

# RULES & REGULATIONS FOR REGION 8

## Compilation of Region 8 USA Gymnastics Committee Minutes

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### JUNIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

The JOCC will form a Regional JO Committee. Each state must appoint one person for the JO Committee. (7/3/02)

### SANCTION VIOLATIONS

If the SACC knows ahead of time about possible irregularities, he/she should try to warn Meet Director. If SACC learns of violations after the fact, he/she should follow-up after the meet with a written letter to RACC and the national office. (11/6/04)

### STATE MEETS

SACC's must mandate the use of base score videos/DVDs at all State Meets. (7/3/02)(6/16/16)

SACC's were reminded to have **list of judges with signed contracts** for Optional State Meet to Marian Dykes, RTCC by November 1st of each year. (7/3/02)(6/16/16)

Region 8 strongly recommends that each state use 4-judge panels for all state championships. (12/20/02)

Region 8 USAG Committee suggest the Optional State Meet entry fees, set by USAG State Committees, not exceed **\$85**, with consideration to facility, equipment, judging expenses and awards. (10/18/99) (12/20/02)

### REGIONALS

The Xcel, Level 6, 7 & 8 Regional entry fee is \$100 **and Level 9 & 10 Regional entry fee is \$125** because of the required use of outside facility, air conditioning, equipment rental, and regional representation of judges. (7/27/01) (6/11/09) (6/17/10)(6/16/16)

The Meet Director will pay a fee of \$10 per athlete from all Regional Championships to the regional account. (7/27/01)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks.(6/18/15)

Region 8 will pay half the cost of awards at Level 9/10 Regional Championships, the other half to be paid by the Meet Director. The Xcel and Level 6, 7 & 8 Meet Director pays the entire awards expenses. (7/27/01)(6/15)

Region 8 will give all-around awards to 50% of competitors at Level 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Regionals, or at Level 9 & 10 to all athletes qualifying to Eastern/JO Nationals, whichever is greater. Region 8 will give event awards to 50% of competitors and all-around awards to 100% of competitors at Xcel Regionals.(7/27/01)(6/06)(6/15)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

**A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)**

If a gymnast's Regional Meet entry is NOT turned in online by the deadline, in order to enter the gymnast(s) in the Regional Meet, the following penalty will apply to the coach:

A \$25 late fee per gymnast (in addition to the regular entry fee) must be paid to the Regional Meet Director.

Fines must be received prior to competition day. (6/7/00)(6/28/06) (6/16/16)

Injury petitions are accepted for Xcel, Level 9 & 10 regionals. All petition information must be sent to Marian Dykes, RTCC with a copy to Brad Harris, RJOCC and Deb Kornegay, RACC. Online entries should be marked petition. (7/3/02)

Debby Kornegay, RACC must be notified by e-mail or fax of all petitions **by Monday midnight after State Championships.** (5/08) (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

The RACC will do the draw for all Regionals computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

There will be no open workout at any Region 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

### LEVEL 10 REGIONALS

**Entry fee \$125.00. Qualification score 35.00. Petition score 36.00.** (6/16/16)

Level 10 Regional qualifying score is 35.00 AA. (6/16/16)

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 10 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Qualification to Regionals 35.00 AA at State meet with no minimum number guaranteed (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks.(6/18/15)

Specialist category at Level 10 Regionals is allowed. The gymnast must declare as a specialist by state meet entry and can not compete in four events at state meet. Qualifying to Regionals requires a 9.30 achieved at state meet. Refer to individual state meet guidelines for state specialist qualifying scores. No petitions allowed. Entry fees for Regional competition remain the same as fees for all around gymnasts. (7/17/08)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

If a gymnast's Regional Meet entry is NOT turned in online by the deadline, in order to enter the gymnast(s) in the Regional Meet, the following penalty will apply to the coach:

A \$25 late fee per gymnast (in addition to the regular entry fee) must be paid to the Regional Meet Director.

