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2020-2021 COVID-19 Addendum

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic the following changes have been adopted for the 2020-2021 USA Gymnastics-WI season ONLY.

- Scheduled Compulsory qualification competition will begin the weekend of November 7, 2020 - March 14, 2021, one week before Compulsory State Meet March 20-21, 2021.
- All meets will be qualifiers as long as there are at least 2 clubs participating.
- The Compulsory Drop-Back date is March 1, 2021, same as Optional/Excel.
- 1-judge panels may be used for L3/4 qualifiers. L5 still requires 2-judge
- All meets, including those in Nov./Dec., can host all levels of competition.
- Entry fees and spectator admission fees will be at the Meet Director's discretion to accommodate the inevitable financial implications of COVID-19 compliance.
- Meet Info must include ALL meet format specifics including, but not limited to:
 - Entry fees
 - Admission fees
 - Levels to be included
 - Cut off number of athletes per level/session to be accepted
 - Number of spectators allowed
 - Number of family members allowed as spectators per athlete
 - Number of judges
 - Awards
 - Schedule
 - Safety measures in place, etc.
- Additional meets can be added to the calendar as long as approval for judges request is first processed through Sarah Nelson, judges assignor.

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Wisconsin Legislation

State Meet Bids and First Priority Bid Rotations

State meets are awarded to clubs whose bids meet the approval of the SAC. First priority bids are given to clubs based on the *State Meet First Priority Bid Rotation* below. Clubs may trade years with SAC approval or decline and drop to the bottom of the list. New clubs will be added at the bottom of the list but may be staggered to prevent multiple meets in one season.

Year	L-2-5	L6-10	Xcel
2020-21	SAGA	Salto	Midwest
2021-22	Starz	WCGC	Gymfinity
2022-23	Salto	Air Force	Altius
2023-24	Altius	SAGA	Scamps
2024-25	M & M	Starz	CSA
2025-26	Midwest	Scamps	Wildcard
2026-27	Scamps	M&M	Salto
2027-28	LaFleurs	Swiss	Oshkosh
2028-29	CSA	Wildcard	North Shore

Download State Meet bid forms from www.usagymwi.com under ***Meet Directors*** heading and submit completed form to the State Chairperson by deadline:

March 1 Level 2 -5
June 1 Level 6-10 & Xcel

Bids are evaluated on the following criteria:

- **On-time submission of complete bid form with facility and equipment contracts arranged**
- **Host club Meet Director experienced in conducting off-site competitions with multiple gyms**
- **Adequate facility size, seating, and parking**
- **Ability to provide adequate volunteers**
- **Hotel availability**

The State Meet will be awarded before the regular seasonal meet schedule is set. Failure to submit State Meet bid forms prior to the published deadline will result in one week of statewide open bidding for the meet with bid winner also retaining their scheduled rotational position. The club forfeiting the meet will move to the bottom of the rotation.

State Meet Administration

All State Meets are under the total jurisdiction of the SAC. A SAC member must be present throughout the duration of the competition. This could be a judge or coach already committed to being on premises for other responsibilities, e.g., Meet Referee. In this case no additional fee would be charged to the meet for this service.

A SAC member will be assigned to consult with the State Meet director for coordination and approval of adherence to USA Gymnastics and USAG-WI Rules & Policies. The meet director will be charged a \$1000 administrative fee for this service to be paid to the consultant. This fee is subject to be waived or reduced in the case of nominal SAC member involvement.

Scheduling Meets

Clubs wishing to host regular seasonal Compulsory meets must submit their requests to the State Chairperson prior to April 1. Requests should include first, second and third choices of possible dates, which levels are to be offered, number of meets desired, facility/site to be used, and any other pertinent information. The SAC will work out a schedule taking all requests into consideration.

Optional and Xcel meets must be arranged by individual clubs and submitted to the SAC (and Xcel Coordinator in the case of Xcel-only meets) for inclusion on the State Calendar as of June 1 deadline.

A link to meet information must be sent to the SACC to be included on the state web site. Refer to **Meet Directors** section at www.usagymwi.com when planning a meet.

Wisconsin Head Tax - \$2 per Athlete per Meet

Meet directors must pay \$2 per USAG athlete to USAG-WI from all sanctioned Level 2-5 Qualifiers (Xcel excluded) and all Sanctioned Level 6-10/ (and Xcel after L2-5 State Meet) Competitions. Head tax is not assessed on Level 2-5 athletes at Level 6-10/Xcel Invitationals. All State Meets are exempt from the head tax. All mobility meets are subject to the head tax.

