

24-25 Rules & Policies

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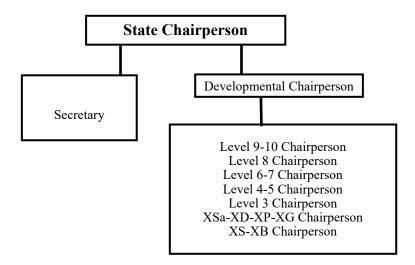
State Meet - Dates Host	Qualifying Score USA Gym Sanctioned Meet with 2 Judge Panel	Last Day to Qualify Level Declaration Date& Out of State Scores Submitted	Entry Deadline (Submitted Online) using USA Gym Reservation System	Payment Deadline (Post Marked by)
4-5 State Xcel Bronze State X-Caliber Adventure Com- mons	34.00 AA Le 4,5 35.00 AA Xcel Bronze	February 27, 2022	\$85 Entry Fee on or before 2/28/2022, \$135 After 2/28/2022 10pm	Post Marked After 3/4/2022 \$135 per gymnast
3/14-1/16 2025				
3-9-10 State LGA Waukegan Field House	34.00 AA 3 32.00 AA Level 9-10 8.75 IES 9-10	March 6, 2022	3 \$85, 9-10 \$95 Entry Fee on or before 3/7/2022, 3 \$135, 9-10 \$145 After 3/7/2022 10pm	Post Marked After 3/11/2022 3 \$135, 9-10 \$145 per gymnast
3/21-3/23 2025			-	
6-7-8 State EnerGym DeK- alb H.S. 3/28- 3/30 2025	34.50 AA Level 6-7 33.00 AA Level 8 8.75 IES	March 13, 2022	\$95 Entry Fee on or before 3/14/2022, \$145 After 3/14/2022 10pm	Post Marked After 3/18/2022 \$145 per gymnast
XS-XG-XP-XD State Gym Etc. Hor- ton Field House	35.00 AA XS-XG 33.00 AA XP-XD 8.75 IES XS-XG-XP-XD	March 20, 2022	XB-XS-XG \$85 , XP-XD \$95 Entry Fee on or before 3/21/2022, XB-XS -XG \$135 , XP-XD \$145 After 3/21/2022 10pm	Post Marked After 3/25/2022 XB-XS-XG \$135, XP-XD \$145 per gymnast
4/4/4/6 2025 9-10 Regional				
Michigan 4/10-4/13 2025			Due at the State Meet Bring a Club Check	
6-7-8 Regional				
Illinois			Due at the State Meet Bring a Club Check	
4/25-4/27/2025				
XS-XG-XP-XD Regional Indiana 5/6-8/2022			Due at the State Meet Bring a Club Check	
9 Eastern 5/2-5/4/2025 Michigan			Due at Regional Bring Club Check	
DP National 5/12-15/2022			Due at Regional Bring Club Check	

^{*} The last qualifying date for each level is also the last date to submit out of state scores.

^{*} The last qualifying date for each level is also the last date to enter IES Gymnasts.

^{*} After the entry deadline the club is responsible for paying for all gymnasts on roster.

Illinois Organizational Chart



Illinois State Hotline

Members are encouraged to contact the appropriate Committee member to discuss any questions, concerns, or problems that arise. Professional members are strongly advised against contacting Regional or National Officers with matters that can be resolved within the State. .

Professional members may contact the appropriate Level /Division Chairperson, . If the Level/Division Chairperson cannot answer your question, he or she will contact the Development Chairperson, If the Development Chairperson cannot assist you, she/he will in turn contact the State Chairman.

Illinois Committee Website (See website for the most up-to-date information.)

The Illinois Online Website is produced for your enlightenment. It contains very important information and is the most expedient and effective way the State Committee can communicate with the professional member. Please read and refer back to them easily and often.