Fines must be received prior to competition day whichever is first. (6/7/00)(6/28/06)

Injury petitions are accepted for Level 9 & 10 regionals. All petition information must be sent to Marian Dykes, RTCC with a copy to Brad Harris, RJOCC and Deb Kornegay, RACC **by midnight Monday after State Championships**. Online entries should be marked petition. (7/3/02)(5/16)

Debby Kornegay, RACC must be notified by e-mail or fax of all petitions. **by Monday midnight after State Championships**. (5/08) (6/16/16)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre- meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

The RACC will do the draw for all Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

There will be no open workout at any Region 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

**A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)**

## **LEVEL 10 NATIONALS**

Region 8 Level 10 National alternates work out in the work out gym. These alternates will not be included during the designated Region 8 workout on the competition equipment. (7/9/03)

## **LEVEL 9 REGIONALS**

**Level 9 Regional entry fee \$125.00. Qualification score 35.00. Petition score 36.00. (6/16/16)**

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 9 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

**A maximum of 4 coaches credentials/club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100 per additional coach. (6/16/16)**

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre- meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

Awards will be given for 50% of athletes in each age group. (6/28/06)

Specialist category at Level 9 Regionals is allowed. The gymnast must declare as a specialist by state meet entry and can not compete in four events at state meet. Qualifying to Regionals requires a 9.50 achieved at state meet. Refer to individual state meet guidelines for state specialist qualifying scores. No petitions allowed. Entry fees for Regional competition remain the same as fees for all around gymnasts. (7/14/11)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

## **LEVEL 8 REGIONALS**

The entry fee for Level 8 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8.(12/19/08)

If an athlete for Level 8 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 8 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Level 8 Regionals is **385** +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 8 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 8 athletes in their state with 32.00 AA and with 34.00 AA. A percentage for each state is figured for the **331** places for the 32.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. and a separate percentage is figured for the additional 54 athletes at a 34.00 AA. by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03)(6/16/16)

No petitions are allowed at Level 8 Regionals.

The RACC will set the meet schedule (order of age groups) to facilitate the schedule of the entire competition (7/9/03)

Each session will be divided into three age groups. Awards will be given for 50% of athletes in each age group. No age group will be more than 24 athletes. (6/9/05)(6/28/06)(6/14/07)

Level 8 all-star alternates will be placed in any slots that become available up to forty-eight hours prior to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/30/99)

Level 8 team alternate will be placed in any slots that become available up to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/30/99)

If a state does not have sufficient athletes to fulfill allotted spaces on state team at Level 8 Regionals, RACC will notify all-star with the highest All Around score from all State Meet results to fill available slots. The qualified gymnasts will compete as all-stars. (6/14/07)

All regional state team competitors will receive plaques at Level 8 Regionals. The plaques will be presented prior to the team competition for photos to be taken. The teams finishing first through third will receive additional plates to attach to the plaques reflecting their respective finishing positions at the awards ceremony. (7/3/02)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 8 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

The top 4 scores on each event will count for team championship at Level 8 Regionals. (6/14/07)

The Level 8 sessions would start on Friday, with team the last session Saturday and 2 sessions on Sunday. (6/11/09) (6/16/16)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design of state on back. (12/18/09)

The charity for the Level 6/7/8 Region 8 Regionals is St Jude's (6/18/15)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

## **LEVEL 7 REGIONALS**

If an athlete for Level 7 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

Region 8 Committee endorses a Level 7 Regionals in conjunction with Level 8 Regionals. (7/17/08)

No petitions are allowed at Level 7 Regionals.

The RACC will do the draw for Level 7 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Level 7 Regionals is 280 +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 7 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 7 athletes in their state with 32.00 AA . A percentage for each state is figured for the 344 places for the 32.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03)(6/16/16)

The entry fee for Level 7 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8.(12/19/08)

There be 3 sessions for Level 7 Regionals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. The Level 7 team session will be last session Saturday. (6/11/09) (8/9/12) (6/16/16)

Top four scores count for Level 7 team scores at Level 7 Regionals (6/11/09)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 7 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

Level 7 team alternate will be placed in any slots that become available up to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/11/09)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre-meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design. (12/18/09)

The charity for the Level 6/7/8 Region 8 Regionals be St Jude's (6/18/15)

## **LEVEL 6 REGIONALS**

If an athlete for Level 6 State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies within the state's percentage. (6/19/14)

Region 8 Committee endorses a Level 6 Regionals in conjunction with Level 7/8 Regionals. (6/18/15)

No petitions are allowed at Level 6 Regionals.

