

State Meeting

NLG Fall Meet – Nov 22 & 23 – Level 2 – 10 & Xcel
Non Sanctioned Meet at NLG – Dec 13 - Level 1-3
Sectional 1 at Sunrise – Dec 14 - Level 3-5, Xcel b-g
Royal at Regal – Jan 10&11 – Level 3-10, Xcel
Meet at Cobra – Jan 18 – Level 2-6
Candyland at Le Studio – Jan 31 & Feb 1 – level 3-9 and Xcel
Sectional 2 at Woodman – Feb 8 Level 3-5 and xcel
I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 15, Level 3 – 6
Hip Hop at Woodman – Feb 27, 28, March 1 non sanctioned, Level 3 – 10 & xcel
GM Inv & Sectional 3 at GMG – March 14 & 15, level 2-10 & Xcel
Bronze State Meet(if needed) at Kingdom – March 22
State Meet Level 3 – 10 & xo – March 28 & 29– Bellows Falls
Level 9/10 Regionals – April 17-19
Level 7 & 8 Regionals – May 2-3
Level 9 East/West Nationals – May 7-10
Level 10 Nationals – May 14-17
Xcel Regionals – May 30-31

Qualifying Scores & Age groups

Prep Optional will be included in the state meet, 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 – 31.0 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 7 – 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+
States 32.0

Level 8 – 8-11, 12, 13/14, 15+
States 32.0

Level 6, 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 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. 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 \$40 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed \$55 for comp, xcel b,s,g and \$60 for opt and Xcel p,d. 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. **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. If a theme meet has a higher entry fee then the scores for the gymnasts cannot be used for State qualifying. Recommended Gate fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids for local meets and \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids for Theme meets. Gate fees must be listed on meet info sheets.

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 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. Event placement is 50% awards per age group and All Around is 75% awards per age group. Banners for Team Placements 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 \$150 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 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.

****NEW – ALL SECTIONAL, GREEN MOUNTAIN INV AND STATE MEET ENTRIES ARE NOW DONE ON MEET MAKER(this does not include the bronze state meet). PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR ATHLETES ONLINE at www.meetmaker.com**

Board Members and their duties

Brattleboro – Amanda Montgomery –

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

Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton – non profit info and donations

Head over Heels - Teresa

Kingdom – Donna Reed

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

Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting

Green Mountain – Bob Abbot – gmi pre meet info

Regal – Laura Reeves – Regional Award recognition

Sunrise – Stano Mikulas – website and in state score tracker

Woodman Athletics – Keri Woodman – Educations

Cobra – Shelby Jones – onsite meet assistant

Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert

MaryLou Smith – CPE and Xcel rules

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.

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

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

Minutes from Meeting held at NLG on August 4 at 5:00pm – thanks for your input

Attendance taken – Jill, Keri, Lorraine, Amanda, Laura, Stano, Annissa, MaryLou, Kathy, Brian, Mary, Woodie, Bob, Gail, Claire

JO Update – handed out papers and discussed new items and changes

Gail discussed judging issues and new requests - keep judges apart at all meet – must have tables and requesting to have the least amount of levels in a session as possible.

Level 2 – 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 2 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 Bronze – to include in state meet - discussion on numbers of xcel gymnasts – decided on 2 options for Bronze – must have a state meet – if numbers allow include in with all xcel's – if it puts numbers over then have a separate site at a club that does not of Xcel gymnasts – Kingdom has volunteered their gym and the date is different - all clubs will need to give Jill their xcel numbers by Feb 23rd

Discussion on site for states – new ideas looked into for mid state but no results – looking into Bellows Falls for next year so we can have 2 sets of equipment – all sessions will use 2 sets of equipment – 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.

Discussion on Green Mountain Inv – site and theme – use same theme – Luck and same site – try for sport tech fabric for t shirt

Bob brought up a meet that they are thinking of bringing a Vermont State team to in the Bahamas – let him know if you are interested – Dec 18-21.

Regional Recognition – names on website, place at regionals and get a certificate

Senior Recognition at states – no more speeches – call up gymnast and coach and give them the plaque

Discussion on regional entry policy and decided to keep the payment and have it be \$150 until proven attendance.

Discussion on meet entry fees and using online sign up and payment – everyone agreed to look into it.

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

Discussion on purchasing new proscore for state use – will be purchased.

Discussion on meet ref at states and decided to keep a separate meet ref for states

Discussion on cell phones on the floor at meets – in gym meets – no cell phone usage by volunteers when helping at meets – this includes no videoing at all

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.**

Meet adjourned at 8:05pm