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2009-10 GYMNASTICS

Changes from the 2008-09 Gymnastics Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

State Championships February 19-20, 2010
Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall

STATE MEET SCHEDULE

During the school years beginning with an odd number, the 2A/3A Meet will be conducted on Friday morning and the 4A Meet on Friday night. During the school years beginning with an even number, the 4A Meet will be conducted on Friday morning and the 2A/3A Meet on Friday night.

State Meet Equipment AAI Bars extra-wide bars Floor
AAI Vaulting Table AAI Reflex Beam

Allocations - All-around qualifiers will be from schools which do not qualify teams. Individual event qualifiers will be gymnasts who have not qualified in the all-around allocations and will be from schools which do not qualify teams. Allocations will not be exceeded unless a tie occurs at the last allowable qualifying place. In the event of injury to a qualified competitor, the position will not be filled.

Passes **1 per competitor, with a maximum of 12 passes per team**
3 designated school personnel (coaches, managers, athletic trainer, statisticians, etc)
1 supervisor

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE - Gymnasts must compete in an event in order to qualify to compete in the next level of competition.

QUALIFYING AND STATE MEET COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

1. Current WIAA Rule Book for Gymnastics will be used at all Qualifying and State Meet Competition. Any exceptions will be distributed accordingly.
2. **Team Composition:** A team consists of six competitors per event, including any all-around competitors, with five (5) scores counting, with a maximum of twelve competitors per team.
 - a. All team support personnel (i.e. coaches, assistant coaches, managers, medical personnel, etc) are expected to dress in professional attire at all times while on the competitive floor or warm-up area.

- b. All athletes are expected to **wear only their official team leotard or team sweats** while on the competitive floor or warm-up area, including the march in, march out and awards ceremonies. **Athletes in street clothes or other non-gymnastics attire will not be allowed onto the competitive floor or into the warm-up area.** Coaches and medical personnel must have a visible WIAA credential in order to be allowed onto the competitive floor or warm-up area.
3. Team substitutions are permitted; once a gymnast is substituted, she is out of the event only.

Once a contestant has qualified for an event, participation is required in that event at the District, Regional and/or State Championship meet. If the contestant does not compete then the contestant will be disqualified from the rest of the meet and the team shall forfeit all individual and team points earned in any event.

4. **Entries and Registration:** The Meet Director of each of the state qualifying meets will compile the list of qualifiers for the State meet and phone, fax or mail them to the State Meet Director immediately following the qualifying meet.

5. **Order of Competition**

- a. The rotation order of individual competitors will be determined by the tournament manager.
- b. The event order for each team session will be determined by a draw. The order of competitors on each team will be determined by the coach.
- c. All-Around and Individual Event Qualifiers will be divided into equal groups at the discretion of the meet director with competitors from the same school grouped together. The event order for the competition groups within each session will be drawn. The order of individual competition will be drawn for the first events. No gymnast will be required to perform first on more than one event or be first on an event if she was last on the previous event.

6. **Scoring**

- a. Team Scores will be determined by adding the five (5) top scores from the six (6) competitors for each team per event: vault, bars, beam, floor.
- b. Individual Event Scores: Judges may score to the nearest hundredth (0.00). The placement in the individual events will be determined by average for each competitor. All ties will advance to the next level of competition with the scores carried out to the nearest thousandth (0.000).
- c. Individual Event Averages - Each judge will compute his/her own start value. The score for an individual event will be determined from the judges' scores. All judges' scores (whether 2, 3 or 4) must be within specified ranges.
- d. All-around totals will be determined by adding the average scores of the four all-around events (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise).

7. **Scoring Procedure**
 - a. Entry cards shall be given to the coach of each competing team (one card for each event). Entry cards will be given to the event score tables prior to competition.
 - b. Master Score Table - This table shall be isolated from spectators and other interference. The Master Scorer's duties are to:
 1. Receive and check the accuracy of all event cards.
 2. Record results on event score sheets.
 3. Determine team scores for each event and record on the final result sheet.
 4. Determine the top sixteen (16) gymnasts (by their scores) to advance to the finals in the 16 entry tournament. Determine the top eight (8) gymnasts (by their scores) to advance to the finals in the 8 entry tournament.
 5. Duplicate result sheets for coaches and meet referee.
 - c. Inquiries: Score inquiries are permitted in accordance with the WIAA Rule Book for Gymnastics.
8. **Jury of Appeals:** The jury of appeals will be composed of the Meet Director, Meet Referee (President of Jury,) Head Judge, a neutral Judge and a neutral coach.
9. **Selection of Judges**
 - a. There shall be two (2) judges per event.
 - b. The Meet Referee and all officials will be selected by the WIAA. The selections of the judges will be based on the WIAA Selection Procedure (it is recommended that all judges hold a minimum rating of Level 9 State Meet Qualifications as given by USA Gymnastics.)
10. The New Move Evaluation Form is required on the floor. This New Move Evaluation Form is given to the Meet Referee for pre-meet discussion. A copy should be kept by the coach to verify the actual difficulty attempted while his/her gymnast performs.
11. **Results** will be available after each session and at the conclusion of the meet.
12. **Meet Packets:** Each coach is encouraged to pick up the team packet at the coaches' meeting.
13. **Flash photography is prohibited** during the state meet. After appropriate warning announcements have been made, violators may be asked to leave the facility by the Meet Manager and/or Meet Referee.
14. **Programs:** It is each coaches responsibility to submit team photos and rosters by the published deadline. Souvenir programs may be purchased at the State meet. One copy shall be included in each coach's packet.

15. **Awards** - The awards presentation schedule may be changed at the discretion of the meet manager.

Friday – Team, all-around and academic awards will be presented.

Saturday - Individual awards will be presented at the conclusion of competition.

Ties - In case of ties, all contestants will receive the appropriate place award.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES & ETHICS

1. Coaches are expected to conduct themselves with decorum and self-control at all times.
2. If a coach persists in unruly conduct or inappropriate behavior, he or she may be warned. The team or individual gymnast from that team may receive a 0.3 deduction for each misconduct following the official warning. The Meet Referee at the qualifying or State meets and the Head Judge at the dual, tri and quad meets shall make the deduction.
3. Consistent misconduct will result in the coach being removed from the competitive floor by the Meet Referee or Meet Manager.
4. Coaches are not to approach the scoring table at any time during the competition to ask for scores. This request should be handled by the Meet Manager.

Participant Information for State Meet Announcer

Collect pertinent information regarding your team/individuals -- information such as years an individual has competed, highest past scores or all-around average, other relatives involved in gymnastics, past records, injuries and/or comebacks, etc. Be prepared to turn in this data sheet to the State Meet Manager on the first day of competition.