The Meet Summary from *ProScore* must be submitted with the Head Tax form for verification of head count. The head tax form can be downloaded from the state website under **Meet Directors**.

Based on State Meet participation, USAG-WI pays \$6 per athlete (\$3 for Xcel) to Region 4. The balance of taxes collected remains with USAG-WI.

Meet directors make check payable to: **USAG–WI**
 Send to: **Randy Anderson–WI** USAG Treasurer
 Scamps
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Meet directors failing to submit the sanction report, head tax with payment, and ProScore Meet Summary to the SACC within 10 days of the meet will not be eligible to be awarded a compulsory qualifier the following season.

Judges Assigning Fee - \$3 per Judge per Meet

USAG-WI makes an annual payment to NAWGJ-WI out of the head tax fund for judges assigning fees at a rate of \$3 per judge for all sanctioned meets on the state schedule. Meet directors are not required to pay the judges assigning fee.

Drop-Backs

Gymnasts are permitted to drop back to their previous level if after qualifying for and competing at the higher level, they wish to go back to their previous level. Drop-backs must be done by the deadlines listed below. Mobility must be updated on USAG site and *Drop-Back* forms submitted to the WI-Competition Chair. *Drop-Back* forms can be downloaded from the state website, www.usagymwi.com under **Meet Info** section.

Deadline for Drop-Backs*

3 weeks before State Meet – Compulsory Gymnasts

3 weeks before State Meet – Optional & Xcel Gymnasts

***Drop-Back date for ALL levels is March 1 for 2021 only.**

Age Divisions

Compulsory Qualifiers and State Meets (Level 2-5)

Age determination date for all Level 2-5 compulsory qualifiers is the last day of the upcoming State Meet for the corresponding level. The size of age divisions is determined by the meet director based on entries, but cannot exceed 24 in a group. Age groups are designated by age (e.g., 7 & Under, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10 & Over) for all Compulsory Qualifiers and State Meet. Age groups must be approved by the SACC for State Meets prior to creating a schedule. Age groups must be randomly drawn into sessions at the State Meet.

Optional State Meets (Level 6-10 & Xcel)

Optional and Xcel State Meet Age Divisions (age determination as of culmination championship meet) use a sliding scale creating approximately equal groups not exceeding 24 in a group and designated as JRA, JRB, JRC, SRA, SRB...etc.

Age groups must be approved by the SACC for State Meets prior to creating a schedule. Invitationals are free to set their own age determination dates and age groupings per USA Gymnastics R & P. Age groups must be randomly drawn into sessions at the State Meet.

State Meet Qualifying Scores

Level 3	33.00	Level 7	32.00
Level 4	32.00	Level 8	32.00
Level 5	32.00	Level 9	32.00
Level 6	32.00	Level 10	32.00

Level 2	Participation in 2 seasonal meets or petition to SAC
Xcel	Participation in 1 seasonal meet or petition to SAC

Level 6-10 IES*	9.00
L 10 Graduating Senior IES	8.50
Xcel IES	Participation in 1 seasonal meet or petition to SAC

* IES - Individual Event Specialist

Meet Entry Fees

Level 2	\$40*	Level 6	TBD by meet director
Level 3	\$45*	Level 7	TBD by meet director
Level 4	\$50*	Level 8	TBD by meet director
Level 5	\$50*	Level 9	TBD by meet director
		Level 10	TBD by meet director
Xcel	\$50*	on-site with Xcel only or when combined with compulsory seasonal meets (Off-site TBD meet director)	

***All Level meets for the 2020-21 season Meet Entry Fees are TBD by meet director**

Level 2 State Meet	\$60
Level 3-5 State Meet	\$70
Optional State Meet	\$85
Xcel State Meet	\$75 (B/S/G) \$85 (P/D)

Team Entry Fee – Compulsory Qualifiers \$40.00 (All levels including Xcel)

Gate Admission Fees – Compulsory Qualifiers and All State Meets

Maximum spectator admission fees to be charged per day:

	L2-5 Qualifiers (On or Off-site)	Off- Site State
Adults (13 -64)	\$10*	\$15*
Children (5-12)	\$8*	\$10*
Seniors(65+)	\$8*	\$10*

2-day discount passes at meet director's discretion.

***All Admission Fees for 2020-21 season are TBD by meet director.**

State Meet Expenses

Wisconsin State Meets do not guarantee meet directors a profit. Normal meet expenses must be budgeted for based on entry fees and meet proceeds. Special awards and flowers for graduating seniors will be reimbursed or paid for by the State.