State Congress 2025 State Congress September 21-22 EnerGym

Specific education for the following disciplines:

Pre-School Recreation Competitive Gymnastics Tumbling Special Interest Activities

ELECTED (VOTING) POSITIONS					
STATE CHAIRPERSON	Development CHAIRPERSON	LEVEL 9-10 CHAIRPERSON			
Norbert Bendixen	Cyndi Zimmerman	Shane Sanders			
(847) 334-7768	(630) 664-5530	(847) 757-1286			
E-mail: NorbertIL@aol.com Term Expires 6/2026	E-mail: cyndiz1167@gmail.com Term Expires 6/2025	E-mail: shane64gym@gmail.com Term Expires 6/2025			
XG-XP-XD CHAIRPERSON	LEVEL 8 CHAIRPERSON	LEVEL 6/-7 CHAIRPERSON			
Cindy Morano	Sari Engle	TBA			
(773)550-1385					
Email: Term Expires 6/2026	E-mail: xcalmeetdirector@gmail.com Term Expires 6/2026				
LEVEL 4/-5 CHAIRPERSON	LEVEL 3 CHAIRPERSON	XB-XS CHAIRPERSON			
Andrew Morreale	Brad Tubbs	Beth Boshold			
(815) 899-6424 E-mail: MRENER- GYM@comcast.net	(309) 663-8413	(630)750-4894			
Term Expires 6/2026	E-mail: coachtubbs1@aol.com Term Expires 6/ 2025	E-mail: beth@lga-gymnastics.com Term Expires 6/2025			
	SECRETARY				
	Mary Lou Achman				
	(630) 606-1482				
	Email: Mlouackman@yahoo.com Term Expires 6/2026				
A	DVISORY (NON-VOTING) POSITIONS	,			
IL NAWGJ STATE CHAIRPER- SON					
Heather Forbes					
(224)595-3455 E-mail: ilsjdheather@gmail.com					

Election Procedures Illinois USA Gymnastics Committee

The election of the USA Gymnastics Illinois State Administrative Committee members is done on a staggered year system in May-June of every year. Each elected member:

- A. Serves for a two-year term
- B. Has 1 vote

2026 2028 30

C. Must be nominated (must first have permission to be nomnated)

The election of the Committee will follow the format below:

2020, 2020,30	2023, 2027, 2027
Level 6,7,8 Chairperson	Development Program Chairperson
Level 4-5 Chairperson	Level 9-10 Chairperson
XG-XP-XD-XSa Chairperson	Level 3 Chairperson
Secretary	XB-XS Chairperson

2025 2027 2029

Nomination requests will be posted online in June 1-15. Any nomination form not filed out completely will be disqualified. Please make sure that EVERY piece of information is filled out so that the nomination will be valid. If only one person is nominated for a particular position, the State Chairman will cast the deciding vote on the person nominated.

Election will be held on line June 16—30 using the Download email addresses via USA Gymnastics portal. Competitive Coaches, Judges, Owners, Managing Directors with the USA Gymnastics as of June 1st will receive a personal link. The election will use the Election program "Election Buddy", thr Link will be removed from on line at 10:00 PM of the last day to vote. The only person who sees the results is the Regional Chair. Regional Chair will report results to State Chairman.

Appointed committee positions are non-voting. They serve the committee in an advisory capacity for a period of one year, after which time they can be re-appointed on a yearly basis.

Development Chairperson Requirements

- 1) Complete knowledge of both Illinois and USA Gymnastics Rules & Policies and Operating Code.
- Able to make decisions in support and in the best interest of the entire USA Gymnastics program, regardless of their personal interests and affiliations.
- 3) Over-see the Level / Division Chairs, in the planning of their State Series meets.
- 4) Over see the Track the awards required at each level/division.
 - A. Order awards
 - B. Distribute awards to Meet Directors
 - C. Keep track of Financials relating to the Awards
 - D. Be present and able to assist as the State Series meets
 - E. If Level / Division has a regional meet in Illinois

