Easterns

Level 9

16-18

States

PREP OP

16-18

JO Nationals

Level 10

NOMINATION FORM FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

I nominate the following:

JO Representative _____ **contact** _____

Level 9/10 Rep _____ **contact** _____

Level 7/8 Rep _____ **contact** _____

Level 5/6 Rep _____ **contact** _____

Level 2-4 Rep _____ **contact** _____

PREP Op Rep _____ **contact** _____

Judges Rep _____ **contact** _____

You must supply a contact phone number or e-mail address for the person(s) that you are nominating. Return the completed form to:

**Jen Danahy
10 Bayberry Hill Lane
Townsend, MA 01469**

**Deadline for nominations:
postmarked by August 31, 2007**

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