

State Meeting 2018 July 17

Candy Corn at Central VT Gymnastics Academy – Oct 27, 28 – Xcel, Level 3-10
NLG Harvest Meet – Nov 18 & 19 – Level 3 – 10 & Xcel
Cobra Meet – Dec 8 – Xcel and Level 6-8
Sectional 1 at Cobra – Dec 9 - Level 3-5
Royal at Regal – Jan 5, 6 – Level 3-10, Xcel
Snowflake Meet at Sunrise – Jan 26, 27 – Level 2-9, Xcel
GMI and Sect 2 – Feb 9, 10 – Level 3-10, Xcel
I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 16, 17, Level 3 – 6
Sectional 3 at Kingdom – March 3 - Level 3-5
State Meet Level 3 – 10 & Xcel B,S,G,P,D – March 16, 17 – Bellows Falls
JO 7, 8, 9, 10 Regional Clinic at Regal – March 23
Level 7/8 Regionals – April 6-7
Level 9 & 10 Regionals – April 12-14
Xcel Regional Clinic at Regal – May 4
Level 9 East/West Nationals – May 10-12
Level 10 Nationals – May 17-19
Xcel Regionals – May 18, 19

Qualifying Scores & Age groups

Xcel will be included in the state meet, they can also attend sectionals

Bronze age groups - 5-7, 8, 9, 10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+

Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond 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 – 29.0 to sectional, 32.0 at a sectional to states

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 – 8-10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17+
States 32.0

Level 6, 7 & 8 event qualifying score is 8.0

Level 9 & 10 - 9-13, 14/15, 16+
States 32.0

Level 9, 10 event qualifying score is 8.25

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL IS UPDATED ON THE USA GYMNASTICS WEBSITE – THAT IS WHERE I GET THE CONTACT INFO. Please use jillnlg@yahoo.com for any contact, I get it on my phone. I don't usually check my email after 3pm on Fridays. My cell is 603 252 6075.

Green Mountain Inv. Theme will be ___ and held at Green Mountain Gymnastics. All clubs are required to donate \$50 to the concession stand(make checks payable to USAG VT) – Green Mountain Gymnastics will be in charge of all food and supplies for the concession stand and for the judges/coaches food(judges are no longer required to bring food this year) – I will make assignments as we get closer.

All clubs are also required to supply workers for GMI and State Meet – Volunteers will not need to pay admission and clubs need to submit a list of names of their workers ahead of time so that they can be checked off when entering the meet.

We are looking to pay beam timers for states – please see if you can find anyone who will be willing to take the job – the State will pay \$40 per session for beam timers at States and GMI

GMI and States – no more music as a volunteer list – clubs must do their own

Set up and clean up for the state meet requires a minimum of 15 adult helpers. We will be trying to hire help this year as there is no longer a club located near the host site. Based on the location of the meet I will then ask for set up and clean up help from the clubs that are closest and for concession donations if they are needed. 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. Cap of \$1000 for this fee.
- you must send a copy of the sanction to USAG office, Regions 6 and to the State Administrative Committee Chairman(Jill). **Only send 1 page to Region 6.**
- You must also send a copy of your meet results to the score tracker(Amanda from Brattleboro for out of state meets), with your qualifying gymnasts info highlighted
- all coaches must be able to show their membership card at all meets when signing in
- 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 and open toed shoes

The max for fees for local meets is \$45 for comp and \$50 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed \$65 for comp, xcel b,s and \$70 for opt and Xcel g, 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. State Meet entry will be \$8 for adult and \$15 for

2 adults – kids 5-12yrs will be \$5. Meet Maker costs are included into meet fees – that is the difference for Sectional meets.

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 to 50% of the teams entered.

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 Amanda 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 deposit for regionals at the end of the State competition. \$100 for the Xcel gymnasts and \$200 for the JO athletes. 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 your check sent back to you. This can be a club check or a family check. This is an effort to cut down on no shows at regionals. Commitment to clinic will also be asked for at this time for dinner numbers.

Reminders for cell phones on the floor at meets – no cell phone usage by volunteers when helping at meets – this includes no videoing at all. **Coaches are to use cell phones for video of their athlete only and not for conversation on the competition floor.**

ALL SECTIONAL, GREEN MOUNTAIN INV AND STATE MEET ENTRIES ARE NOW DONE ON MEET MAKER. PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR ATHLETES ONLINE at www.meetmaker.com

Board Members and their duties

Brattleboro – Amanda Montgomery – out of state score tracker

Central Vermont Gymnastics Academy – Anissa – Education

Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton – web site criteria set up

Kingdom – Donna Reed – meet director education

Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting

Green Mountain – Robin Bourdeau – gmi pre meet info

Regal – Laura Reeves – Regional Recognition

Sunrise – Stano Mikulas – website and in state score tracker

Cobra – Shelby Jones – onsite meet assistant

Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert

MaryLou Smith – Xcel rules

Kori Crane – CPE

All forms are available online – you can no longer get an R&P book from the USA Gymnastics office.