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- i) Help to make sure the Regional personnel are up to date with all information needed
- Ii) Be at the meet if needed to help
- 5) Annual Awards Banquet Invites, Registration, Program, Awards, facility,
- 6) Oversee Regional Leotard distribution
- 7) Oversee the /tracking of Scores
- 9) Access to a computer
- A. Must have Microsoft Office since most of the communications that are sent between the state committee are in that format
- 10) A secure email address (no one else has access)
- 11) Able to attend all Committee meeting, of which there are usually 3 to 4 a year. These meeting generally occurs during weekdays.
- 12) To exercise the understanding that this position has many areas of confidentiality
- 13) Must have held a Prior committee Position
- 14) Sign a yearly Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest agreement provided by USA Gymnastics
- 15) Be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics

Level /Division Chairperson's Requirements

- 1) Be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics
- Knowledge of both Illinois and USA Gymnastics Rules & Policies and Operating Code.
- 3) Able to make decisions in support and in the best interest of the entire USA Gymnastics program, regardless of their personal interests and affiliations Have a footprint interest in the Level/Division (working knowledge of said Level/Division
- Be the State Chairperson for their particular level / division
- 5) Track athletes "in" and "out" of their specific level / division. This means Scores (in State and Out of State) as well as Eligibility of athletes in Level/Division
- 6) Level/Division Petitions: Work within the Triangle (State Chairperson, Development Program Chairperson, and Level/Division Chairperson) in determination of Athlete readiness (View printed as well as Video)
- 7) Must be present and assist in the State Meet Series
 - A. Work with the Development Chairperson & Meet Director to ensure that the meet run according to all of the rules that apply
 - B. Establish age groups for level
- 8) Level 6/7/8/9/10/ Division XS/XG/XP/XD/XSa
 - A. Keep the Regional and National personnel updated with all necessary information
 - B. Be present at the Regional Meet held in Illinois if possible.
- 9) Help with the State Banquet, State Congress and State Training Camps is appreciated
- 10) Have access to a computer
- A. Must have Microsoft Office (including Excel- since most of the communications that are sent between the State Committee is sent in that format
- 11) Have a secure email address
- 12) Sign a yearly Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest agreement provided by USA Gymnastics
- 13) Able to attend all Committee meeting, of which there are usually 3 to 4 a year. These meeting generally occurs during weekdays.

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Secretary's Requirements

- Knowledge of both Illinois and USA Gymnastics Rules & Policies and Operating Code.
- 2) Able to make decisions in support and in the best interest of the <u>entire USA Gymnastics program</u>, regardless of their personal interests and affiliations.
- 3) Keeper of the State Records, Agendas, Newsletter, Minutes of meetings.
- 4) Facilitate the retrieval of Regional Leotard sizes, work with Development Chair in Dissemination
- 4) Access to computer
- a. Must have Microsoft Office since most of the communications that are sent between the state committee are in that format
- 5) A secure email address
- 6) Help with the State Banquet, State Congress and State Training Camps
- 7) Able to attend all Committee meeting, of which there are usually 3 to 4 a year. These meeting generally occurs during weekdays.
- 8) To exercise the understanding that this position has many areas of confidentiality
- 9) Prior Committee Position is strongly suggested
- 10) Sign a yearly Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest agreement provided by USA Gymnastics
- 11) Be a member in good standing of USA Gymnastics



^{*}An individual may hold more than one membership type, **Additional education requirements may be required based on the discipline that the coach or judge participates in.

Illinois State Awards Banquet

Each year we host an Awards Banquet to honor our Seniors and the athletes from our state for their accomplishments that year.

