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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
2022-23	Salto	Air Force	Altius - Gymfinity
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	Precision
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:

April 1 Level 2 -5
April 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
- **Meet Directors must use ProScore and either have someone on staff or hire someone outside to run scoring.**
- 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 is not a fee to run scoring or set up ProScore for the state meet.** 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.

- Level 2-5 qualifier meets fall season
 - Before Wisconsin State Meet in December (Xcel excluded)
 - Head tax is not assessed on Level 2-5 athletes at Level 6-10 or Xcel Invitationals
- Level 6-10 competitions winter season
- Xcel competitions winter season
 - Head tax is assessed for meets after Level 2-5 State Meet in December

- All mobility meets are subject to the head tax.
- All State Meets are exempt from 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 to Region 4. The balance of taxes collected remains with USAG-WI.

Meet directors make check payable to: **USAG–WI**
Send to: **Kathy Nelson–WI USAG**
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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

Age Divisions

Compulsory Qualifiers and State Meet Age Groups Levels 2-10 & Xcel

- Age groups are designated by age divided equally using a sliding scale creating approximately equal groups not exceeding 24 in a group.
- Age group designated as JRA, JRB, JRC, SRA, SRB...etc.
- 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.
- Invitationals may set their own age groupings per USA Gymnastics R&P. Refer to *Meet Director Handbook* at <http://www.usagymwi.com>.

State Meet Qualifying Scores

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| • Level 3 | 32.00 | • 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* | 9.0 Same as Regional Score | | |
| • L 10 Graduating Sr IES | 9.0 (Same for all level 6-10) | | |
| • Xcel IES | Participation in 1 seasonal meet or petition SAC | | |

* IES - Individual Event Specialist.

NOTE: Currently no provision for IES to petition for an extra 0.10 to qualify.

Meet Entry Fees

Fall Compulsories Qualifiers

- Level 2 \$60
- Level 3 \$60
- Level 4 \$60
- Level 5 \$60
- Xcel \$60
- Team Entry Fee – Compulsory Qualifiers only \$40.00

Winter invitations

- Level 6-10 TBD by Meet Director
- Xcel TBD by Meet Director
- Level 2-5 TBD by Meet Director

State Meet Entry Fees

- Level 2-5 State Meet \$85
- Level 6-10 State Meet \$95
- Xcel State Meet all Divisions \$85

Gate Admission Fees – Compulsory Qualifiers and All State Meets

Maximum spectator admission fees that may be charged per day. Prices must be on meet info.

- In Gym Compulsory Qualifiers
 - Adults (13-64) \$10
 - Children (5-12) \$8
 - Seniors (65+) \$8
- Off Site Compulsory Qualifiers & State Meets
 - Adults (13-64) \$20
 - Children (5-12) \$15
 - Seniors (65+) \$15
- Multi-day discount passes at meet director's discretion.

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.

Graduating Seniors: 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, Member Services, Forms. <https://usagym.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 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 entry from *USA Gymnastics*

Reservations System and mail with check to the host club or pay on 3rd party payment program.

State Meet Qualifiers/Entry Deadline

Compulsory and Xcel Bronze 2022 State Meet

- Qualification to the Compulsory State Meet must be achieved at an in-state, scheduled, seasonal meet adhering to Wisconsin guidelines and open to all USAG-WI clubs. **Note: Fall qualifiers must offer L2-5 and XB competition.**
- Or through petition to the SAC with scores.

The final State Meet qualifier and the State Meet entry deadline are 2 weeks prior to the meet.

Optional & Xcel State Meet

- All in-state and out-of-state meets may be used for State Meet Qualifiers.
- Enter on *USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System* minimum of 6 weeks before State Meet.
- Payment for State Meet should be made by this time.
- Enter additional gymnasts as they qualify at subsequent qualifiers.
- Late qualifiers
 - Gymnasts that qualify 2 weeks before state meet must have scores emailed to the State Meet director on Monday following the last qualifying meet.
 - Late qualifiers entry fees must be received by or postmarked that same Monday.
 - \$50 late fee per individual entry for entries received after this deadline.
- Optional and Xcel Individual Event Specialist (IES) entries must be designated at the time of State Meet Entry by emailing the Meet Director.

Since qualification to Level 2 State Meet is by participation in 2 seasonal meets and for Xcel is by participation in 1 seasonal, these levels may schedule a meet 1 week prior to State but their entries are subject to the above schedule.

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. Qualifiers and Invitationals may also charge this fee if it is published in their meet information.

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 provided they meet the Regional criteria.