The entry fee for Level 6 Regionals be \$100 with \$10 directed to Region 8.(12/19/08)

There will be 3 sessions for Level 6 Regionals on Friday. The Level 7 Team session will be the last session Friday. (6/16/16)

The RACC will do the draw for Level 6 Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks.(6/18/15)

The number of gymnasts at Level 6 Regionals is 140 +64 Team + all ties. The number of team members is 64 (8 per state with 4 scores counting for team). There are no petitions accepted to Level 6 Regionals. Each state turns into RACC the number of Level 6 athletes in their state with 32.00 AA . A percentage for each state is figured for the 204 places for the 32.00 AA number by the designated deadline, from all 8 states. (6/7/00) (12/19/03)(6/16/16)

Top four scores count for Level 6 team scores at Level 6 Regionals (6/15)

If a tie for state team occurs at Level 6 Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (6/15)

Level 6 team alternate will be placed in any slots that become available up to the start of warm-ups of the first session of competition. (6/15)

The Regional 6/7/8 Team leotard will be the same for all the states. All states should have the same warm-up, but each state may choose the design. (12/18/09)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre- meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

## XCEL REGIONALS

If an athlete for Xcel State Team is unable to compete in the State Team session at Regionals due to religious or valid unforeseen reasons, they must declare to the State Chairperson by the State Meet entry deadline their intent to not compete as a member of the State Team. The athlete may compete as an All Star if she qualifies at State meet. (6/19/14)

Beginning for Xcel Regionals in 2016 utilize two meet referees at Xcel Regionals if two gyms are needed and that the first 2016 Xcel Regional meet referee be from the home state and that the second meet referee be Marian Dykes.(6/18/15)

Xcel Regional qualifying scores as follows:

Bronze and Silver Division	36.50 AA
Gold Divisions	36.00 AA
Platinum Division	36.00 AA
Diamond Division	35.00 AA

(6/19/14) (6/16/16)

Beginning at the 2015 Xcel Regional championships an athlete will only be able to compete once. The score achieved by an Xcel State Team gymnast may count for her Club Team score. (6/19/14)

## No open scoring at Xcel Regionals. (6/16/16)

Diamond Team Members do not have to score a 35.00 AA to be on State Team, but must compete at their State meet. If a state does not have 3 or more Diamonds to make up a State Team then the athlete with the top All Around score may compete as an All Star at Xcel Regionals.

All graduating seniors at Regional Meets will be presented with flowers by the region. (1/4/97)

Xcel Athletes residing in a state that does not offer all divisions of Xcel at a State Championship, then Xcel athletes in any division in that state may qualify to Xcel Regional Championships by scoring 1.00 higher than the regional qualifying score for their division in 2 sanctioned meets using a 2 judge panel. Documentation must be sent to the SACC. (6/19/14)

The RACC will do the draw for Xcel Regionals by computer program before the first competition day. The athletes starting events are subject to change to expedite the competition after the coaches meeting. (6/20/13)

Due to the expense of food in outside facility and the fact that coaches receive per diem from their gym, no meals will be provided to coaches at Regional Competitions. Meet directors may provide, but are not required to provide, vouchers for meals or a green room with snacks. (6/18/15)

The 6 gymnasts comprise a state's team for Xcel Regional in each division with 4 scores counting. (6/11/09) Diamond State Team competition will be reviewed each year due to low numbers.(6/19/14)

Region 8 Committee strongly recommends that judges assigned to Regional Championships wear official NAWGJ uniform. (6/9/05)