Our invited guests, for which there is no charge, include:

All Graduating SENIORS Athletes from all levels

Illinois Elite Athletes & Hopes athlete that compete at Hope Champiobships

Development Level 10 National Qualifiers

Eastern Level 9 Qualifiers

TOPS National Team Members

State and Regional All-Around Champions

1 coach per gym for the above honored athletes

Life Time Achievement Award recipients

Those also invited to attend, for which a banquet fee will be charged, include:

Coaches of athletes (Additional)

Illinois Professional Members

Life Time Achievement Award guests

Family members & Guests

Petition for Gymnasts outside the USAG System

Please follow the procedures listed on the Illinois Petition Form.

Illinois Petition Form (Link)

Please make sure to email to the following Chairs:

State Chairperson

Development Chairperson

Appropriate Level/Division Chairperson (for the level/division the gymnast is petitioning to)

If petition is between Xcel and Development please include both Level/Division Chairpersons

Mandate Scores

In the State of Illinois, we do not have mandate scores. A gymnast is not required to move to another Level/Xcel Division when she has reached a certain score. The National Office will not support mandate scores because a gymnast should not be forced to compete at a Level / Xcel Division for which she is not ready.

Event Specialists

In Illinois an event specialist for Development / Xcel, check the competitive summary for qualification requirements to state. Known Event Specialist please fill out and enter your athletes into state series meets as usual.

The last an athlete can determine their All-around-Event Status at state Championship is by the **end of the COACHES** Meeting of the Session the Athlete is competing.

Illinois Meet Scheduling (See Website For Procedure and Dates)

Requests for Judges

Go to ILNAWGJ website for GymJas link form.

Illinois State Series Competition Information Entry Requirements

Gymnast who enter a State Series Competition have determined their Level /Division for that competitive year and may not drop back or compete at the next level unless they re-qualify for the next level.

All Gymnasts Entered on the Reservation system

- Cancelled Prior to Entry Deadline and not financially responsible
- Those not removed are FINACIALLY responsible regardless of reason (Exception those injured with Doctors note)

All Development 5,6,7,8,9, 10 and Xcel gymnasts Platinium, Diamond, Sapphire must qualify to state using a 2 judge per panel score.

Update a motion was made and passed in the May 21, 2024 minutes to allow one judge panels to qualify to state for Bronze, Silver, L3 and L4.

Out of State Scores—for State Meet Qualification and Mobility (link) to form. Coaches or Administrators that wish to use their athletes out of state score for Qualification to State must submit by the State Entry Deadline or will be considered Late and receive a Late Fee.

Coaches are responsible for submitting out of state scores that are to be used for both mobility and/or state meet qualifica-

If scores are coming from out of state meets, please acquire a link to the scores either via Meet Websire, Myusagym.org or Meetscores.com

We are tracking all gymnasts for mobility, therefore scores must be provided in order for us to properly track the athletes. If this is not done the athletes cannot be entered in the State Series for the level that they may have advanced to.

How to Report an Out of State Score

Must be done prior or at the same time as entry deadline / declaration date Please identify scores of meet that you wish to use on the meet website Copy and pasting the exact URL (every page or groups of has an address)

Please email out of state scores to: outofstatescores@ilusagymnastics.com

Make sure to include the gymnasts USAGym number, name, level etc.

Failure to do so Enter for Athlete out of state score will be considered LATE

ILUSA Gymnastics Meet Directors Post Meet Sanction & Score Reports

Must be completed within 72 hours following the finish of the meet!

- Scan copies of the following pages (Sanction Report Form-Judges SignIn-Coaches SignIn-Coach/Judge On-Site Registration Sign In-Meet Referee Report Form) and all signed scores email to: meetscans@ilusagymnastics.com
- Electronic copies of meet scores Exported in excel spreadsheet email to scoretracker@ilusagymnastics.com (If you do not send electronic you must pay \$1.00 per gymnast extra)

Mail a hard copy of the sanction report form and \$2.00 per gymnast payable to: Region 5 mail to

Dave Stiles 105 Woodland Carmel IN 46302

- Mail a hard copy of the sanction report form and \$1.00 per gymnast payable to: ILUSA Gymnastics Mail to Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman, 208 Muller Rd., Washington, IL 61571
- 2. Mail a copy of all sanction pages to

Cyndi Zimmerman, 1167 Milburn Ct., Naperville, IL 60540

3. Email sanction to **sanctions@usagym.** or or mail to address on your sanction.

Make sure to fill out the sanction report form fully including the number of participants. Mark 1 or 2 judge panels and also what format was used.