State Meet Financial Reports

A *Financial Report* form (download from [usa-gymnastics.org](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org), Member Services, Forms. <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/financial.pdf>) must be sent to the State Chairperson within 60 days after the State Meet. **Failure to do so will result in loss of eligibility to host a compulsory qualifier the upcoming season and possible removal from the state meet rotation priority list.**

State Meet Qualifiers/Entry Deadline

All meets on the Wisconsin USAG Schedule (i.e., sanctioned invitationals open to all Wisconsin USAGym clubs) and out-of-state Optional USAGym invitationals may be used as State Meet Qualifiers. Exception – All sanctioned Wisconsin Xcel meets may be used for Xcel State Meet qualification. Qualification to the Compulsory State Meet must be achieved at an in-state, scheduled, seasonal meet adhering to Wisconsin guidelines (including established entry fees) or through petition to the SAC with scores from a non-compliant meet.

The final State Meet qualifier and the State Meet entry deadline are 2 weeks prior to the meet. All Optional and Xcel IES entries must be designated at the time of entry. All gymnasts previously qualified during the season must have their entries and fees in ASAP after qualifying. Late qualifiers only, must have scores called, faxed or emailed to the State Meet director on Monday following the last qualifying meet. Entry Form with Entry Fee must be postmarked that same Monday. (\$50 late fee per individual entry for entries received after the deadline or if entry is completed improperly.)

Since qualification to Level 2 State Meet is by participation in 2 seasonal meets and for Xcel, participation in 1 seasonal meet (or by petition to the State Administrative Committee), these levels may schedule a meet one week prior to State. Coaches must notify the State Meet Director 2 weeks prior to State Meet if they intend to enter any gymnasts in those meets, and designate Xcel IES if applicable, that are not already on the State Meet rosters.

State Meet Entry through USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System

USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System must be used for State Meet entries. Third party meet payment programs are allowed but may NOT charge additional fees for USAG-WI Compulsory Qualifiers or State Meets. Immediately upon completion of your online entry, print out your roster and mail with check to the host club.

State Meet Coaches Registration Fee

Coaches attending all state meets must be preregistered through the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System. Coaches not preregistered will be assessed a \$100 coaches registration fee to be allowed on the floor.

State Meet Non-Judging Meet Referee

Compulsory State Meets will NOT use a non-judging Meet Referee. Optional State Meets will use a non-judging meet referee.

Panel judges will be selected from the pool of eligible and available Wisconsin judges regardless of affiliation, but an affiliated judge may not act as Chief Judge.

Judges Selection to Regionals

Wisconsin Brevet judges are automatically assigned to Level 8-10 Region 4 Championships. Judges with a National rating will be eligible to fill available slots at Regionals on a rotational basis. They must have judged the qualifying State Meet and meet all Regional criteria including attendance at a Regional Training Camp within the past 3 years. Regional resumes must be sent to the State Judging Director by the designated date in May of the preceding year. Based on resumes, the SAC will make recommendations to the RTCC for judges to be assigned. The regional committee will make the final assignments.

Optional & Xcel State Meet Equipment

Optional State Meet (Levels 6-10) and Xcel State Meet must use the same equipment manufacturer that is contracted for Regionals and Nationals.

Compulsory State Meet Equipment

Compulsory State Meets must use AAI equipment (for in-house Level 2, the floor does not have to be AAI). Any exceptions must be submitted to the SAC for approval.

Entry Fee Refund Policy

The Wisconsin State policy for refunding Compulsory season meet entry fees is 30 days prior to the first day of a weekend competition. Full refunds will be given for any reason up to that date. No refunds are given for any reason within 30 days of the meet. Clubs failing to pay required entry fees will suffer the consequences of ill will created between the clubs even if the meet host has no recourse to enforce payment.

Optional and post-season Compulsory meets set their own refund to be published in their meet information. All State Meets – No refunds for any reason within 30 days of the first day of competition.

Score Reporting/Pro-Score

The official Wisconsin meet scoring program is *ProScore* (please update to the newest version prior to setting up your meet). Within 10 days after the competition, meet directors must email the *ProScore* transfer file to the State Competition Chairperson.

Meet directors failing to submit the *ProScore* transfer file within 10 days of the meet will not be eligible to be awarded a compulsory qualifier the following season.

(Go to www.usagymwi.com/proscore for list of abbreviated Wisconsin club names to be used in *ProScore*. Also listed under <http://www.usagymwi.com/wi-usa-gym-club-list/>)

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Compulsory Qualifier and State Meet Awards Guidelines

The Wisconsin guideline for awards is 50% of participants in each age group. Age groups with more than 24 gymnasts must be split for awards.

