

State Meeting 2012 August 1st

NLG Fall Meet – Nov 17 & 18 – Level 3 – 10 & xcel
GM Inv & Sectional 1 at GMG – Dec. 8 & 9, level 3-10 & xcel
Winter Meet at Le Studio – Dec. 16
Let it Snow at GMG – Jan 27,
Sectional 2 at Regal – Feb 10 Level 4-6 and xcel
I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 17, Level 4 – 9 & Xcel
Groovin Classic at NLG – March 3, Level 3 – 10 & XO
Sectional 3 at Sunrise – March 10 – Level 4-6 & Xcel
Hip Hop at Woodman – March 16&17 non sanctioned, Level 3 – 10 & xo
State Meet Level 4 – 10 & xo – March 23 & 24– site possibly Bellows Falls
Xcel Finals at LeStudio – April 7
Level 9/10 Regionals – April 12-14
Level 8 Regionals – April 27-28
Level 9 East/West Nationals – May 3-5
Level 10 Nationals – May 10-12

Qualifying Scores & Age groups

Prep Optional will be included in the state meet, they can also attend sectionals
Age groups – 6/7, 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15-18, 19+
Qualifying score – 29.0 to states, Event specialist qualifying score 7.25

Level 4 will be allowed to go to sectionals if they want to.

Age groups – 6&7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12+

Qualifying score – 29.0 to states, at a sectional or any meet that is sanctioned

Level 5 – 7/8, 9/10, 11, 12+

sectional 29.0, states 31.0

Level 6 – 8-10, 11, 12, 13+

Sectionals 29.0, states 31.0

Level 7 – 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+

States 31.0

Level 8 – 8-11, 12, 13/14, 15+

States 32.0

Level 7 & 8 event qualifying score is 8.0

Level 9 & 10 determined later

States 32.0

Level 9, 10 event qualifying score is 8.25

I NEED A FUNCTIONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL VERMONT USAG MEMBERS – A LOT OF INFO WILL BE GIVEN THROUGH E-MAIL AS IT IS FASTER. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE LET ME KNOW – I WILL SEND OUT IMPORTANT INFO IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BUT A LOT OF THINGS DURING THE YEAR ARE TIME SENSATIVE AND NEED TO BE DONE THROUGH E-MAIL. Please use jillnlg@yahoo.com for any contact, I get it on my phone and I am trying to get rid of my other account. I don't usually check my email after 3pm on Fridays. My cell is 603 252 6075.

Green Mountain Inv. Theme will be Decades and held at Green Mountain Gymnastics, all clubs are asked to help with set up and clean up for the meet. All clubs are also required to supply food etc for the concession stand – I will make assignments as we get closer. Awards will be strictly medals etc this year – no creative awards.

All clubs are also required to supply workers for GMI and State Meet

Set up and clean up for the state meet requires a minimum of 15 adult helpers. Mid and Southern Clubs are responsible for most of the set up and clean up this year. All clubs are required to donate or get donations for the concessions at States – more info will come as to what items we need. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Meet Directors

A few reminders for setting up meets:

- you must list equipment including vault runway on all meet info
- you must get a sanction from the usag office
- you must send in \$1 per athlete to USAG Region 6 for every meet you host.
- you must send a copy of the sanction to USAG office, Regions 6 and to the State administrative committee chairman.
- You must also send a copy of your meet results to the score tracker (Anissa from Central Vermont), with your qualifying gymnasts info highlighted
- all coaches must have their Membership card displayed at all times during a meet
- there is a dress code for all coaches – Acceptable: club warm up suite, khaki Pants, collared shirt, athletic shoes. Unacceptable: blue jeans, tank tops, and midriff shirts

Please apply early (at least 3 weeks before your expiration) for renewal of your USAG membership – a background check is now required and will take longer to process – you will not be renewed until the background check is complete.

NEW***The max for fees for local meets is \$36 for comp and \$41 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed \$57 for comp, xcel and \$62 for opt. All theme meets must have a 2-judge panel for levels 5 – 10, you can use a 1 judge panel for level 4 and prep opt. **All meet directors must submit a write up to the State Committee Chairman for approval of all theme meets.** If you do not hear from me then you are approved.

Awards

For all state run competitions (sectionals, gmi and states) an achievement ribbon will be given for each event and all around no matter how low the score is for level 4 & 5. State meet will still have small medals for event places below 3rd. State meet awards will now include all teams Level being called to the awards stand to receive their achievement awards and certificate. A participation medal will be given to each athlete in the meet instead of a gift. Events is 50% awards per age group and All Around is 75% awards per age group. Suggestion of Banners for Team given - vote needed to decide.