Reminder: All coaches, all judges, medical and Photographers must be entered on the Reservation System. Please refer to the National Rules and Policies and also the Illinois State Rules and Policies for more information. All scratches must also be entered on the reservation system at the end of the competition

State Meet Bids

To bid on an Illinois State Meet, an official bid form must be completed for each State Meet a club wants to host and submitted to the State Chair by the deadline listed on the form. Bid forms can be found on the State website. State meet hosts will be determined by the Committee at their meeting.

Criteria For Selection of State Meet

- 1. Meets Venue Requirements Outside Facility
 - a. Space available to hold a minimum of a Modified Capitol Cup Set-Up with 2 sets of equipment. (including 2 floors) unless a 2 Gym System the 1 floor per Gym and (<u>recommended Strip per gym</u>)
 - b. Ample seating and parking for spectators
 - c. Separate area for awards or ample time to have them on the floor
 - d. Judges meeting room
 - e. Handicap and Accessible restrooms
 - f. Space available on Thursday for set-up and all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 2. Awareness of geographical location
- 3. Host hotel convenient to meet site
- 4. Club support group large enough to staff meet
- 5. Follows USA Gymnastics and Illinois Rules and Policies
- 6. Type of equipment to be used. For Level/Divisions with Regionals must use AAI. Does equipment meet R&P specs?
- 7. Hospitality for judges and coaches.
- 8. Scoring system/ display to be used.
- Medical provided for warm-up and competition in accordance to NEW USA Gymnastics guidelines... <u>DEDICATED</u>
 Medical for lower levels Required
- 10. Past experience in hosting out of house invitational and/or state meets
- 11. Host in good standing with State Administrative Committee
- 12. State bids must include Complete Venue Layout (to include dimensions for Separate Awards areas, Judge and Coaches Hospitality number of restrooms etc.), Competition Layout with complete Dimensions and Equipment placement. State meet bids are awarded based on the information provided.
- 13. If for any reason, once bids have been accepted, the bid details change; Venue, layout, equipment, meet director etc. a bid form MUST BE <u>resubmitted</u> with the Changes and submitted to the State Chairperson. The Illinois Administrative committee will review and accept Changes and if not accepted put out for rebid.

Illinois State Series Championship Info

Admission Fee for State Series Competitions

\$15 per person

Children (10 and under) **§10**

Under 3 Free

Athletes with USA Gymnastics Membership card present Free

Military and Seniors \$10

Admission to event is valid for entire Day

Illinois Injury Petition Procedure

Petitions must be submitted *online* on the completed State Injury Petition Form, including all required information.

Judge Selection Procedure: Nationals & Regionals Championships

The ultimate responsibility of selecting judges lies with the USAG Committee (State & Regional) as per National R&P.

- The Illinois USA Gymnastics Administrative Committee will use all forms of information that is available to them in assisting them in recommending the Judges for Regional Championships each year
 - i. PIF (Professional Involvement Form) submitted by each individual Judge
 - ii. Regional Recommendation Form
 - Written Information provided by Illinois NAWGJ information derived from the NAWGJ GYMJAS assigning program
 - iv. Verbal communication via ILNAWGJ SJD attendance at the meeting during general discussion and answering questions submitted to her
 - v. Written and Verbal communication from Professional Members throughout the year
 - vi. "Best Judge" for level/division will also be a consideration

b. Regional Recommendation List 1-25 from State, as asked for by Regional Committee