Team Awards

50% of participating teams up to 10 places. State banners ONLY are awarded for team places 1-3 at all State Meets including Xcel. Trophies or comparable awards approved by the State Administrative Committee must be given to 4th place through 50% of teams entered up to 10 places. No team score for Level 2.

Ties for 1st and 2nd Place at State Meets

In the event athletes tie for 1st or 2nd on an Individual Event or All-Around at the State Meet, duplicate gold or silver medals will be awarded. Both athletes will stand on the respective place on the awards podium.

Level 2

Achievement ribbons must be given for Individual Events using these guidelines:

- Blue Ribbon 9.0
- Red Ribbon 8.0
- White Ribbon 7.5
- Yellow Ribbon 7.0

Achievement ribbons for scores below 7.0 are at the discretion of the meet director.

Participation awards must be given to all participants. No additional awards are permitted.

State Meet Awards – Participation awards for all, achievement ribbons for Individual Events, plus USAG All Around medals. USAG AA Medals are based on a percentage of actual number of participants in each age group.

- Gold Medal 25%
- Silver Medal 25%
- Bronze Medal 50%

Based on meet results, announcer indicates what scores receives each medal.

Level 2 State Meet Awards							
Gymnasts	Gold = 25%	Silver = 25%	Bronze = 50%	Gymnasts	Gold = 25%	Silver = 25%	Bronze = 50%
1	1	0	0	16	4	4	8
2	1	1	0	17	4	5	8
3	1	1	1	18	4	5	9
4	1	1	2	19	5	5	9
5	1	2	2	20	5	5	10
6	1	2	3	21	5	6	10
7	2	2	3	22	5	6	11
8	2	2	4	23	6	6	11
9	2	3	4	24	6	6	12
10	2	3	5	25	6	7	12
11	3	3	5	26	6	7	13
12	3	3	6	27	7	7	13
13	3	4	6	28	7	7	14
14	3	4	7	29	7	8	14
15	4	4	7	30	7	8	15

Level 3

Achievement ribbons for State Qualifiers must be given for Individual Events using these guidelines:

- Blue Ribbon 9.0
- Red Ribbon 8.0
- White Ribbon 7.5
- Yellow Ribbon 7.0

Achievement ribbons for scores below 7.0 are at the discretion of the meet director.

Individual Event placement awards may NOT be given, however, AA awards ARE given to 50% of participants in each age group.

State Meet Awards - Medals for 50% of places for Individual Events and AA. Participation awards must be given to all participants. No achievement ribbons at State Meet.

Levels 4/5

Individual event and AA placement awards must be given to 50% of participants in each age group.

State Meet Awards – Medals for 50% of places for Individual Events and AA. Participation awards must be given to all participants.

Levels 6-10

State Meet Awards – Medals for 50% of places for Individual Events and AA. No participation awards.

Xcel

State Meet Awards – Medals for 50% of places for Individual Events and AA. No participation awards.

Wisconsin Regional Apparel

USAG-WI provides a leotard for all Level 8/ 9/10 Regional qualifiers. All Regional coaches receive a USAG-WI T-shirt.

Meet Entry Forms

Use **USAG Meet Reservation** (instructions at: www.usagymwi.com, under **Meet Info**, <http://www.usagymwi.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/How-to-Enter-a-USAGym-Meet-Using-USAgym-Meet-Reservation.pdf>) to enter meets, verify your information. After submitting your entry on the USAG Meet Reservation, print out your roster and send a check immediately to the host club. Do not submit a conflicting document when submitting entry fee.

If you need a Meet entry forms, it should be sorted first by **Level** then by **Age/Birth Date**. All entries must be typed. A PDF Entry Form that you can fill out on your computer can be downloaded at: www.usagymwi.com, under **Meet Info**, *USA Gymnastics Meet Entry Form*.

Meet Information

Hard copies of meet information do NOT need to be mailed to teams. The state web site posts the seasonal schedule under Wisconsin Gymnastics Calendars with links to the meet information. Clubs must supply the meet information/link to the webmaster, to be posted. www.USAG-WI.com

Meet Results

Meet directors must post their meet results online ASAP and provide a link to the state webmaster. **NOTE: USA Gymnastics requests ALL meet scores to be published on MyUSAgym.com** (instructions at: www.usagymwi.com under **Meet Directors**).

Level 2 results can be posted as an All-Around listing but not by Event placement. No team results are compiled for L-2.