The entry for Xcel Regional be set at \$100 per gymnast with \$10 directed to Region 8. (6/11/09)

The 2 judges per state be selected by each state's administrative Committee to be submitted to the Regional Committee with the meet referee being from the host state. (6/11/09)

Maximum regional gate fees are \$15.00 Adults,\$10.00 senior and students and 5 and under free.\$25 -adult weekend pass, and \$20 - senior and student weekend pass. Gate entry charges should be included in pre- meet information. (7/9/03)(7/17/08)

If a tie for state team occurs at Xcel Regionals Team competition the tie will not be broken. (7/9/03)

## TRAINING CAMP

The entry fee for the Regional Level 6/7/8 and Level 8, 9 & 10 is \$140 and National team training camps is \$130. (7/27/01) (6/16/16)

10% of all profits from regional training camps, elite clinics and TOPs testing will be earmarked for regional administrative cost. (6/17/98)  
The region will administer as many training camps as needed. The Region will accept bids for a site for all training camps. Level 8's will be offered the option of attending either the 6/7/8 or the 8/9/10 camp or both. Level 9's who qualified to Level 9 Easterns may attend either the National Team or Level 8/9/10 camp or both. Level 10's who qualified to JO Nationals may attend either the National Team or Level 8/9/10 camp or both.(7/9/03)

TOPS National Team Members from the current or previous year be permitted to register for the Regional 8/9/10 training camp. (12/16/00)

Petitions will be considered for acceptance to the training camps. Petitions are to be sent to the RTCC and a copy to RJOCC and reviewed under normal Rules & Policies petition guidelines. (7/9/03)

Level 7 - All Level 6 gymnast who qualify to Regional Meet are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03)(8/9/12)

Level 7 - All Level 7 gymnast who qualify to the State Meet and above are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03)(8/9/12)

Level 8 - All Level 8 gymnast who qualify to the State Meet and above are permitted to register for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Training Camp. (7/9/03)

Level 8 - All Level 8 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Meet are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp. (6/7/00)

Level 9 - All Level 9 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Meet, who competed at Regionals, or had petitions accepted to Regionals are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp (6/7/00)

Level 9 Eastern and JO National qualifiers are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp, National Team camp or both.

Level 10 - All Level 10 gymnasts who qualified to Regionals at State Meet, who competed at Regionals, or had petitions accepted to Regionals are eligible for the 8/9/10 camp (6/7/00)

Elite all current Elite gymnasts would be eligible for the 8/9/10 or National Team camp. (6/27/96)

No fees will be paid for clinician service at training camps. Services will be donated to the region in order to use this as a fund-raiser for the Regional Apparel Fund. (6/27/96)

### **CRITERIA FOR PETITION CONSIDERATION FOR Region 8 NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP**

Petitions will be considered if:

- 1) A gymnast was injured during the same year as the camp and achieved the AA score of 37.00 + (during that year) at a sanctioned competition.
- 2) A gymnast qualified to the previous year's National Meet at the same level as they are when petitioning.

### **JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS**

If a Regional judging emergency occurs within 24 hours of a Regional meet, the Regional Committee shall give authority to the Technical Director to adjust assignments. If possible the Technical Director shall contact other Regional Committee officers. (6/17/10)

Region 8 will use NAWGJ as the regional judging contractor. (6/20/13)

All Judging Availability Forms, In-Gym Cards and Tracking form for regional assignments must be received by the appropriate recipient (RTCC and RJD) by the deadline date to be considered for Regional Assignments (10/10/03)

Tracking numbers on the Judge Regional Availability form should include numbers from Invitationals and State Meets only. (No Regionals) (6/19/14)  
Criteria. (6/2/04)

Judging contracts for Regionals must be received by the deadline indicated on the contractor the contract is void. The RJD will go to the next designated alternate in consultation with the RTCC. (12/19/03)

In unusual gymnastics related circumstances, the Regional Committee delegates last minute assignment decisions to Region 8 JO Committee. (6/2/04)

The number of judging slots received by Region 8 will be filled based on the corresponding number of judges at the top of the judges' rotation. Should a Brevet who would be in a slot eligible for assignment make the decision not to take the assignment, or not judge once assigned, he/she will automatically be dropped to the bottom of the rotation.