Pro Score has been designated the score system for all Vermont meets. It makes score tracking a lot easier. You must send a copy of all out of state scores with your qualifiers highlighted to Anissa for score tracking. **An electronic version must be sent directly to Jill and Stano.**

It has been recommended that all clubs attend at least 2 sectionals with their gymnasts.

Regional Policy – all regional athletes will be required to give a \$200 deposit for regionals at the end of the State competition. After the regional competition, when it is proven you have attended the competition, you will get a refund excluding the meet fee. This can be a club check or a family check – all checks will be deposited. This is an effort to cut down on no shows at regionals.

Board Members and their duties

Brattleboro – Lorraine Cote – Xcel rules

Central Vermont Gymnastics Academy – Anissa – out of state score tracker

Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton –

Kingdom – Donna Reed

Le Studio – Kathy St Pierre – state and gm pre meet info organizer

Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting

Green Mountain – Kylie Bourdeau – meet volunteer organizer

Regal – Paul Beach - Education

Sunrise – Stano Mikulas – website and in state score tracker

Woodman Athletics – Keri Woodman – Regional Recognition

Cobra – Shelby Jones

Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert

MaryLou Smith – CPE

Anyone interested in doing publicity or donations let me know.

All forms are available online – if you would like an actual R&P book you must call the USAG office to verify your address.

It has been requested by several members in the state that no soliciting information be handed out at any neutral site state run functions by non seasonal programs.

Thanks for your input and help – I look forward to a great year!!!!

Minutes from Meeting held at NLG on August 1st 4:30pm – thanks for your input

Attendance taken – Jill, Keri, Blake, Lorraine, Paul, Laura, Stano, Anissa, MaryLou, Shelby, Mary, Woodie, Alicia, Robin, Kylie

Discussion on Green Mountain Inv theme – decided on pick your decade for a theme

Gail Spoke about NAWGJ issues and info – Gail will assign and do financial and Alicia will organize and get out info – discussed set up on all meets and numbers of kids in meets, when requesting judges it must be made aware to Gail how the meet will be set up, fines have been given for sanction violations, all meets must separate judges at all events (flasher or timer in between is fine), several judges taking off this season, Safety is happening at Central Vermont Gymnastics on Sept 21 – sign up online now, Sept 29 is judges clinic at Sunrise 12:30-7:30, suggested that all coaches download the inquiry form from website and fill it in for each athlete in advance to have handy at meets, no questions will be taken at the end of events or meets, Inquire to get important info or mistakes, check R & P for rules on what to ask

Request to have scores flashed to coaches first at all meets on events that can't see the electronic display

Level 3 – to include in the Vermont state meet – discussion on pros and cons – coaches considering it as an option - not enough clubs interested in sanctioning them at this point, wanted them to be included in meets in VT again this year. Sanctioned Level 3 will not be included in the state meet at this time. For gm include judging deduction info and have team awards, participation, and achievement only

Xcel Opt rules – Decided to use Mass rules with exceptions – use rookie, novice, intermediate, advanced and superior, gymnasts must qualify to states, Gymnasts can not go back and forth between prep opt and age group levels – must stick to age group mobility rules, there are no rules for mobility in prep opt. We will not adopt any changes during the year. Vermont will allow the music to be stopped at meets. More exceptions may come up once we see the mass rules. Discussion on the variation of level within the xcel levels – unfair and request to not have them with JO optionals, no motion or vote

Judging criteria for judging at States – rating, affiliation, experience, at least 3 meets in usag, at least 1 usag sectional – committee votes with recommendations from SJD

Discussion on site for states – new ideas brought up – Rutland – looking into Bellows Falls for next year so we can have 2 sets of equipment – only use 2 sets of equipment for the sessions that need it – all levels will have warm up/compete format

Discussion on States – like to award presentation format, discussed the amount of awards given, reduce or not, decided to keep the same this year, decided to give more time for awards so coaches can see the awards ceremony, meets will be longer and each club should make it known to their customers that this was voted on by the coaches in the state.

Regional Recognition – names on website, place at regionals and get a certificate, Top VT gymnast is gymnast with the highest all around gets a certificate

Discussion on State Policies – keep sanction violation, risk and bad weather policies the same, SACC is looking into the event specialist declaration date to see if it can be changed for VT.

VT will represent Blood Cancer at Level 8 Regionals

Discussed timely entry info and payment – entry due on Monday and payment due on Friday – all entries must be paid for – **please settle up any outstanding balances before the new season or you will not be entered into the competitions this year.**

Discussion on meet entries for theme meets – voted to increase – voted down to increase by \$10, \$8 and \$5 – increase by \$7 for theme meets passed - recommended gate entry fees to be \$2 at a local meet and \$5 at a theme meet.

Meet adjourned at 9:20pm