- i. Illinois State Administrative Committee members receives a list (in an Excel Format) of all Judges, directly from the Regional Web administrator, from the information supplied by each Judge, that
 - 1. List <u>alphabetical and **not Availability Specific**</u> (requested this way By Regional so that if availability changed in the course of the year they would still have the recommended information (per their PIF forms) and
- ii. 1 lists will be established with consideration that the top 1-5 National/ Eastern because it is the committees opinion that some judges are more versed Development vs Xcel, Those Committee members that are directly involved (judges that are marked available to judge Regionals, spouses etc RECUSSED themselves from the Recommendation procedure 1-25 for the Development Regionals Level 6-10 and 1-18 for Xcel
- jj. Procedure
 - 1. General Discussion (in person or electronic) regarding judges ranking by All Committee members then
 - 2. Eligible Committee (voting) members ranked the judges using the above information by placing them in order 1-18 and rest received 19 Independent of each other (1 put next to the judge they selected to be #1, #2, #3 etc)
- iv. This will be using an Excel column either in person or electronic keeping voting individual confidential and also that State Chair only know final number
- v. Total is calculated via equation in EXCEL and sorted Low to High
- vi. Results of the 2 Lists, 1-18, then sent to RJD and RACC

Illinois State Judges Selection Procedures

Judges Selection meeting is a closed meeting, following the format listed below:

The Illinois USA Gymnastics Administrative Committee will use all forms of information that is available to them in assisting them in selection / ranking of the Judges for State Series meets each year

The Illinois USA Gymnastics Administrative Committee will use all forms of information that is available to them in assisting them in ranking of the Judges for Regional meets each year

PIF (Professional Involvement Form) submitted by each individual Judge Illinois Form

Regional Rank Form provided by the Region

Written Information provided by Illinois NAWGJ information derived from the NAWGJ GYMJAS assigning program

Written and Verbal communication from "Professional Members" throughout the year

"Best Judge" for level will also be a consideration

State Meet Voting Selection Procedure

The State Committee will then employ a "blind voting system" to select the judges for each state meet. Each eligible voting member will electronically enter their selection into an Excel document and In a one-by-one fashion, each eligible voting member will place a #1 next to the name of each judge they want on the respective state meet and immediately hid their column (selections).. This process is then repeated until every eligible voting member has had the opportunity to enter their selections. The State Chairman will then review the tallied results by un-hiding the **Total Column only** to determine the list of judges and the alternates for the state meet. In the event of a tie, the same process will be employed to break the tie. Once the official list of judges has been established the Meet Ref for that state meet will be chosen. The exact same process is then repeated until judges have been selected for all the state meets.

State Judges Discussion Selection Procedure

General Discussion regarding all State Series meets Voting Members and Non Voting Members are present

This will_include deciding the order of State Series meets that we will use in Selection, though we will always begin with the Level 9, 10 Series

State Discussion Voting Members ONLY Division: Platinum, Diamond, Level: 9, 10 State Meet

Recused for this discussion are those that are Committee members that are

Eligible/Available to Judge

Non-voting members

Vote using Blind Vote system

Judges and Spouses Eligible/Available will not be able to vote or part of Discussion

The Previous Procedure will be used for all the State Series meets until all State Series Meets have been Judge Selected

Illinois Sub-Committees

State Judges Event Assignments Sub committee

Development Chairperson, Level/Division Chair, Meet Referee

State Series Award Sub Committee

Shane Sanders, Cyndi Zimmerman and State Administrative Committee Chairpersons not bidding on a competition **Leotard Sub Committee**

Development Chairperson (Cyndi), Secretary (Mary Lou), Cindy Morano, Kim Bendixen

Awards Banquet Sub Committee

Cyndi Zimmerman, Cindy Morano, Kim Bendixen,

State Congress Sub Committee

Andy Morreale, Shane Sanders, Christi Kearns

Lifetime Achievement Award Sub Committee

Norbert Bendixen, (facilitator) All Former Recipients that wish to participate in Voting and Selection

Senior Award Sub Committee