Wisconsin Rules of Competition

Team competition is allowed at regular seasonal meets (State Meet Qualifiers) and at State Meet for all Levels except Level 2 and below. Team Score at State Meets is compiled using the top 3 individual scores per event regardless of age group or number of gymnasts entered per team. Meet directors establish Team Score parameters at regular seasonal meets, and include these in their pre-meet information. See **Meet Directors** section at www.usagymwi.com for meet planning.

Level 1 Competition

Level 1 competition may be conducted. No Level 1 State Meet will be held.

Level 2 Competition

Level 2 competition is conducted in the fall season. State Meet is held in conjunction with the Level 3-5 State Meet. Meets must be judged by at least 1 rated official per event during regular season meets and 2 judges at State Meet. Scores will be recorded and flashed. Meet formats according to USAGym Rules & Policies.

Level 3 Competition

Level 3 competition is conducted in the fall season. Meets must be judged by 2 judges per event during regular season meets and State Meet. *

***2020-21 exception – 1-judge panels for L3 qualifiers.**

Level 4 Competition

Level 4 competition is conducted in the fall season. State scheduled seasonal meets (State Meet Qualifiers) must be judged by 2-judge panels.*

***2020-21 exception – 1-judge panels for L4 qualifiers.**

Level 5 Competition

Level 5 competition is conducted in the fall season. State scheduled seasonal meets (State Meet Qualifiers) must be judged by 2-judge panels.

Xcel Competition

Xcel competition is conducted during both fall and winter/spring seasons with State Meet held in the spring. All Xcel divisions are hosted at Wisconsin Xcel State Meet. Seasonal meets must be judged by at least 1 rated official per event (minimum L-6/7/8); State Meet – 2 judges per event (minimum L-6/7/8). Xcel gymnasts may enter State Meet as Individual Event Specialists (IES). Declaration as IES must be made on the State Meet entry form by the published entry deadline.

Level 6-10 Optional Competition

Level 6-10 Optional competition is conducted in the winter/spring season. Level 6-10 may allow Individual Event Specialist competition. Specialists may qualify to State Meet with a 9.00 on that event (Level 10 graduating senior IES - 8.50). Declaration as a Specialist must be made on the State Meet entry form by the published entry deadline.

Level 3-5 State Meet Format

Level 2-5 State Meets are conducted together in the same weekend in an off-site facility. Modified Traditional or Modified Non-Traditional (Capitol Cup) are acceptable formats. Formats must be approved by SAC prior to creating a competition schedule.

Xcel State Meet Format

Xcel State Meet is to be held off-site Modified Traditional or Modified Non-Traditional (Capitol Cup) are acceptable formats. Formats must be approved by SAC prior to creating a competition schedule.

Level 6- 10 State Meet Format

Level 6-10 State Meet is to be held off-site Modified Traditional or Modified Non-Traditional (Capitol Cup) are acceptable formats. Formats must be approved by SAC prior to creating a competition schedule.

State Administrative Committee

The Wisconsin State Administrative Committee consists of the State Chairperson (tie-breaking vote only), five elected voting members, and other non-voting assigned or appointed positions. The guidelines for the composition of the voting members of the committee are:

- Not less than 1 judge
- Not less than 2 coaches
- No more than 1 voting coach per club affiliation

Committee Members serve 2 year terms beginning July 1 with elections being held on odd years. The State Chairperson serves 2 year terms beginning July 1 with elections being held on even years. Nominations take place from March 1 – March 14 each year with elections being conducted in April. Appointed positions are for a period of one year.

Club of the Year

The Club of the Year award is determined by a point system which uses team placement at the state meet at each level in a weighted formula to rank the clubs. The spreadsheet is available at www.usagymwi.com under **State Information**.

Contributor of the Year Criteria and Nominations

- Doesn't have to be a coach.
- Doesn't have to be from the nominator's club.
- Displays good sportsmanship, team spirit and ethics.
- Contributes to state efforts (camps, clinics, congresses, volunteer positions).
- Lifetime contribution may be considered.

Members may make one nomination based on the above criteria that must be submitted to the SACC from March 1 – March 15 each year. After all nominations are received, the SAC will return the vote to the membership to determine the Contributor of the Year. Voting will take place April 1-5 each year

Penalties for Violations of USA Gymnastics R&P and/or USA Gym-WI R&P

Reports of violations must be submitted in writing to the State Chairman by a USA Gymnastics Professional member. All concerned parties will be interviewed, and the State Administrative Committee will make a ruling. Penalties may range from \$25-\$500 fines and/or the loss of that club's eligibility to host a qualifier the next season.