No soliciting information(camps, classes etc) can be handed out at any neutral site state run functions by any club.

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 July 17 at 5:00pm – thanks for your input

Attendance taken – Stano, Donna, Woodie, Mary, Jill, Amanda, Anissa, Robin, Maddie, Shelby, Claire, Gail, Michelle,

JO Update – discussed new items and changes – safe sport, registration changes, changes to Level 6 & 7 vault, Vault warm up for Level 6,7 is now 2 minutes, Bar warm up for level 9/10 is now 2.5 minutes, beam straight leg leap is now a B, no casual conversation with judges during meet that results in an inquiry.

Discussion on professional behavior for coaches on competition floor and between sessions at competitions – perception is everything – clarification from Kara: On the competition floor:Coaches and judges can greet each other, but should refrain from personal chat (how's your granddaughter, etc)

Judges and athletes should have no contact other than when presenting.

If there are infractions they should be reported to the meet director and meet referee.

Any discussion about routines or questions about routines should be handled through an inquiry.

Always submit an inquiry, we don't mind!

Level 2 – to include in the Vermont state meet - 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.

Level 3 – will split by age group at states if needed for 2 sessions

Discussion on honoring Phyllis MacDonald at the State Meet. Cartwheel relay to raise money for the organizations that helped her in her final year was a way to get the kids involved. Each club can decide how to fundraise on their own – ideas include 50/50 raffle, kids get pledges for team doing cartwheels. Collect the money before the state meet and get it to me with meet entries. At state meet an announcement about how much we raise and who is benefitting from the money we raised. Goal is to raise \$10 per child. All info will go in the program. Any ideas are welcome – please share your thoughts about Phyllis so I can put together a statement. More details will come soon.

Discussion on States – site – no longer a club to help in bellows falls – decided to keep site and try to hire a crew to set up and clean up – Anissa will work on contacting the schools. Discussion on award presentation format, discussed the amount of awards given, decided to keep the same this year, quick discussion on

splitting Xcel and JO states – may need to happen in the future. Discussion on level 3 if split will take more time - late finishes on Sunday – options are shorten awards first, set up Friday night, separate xcel states. Only do these if needed based on numbers.

Regional Recognition – names on website, place at regionals and get a certificate, win get a club banner, newsletter – banners will be displayed at states the following year - coaches are required to send names and places at Regionals to Jill, Stano and Laura after the Regional competitions – **email the list of qualifiers to Stano for website and for clubs records**

Discussion on Regional team apparel – keeping the same – **adding a coaches/judges USA Gymnastics Vermont long sleeve for all. Need sizes by Oct 1st.**

Senior Recognition at states – call up gymnast and coach and give them the plaque – **presentation is at the beginning of the awards presentation** – keep the policy

Discussion on regional entry policy and decided to keep the payment and have it be \$100 for Xcel and \$200 for JO until proven attendance – keeping the same

Discussion on meet entry fees and using online sign up and payment – agreed to keep doing it.

State Policies – bad weather policy stays the same. Cancellation Policy for bad weather at Sectional Meets

1. Delay the meet 2 hours and leave a message on the gym machine
2. Decide to cancel, call SACC for approval

Refund policy for the 1st and 2nd sectionals

1. If the meet is cancelled all entries will be refunded. There will not be a make up meet
2. If the meet runs and you decide not to go there will not be a refund

Refund policy for the 3rd and last sectional

1. If the meet is cancelled there will be a make up meet for those gymnasts who have not qualified and all other entries will be refunded.
2. If the meet runs and you decide not to go there will be a make up meet for those gymnasts who are not qualified and there will be no refund or make up meet for those other entries.

Discussion on Volunteers at meets – **keep free admission if on the list, clubs will get a list of names to score table and to admissions table. Clubs will get a job description list to send to parents before the meet. Volunteers will be asked to arrive 15 minutes before stretch starts.**

Discussed education - Clinic dates for regional team workouts set for JO and Xcel. Clinics to be set up with Tony and judges in October for athletes and coaches

No state service award this year – criteria guidelines - what you do for the state that is above and beyond your club and contributes to the betterment of the state – more work to be done

Discussion on Club of the Year – we have a JO club and **Xcel club will be added this year – Decided that a Vermont Club of the Year would be also added – Anissa is working up a VT club criteria for approval**

Discussion on making team award at states a combined Level 8, 9, 10 Award. Liked by some and some were unsure – all clubs will think about it this year and then a decision will be made next year.

Meet adjourned at 8:30pm