

## State Meeting

NLG Harvest Classic – Nov 23 & 24 – Level 3 – 10 & xcel

Sectional 1 at NLG – Dec. 15, level 3-5 & xcel

Winter Meet at Le Studio – ????

Royal Meet – Jan 25 & 26

Meet at Cobra – Feb 2, xcel

Sectional 2 at Le Studio – Feb 9 Level 3-5 and xcel

Groovin Classic at NLG – ???

I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 17, Level 4 – 9 & Xcel

Hip Hop at Woodman – March 1&2 non sanctioned, Level 3 – 10 & xo

Green Mountain Inv & Sectional 3 at GMG – March 15, 16 – Level 3-10 & Xcel

State Meet Level 3 – 10 & xo – March 29 & 30 – site possibly Bellows Falls

Xcel Finals at LeStudio – April 12 - ??- black out date for region 6

Level 9/10 Regionals – April 11-13

Level 7 & 8 Regionals – April 26-27

Level 9 East/West Nationals – May 2-4

Level 10 Nationals – May 9-11

Xcel Regionals – May 31-June 1

Xcel – National Rules – look it up on the web

State Rights and decisions made for Xcel – Only required to have a 1 judge panel for all levels – judges for all sanctioned meets must be rated – bronze, silver, gold use compulsory fees, platinum and diamond use optional fees – Sectionals are not mandatory for xcel – all xcel meets must do 100% for AA for awards, the rest is up to the meet director, do not do achievements, **Bronze will not compete in states.**

## Qualifying Scores & Age groups

Xcel will be included in the state meet for silver and up, they can also attend sectionals

Age groups – 5-7, 8-10, 11/12, 13/14, 15-18, 19+

Qualifying score – 32.0 to states, Event specialist qualifying score 8.0

Level 3 will be allowed to go to sectionals if they want to.

Age groups – 5-7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12+

Qualifying score – 30.0 to states, at a sectional or any meet that is sanctioned

Level 4 – 6-8, 9/10, 11, 12+

sectional 29.0, states 31.0

Level 5 – 7-10, 11, 12, 13+

Sectionals 29.0, states 31.0

Level 6 – 8-10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+

States 31.0 – Level 6 event specialist qualifying score is 7.75

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](mailto: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 Luck 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. 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 with them at all meets
- 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

All membership expirations are now July 31 – you are currently expired if you haven't renewed in the last 2 months. A background check is still required and will take longer to process – you will not be renewed until the background check is complete. You are also required to take the u100 course in order to be on the floor at meets – take it now.

NEW\*\*\*The max for fees for local meets is \$36 for comp and \$40 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed \$55 for comp and \$60 for opt, \$25 for team fee. All theme meets must have a 2-judge panel for levels 4 – 10, you can use a 1 judge panel for level 3 and xcel. Medals and Trophies are recommended and a gift is required. **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 3 & 4. State meet will still have small medals for event places below 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 except for xcel which will go 100% for All Around. Banners for Team will be given.

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 \$100 deposit for regionals at the end of the State competition. All entries are now done online and are the responsibility of the club or individual. After the regional competition, when it is proven you have attended the competition, you will get full refund. 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 – Amanda Montgomery –

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

Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton – donations

Head Over Heels - Teresa

Kingdom – Donna Reed

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

Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting

Green Mountain – Kylie Bourdeau – gm pre meet info and meet volunteer organizer

Regal – Laura Reeves – Regional Recognition- not including xcel

Sunrise – Stano Mikulas – website and in state score tracker

Woodman Athletics – Keri Woodman – Education

Cobra – Shelby Jones – on site meet assistant

Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert

MaryLou Smith – CPE

Anyone interested in doing publicity 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.

Entries to meets - 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.**  
**Looking into online meet sign ups.**

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

Minutes from Meeting held at NLG on August 20th 5pm – thanks for your input

Attendance taken – Jill, Keri, Laura, Jenna, Annissa, MaryLou, Shelby, Woodie, Gail

Review of JO update and State Chairman Meeting info – available online

Level 2 – to include in the Vermont state meet – most thought that we had enough to do with the new routines and rules for xcel - Sanctioned Level 2 will not be included in the state meet at this time.

Xcel rules now national – available online – items to be decided by state discussed

- what divisions to include in states – discussion and tabled for lack of involved clubs present.
- How many judges required on a panel for xcel meets – discussion and 1 judge panel is minimum requirement
- What should the level of judging be for xcel meets – discussion and all judges must be rated for any sanctioned competition
- What will the meet fee be for xcel – discussion to have all the same or to split – decided to have Bronze, Silver, Gold as compulsory fee and Platinum and Diamond as optional fee
- Are xcel required to go to a sectional in order to qualify to states – discussion – decision is no
- What are the award requirements for xcel – discussion on achievement awards – decided no achievement and must do 100% for All Around for all Xcel meets

Discussion to continue to have a non-working meet ref on the floor at states – all in favor to do it again this year

Discussion on duties for State Committee – some jobs filled

Discussion on how to amend the regional payment policy – change amount to \$100

Discussion on level 7 regionals and what to supply the gymnasts with – decided jackets and leos

Discussion on xcel regionals and what to supply the gymnasts with – tank leos

Discussion on Level 9/10 regionals and what to supply the gymnasts with – tank leo and jacket

Discussion on Gate fee cap for VT meets – decided to cap sectional and local meets at \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids – Theme meets have a cap of \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids – all info must be listed on the pre meet info sheet

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 – looking into Bellows Falls for this 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

Discussion on State Policies – keep sanction violation, risk and bad weather policies the same

Meet adjourned at 8:20pm