Extenuating Circumstances: Should an emergency situation occur and cause the assigned Brevet to miss his/her assignment, the next judge in the rotation will move up. The situation will be presented to the committee to determine if the effected judge takes the rotation slot of the replacement judge or is dropped to the bottom of the rotation.

Should the circumstances occur in which Region 8 received additional slots because a meet is hosted in our region, consideration will be given to assigning National rated officials who are not formally in the rotation but meet the criteria (see below.)

### **CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

In gym experience per existing regional guidelines every year. (12/20/02)

Volunteer to host, teach or work actively with the athletes at least one Region 8 training camp every other year. In the case of a valid conflict, a written request for a waiver may be submitted with the Availability Form to Marian Dykes. Requests for waiver will then be submitted to the Regional Committee. The judge must work the full camp, from beginning to end to fulfill the requirement. (1/9/99) (12/20/02) (11/6/04) (12/14/07)

If a Brevet judge does not fulfill and submit documentation of fulfilling the Junior Olympic Judging Assignment criteria for 2 years in a row, then he/she would be removed from the rotation order for Eastern/National eligibility. If he/she requests to be placed back order, a written request must be submitted to the Region 8 Committee with availability and, if accepted, may be placed back in the rotation at the bottom of the order. (6/19/14)

Judge, coach or work in a regional administrative capacity at Regional Championship in the current year and 1 of the 2 prior years. (12/20/02).

If a judge recommended to Nationals does not judge at Regionals, the committee will replace that judge unless it decides, based on financial considerations, to keep the original judge (6/30/99)

International judging assignments supersede Region 8 Judging assignments. (6/2/04)

No more than one-half of the Level 10 National judges recommended from Region 8 will be from the same state. (6/2/04)

Actively judging at the Junior Olympic level as required by Rules and Policies.

Any judge who does not meet the regional criteria for assignment for JO Nationals or Easterns for two consecutive years be removed from the rotation list. (8/9/12)

If a JO National meet or an Eastern national meet is held in Region 8, at least one judge recommended will reflect representation from hosts geographical area. (6/2/04)

Judges who have been removed from the Region 8 National rotation may re-apply to the RTCC. (8/9/12)

The first year that a Brevet judge who has moved to Region 8 fulfills the regional criteria, then said Brevet judge's name will be placed at the bottom of the Eastern/National rotation list. (8/9/12)

If a judge submits Regional availability, receives an assignment and declines the contract, the judge will not receive any Regional Assignments for the next competitive year. Judges need to inform the RTCC and RJD of any change in availability prior to Region 8 Congress to avoid this penalty. (12/12/15)

**GAT symposium (Gymnastics Association of Texas) as an approved clinic for the 2017-2018 Regional Availability criteria. (6/16/16)**

#### **PROCEDURE**

The Regional Committee will decide upon judges assignments for each national and regional meet independently. Every attempt will be made to assign different judges to Level 10 Nationals and Level 9 Eastern Nationals within each year.

The order is as follows:

- ★ Level 10 Nationals
- ★ Level 9 Easterns
- ★ Level 9/10 Regionals
- ★ Level 6/7/8 Regionals
- ★ Level Xcel Regionals (7/14/11)

Judges attending the 6/7/8 Training Camp be permitted to use that to satisfy their clinic attendance requirement for assignment to the following year's regional Level 7/8 meet. (1/4/97)(7/17/08)

#### **APPAREL**

Level 6, 7 & 8 State Team to Level 6/7/8 Regionals must have a minimum of competitive leotard provided by SACC at no cost to those athletes or their parents. (6/17/98)

RJOCC will provide sample apparel with sample sizes at Region 8 Committee December meeting each year for Region 8 Committee to decide on apparel to be distributed at the next year's Regionals. Athletes and coaches will be available for sizing. (6/28/06)