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
- Must have attended 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

Level 6-10 State Meets and Xcel State Meets must use the same equipment manufacturer that is contracted for Regionals and Nationals.

Compulsory State Meet Equipment

Level 2-5 State Meets must use AAI equipment. Any exceptions must be submitted to the SAC for approval.

Entry Fee Refund Policy

The Wisconsin State policy for refunding Compulsory Qualifiers entry fees is 2 weeks 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 is 2 weeks of the meet.

Optional, Xcel & post-season Compulsory meets set their own refund policy to be published in their meet information.

All State Meets – No refunds for any reason within 2 weeks prior to the first day of the 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.

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/>

ProScore transfer file no longer needs to be submitted after meets since *MyUSAGym.com* provides all necessary qualification information.

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.

No Achievement Ribbons will be given for any level at Qualifiers or State Meet.

Level 2 Qualifiers

- Individual Events: Medals for 50% of participants in each age group.
- All Around: Medals for 100% of participants in each age group.
 - Top 50% receive placement Award
 - Bottom 50% receive a participation medal

Level 3-5 Qualifiers

- Individual Events: Medals for 50% of participants in each age group.
- All Around: 50% of participants in each age group receive placement award, either medal or trophy.

Level 2-5 State Meet Awards

- Individual Events: Medals for 50% of participants in each age group
- All Around: Medals for 100% of participants in each age group.
 - Top 50% receive placement medal
 - Bottom 50% awarded a **State Meet Qualification Medal**
- No additional participation awards

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.

State Meet 1st or 2nd place Ties

- Duplicate gold or silver medals are awarded for individual events and AA.
- Both athletes stand on the respective place on the awards podium.

State Meet Team Awards

State banners will be ordered by SACC for each level. No additional awards will be given. Place recognition will **only be announced** at State meet for 50% of teams up to 10 places.

- Level 2-8, **Bronze**, Silver, Gold & Platinum 1st-5th place Team Banners
- Level 9, 10 & Diamond 1st-3rd place Team Banners

Banner Colors

- Blue 1st place
- Red 2nd place
- White 3rd place
- Purple 4th place
- Pink 5th place

State Meet Medals Purchasing Policy

- State Meet director gives SACC the list of required medals.
- SACC orders the medals and has them invoiced and delivered to the State Meet director.
- The Competition Chair inventories surplus medals after State Meet and posts the balance on State web site.

- The State buys back the surplus medals and stores them at Gym Treasures.
- Surplus medals will NOT be bought back if event/placement labels are attached.
- Next State Meet director buys surplus medals from the State plus new medals.

Wisconsin Regional Apparel

- USAG-WI provides a leotard **and T-shirt** for all Level 8-10 Regional qualifiers. Wisconsin Level 8's compete as a Wisconsin team in each session, so it is highly recommended Level 8's wear the leotard for competition.
- All Regional coaches receive a USAG-WI T-shirt.
- Levels 6-7 and Xcel Silver-Diamond can purchase leotard & apparel.

NO Regional Championships for Xcel Bronze as of 2021-2022 season.

Meet Entry Forms

Use **USAG Meet Reservation**

- instructions at: www.usagymwi.com
- Submit your entry on the *USAG Meet Reservation*.
- Print out your roster and send a check immediately to the host club or pay on 3rd party payment program.
- Do not submit a conflicting document when submitting entry fee.

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. ALL meet scores to be published on *MyUSAgym.com*

No team results are compiled for L-2.

Wisconsin Rules of Competition

Team competition is allowed at regular seasonal meets 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.

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.

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. **Exception: In 2022-23 Xcel Bronze will conduct 2 State Meets, one in the fall in conjunction with L 2-5 State Meet, and one in the winter/spring season. This will be re-evaluated for the following season.**

All Xcel divisions are hosted at Wisconsin Xcel State Meet.

- Xcel gymnasts may enter State Meet as Individual Event Specialists, (IES).
- Declaration as IES must be emailed to the meet director upon State Meet entry by the published entry deadline.

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).

Level 6-10 Optional Competition

Level 6-10 Optional competition is conducted in the winter/spring season. Level 6-10 may allow IES competition.

- An IES may qualify to State Meet with a **score equal to the Regional qualifying score (9.0)** on that event.
- Declaration as IES must be emailed to the meet director upon State Meet entry by the published entry deadline.

STATE MEETS

Random Draw

Random draw is NOT used within squads at any State Meets. Team members within a squad are listed consecutively rather than randomized with other clubs. However, the drop down for event starters is adhered to, so entire teams will not always be consecutive on subsequent events.

Level 2-5 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 in Spring each year with elections being conducted in May. 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 April 1 – April 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 May 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.