The USA Gymnastics State Accounts will pay a fine of \$100.00 for the first occurrences if one of its coach's/club's does not wear the Regional apparel at Easterns or Nationals. Fine will be increased for subsequent occurrences. (6/20/13)

**In order for coaches to receive apparel for Easterns and JO Nationals the club must be in "Good Standing".**

"In Good Standing" is defined as:

1. Host a Camp within the last 2 years OR
2. Send volunteer coaches to a Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years OR
3. Send athletes to a Camp within the last 2 years OR
4. Make a \$1,000 donation to the Regional Apparel Fund. (Prior to start of Regional Championships)

**Coaches of clubs that are not in "Good Standing" must purchase apparel and wear apparel at Easterns and JO Nationals or their state will be fined. (6/16/16)**

Regional apparel as follows

1. All athletes competing at JO Nationals receive a base set of apparel. Level 9 Eastern National qualifiers will receive apparel as designated. (12/19/03)
2. All judges who worked at a regional training camp and are assigned to judge Level 10 JO Nationals or Level 9 Easterns will receive apparel. (12/18/08)
3. Apparel items will be offered for sale. (12/18/08)
4. Apparel will be provided to the current members of the Regional Committee. (12/18/08)
5. Coaches who worked Training Camp will receive a Region 8 gift. (12/18/08)
6. Warm-up Jacket are provided for a two year period. (12/18/08)  
An active elite gymnast who has qualified to a Classic or higher competition may receive Region 8 apparel. (12/3/12)

#### **NEWSLETTERS**

Regional Committee recommends that each state chairman maintain timely State web and email updates. (12/18/08)

Each state chairman should publish an annual financial statement. (7/3/02)(12/20/02)(John Hewett 8/10)

The Regional Newsletter will publish how much was raised from the Training Camps after expenses. (12/19/03)

#### **TIM RAND FUND**

The Tim Rand Fund will be renamed the Region 8 Gymnastics TR Legends Fund. (12/16/11)

#### **STATE COMMITTEE**

A list of elected state committees should be sent to the RACC annually. Also a list of all other persons attending State Committee meetings. (8/21/98) (12/20/02)

Any appointed committee member or invited guests to a state or regional committee meeting need only participate in a meeting during that portion that pertains to them. (8/21/98)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Region 8 will charge a regional competition fee based on the number of registered athletes from the previous year. Each state should pay **\$1.00** per gymnast to the regional account. (12/15)

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

State Chairmen must submit an annual summary report. Office equipment purchases, the state chair is responsible for sending a copy of the annual equipment form to the RACC by July 10th of each year. (8/21/98) (12/20/02)

## **ALL STAR TRIP**

In order to qualify for the All Star Trip a gymnast's coach/gym needs to be in good standing with the Region. **Athletes from gyms not in Good Standing are ineligible for the All Star Trip.**

In Good Standing means:

- Host a Camp within the last 2 years
- Send volunteer coaches to a Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years
- Send athletes to a Camp within the last 2 years
- Make a \$1,000 donation to the Regional Apparel Fund (12/18/08) (Prior to start of Regional Championships)

## **Qualification Procedures for All-Star Trip:**

**Any Level 9 or 10 athlete that places 1st in the AA at Easterns or JO Nationals, gets 1st priority. If there are still spots available the athletes with highest AA score(s) regardless of age group or AA placement will make up the remainder of the team. In case of an AA tie for the last Team spot, the tie will be broken. (6/16/16)**

## **HALL OF FAME**

Region 8 will develop a Hall of Fame with the first induction class consisting of past and current service award recipients.(12/15/06)

The Criteria for the Region 8 Hall of Fame will be posted on the Regional website-region8gymnastics.org (12/18/08)

All nominations for Hall of Fame be presented to the Regional Committee by the winter meeting for a secret ballot, with requests for nominations being submitted by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. (6/11/09)

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

The state committees nominate candidates for Club of the Year who display excellence and are actively involved in the total JO program for the past year. (6/11/09)