



Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on June 11, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bollingbrook, IL. Norbert Bendixen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting was for the Illinois Women's Committee to award the 2026 State Meet Series bids.

**In attendance:**

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairperson  
Cyndi Zimmerman, Development Chairperson  
Shane Sanders, Level 9/10 Chairperson  
Sari Engle, Level 6/7/8 Chairperson  
Andy Morreale, Level 4/5 Chairperson  
Brad Tubbs, Level 3 Chairperson  
Cindy Morano, Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire Chairperson  
Beth Boshold, Xcel Bronze/Silver Chairperson  
Mary Lou Ackman, Secretary

A motion was made to ensure that once the state meet bids are made public, all interested clubs will have a minimum of 30 days to submit their bid(s) to host.

Motion: Sari Engle  
Second: Brad Tubbs  
All in Favor: Yes  
Passed

**Meet Director's Manual**

A comprehensive Meet Director's Manual is currently being developed using input gathered from all level chairs. This manual will outline the exact requirements for hosting a state meet and will be made available on the Illinois website and distributed via email. The goal is to ensure that any club submitting a bid for a state meet is fully informed of the expectations and procedures.

Sari Engle has compiled the initial information and forwarded it to Cyndi Zimmerman. Cyndi will distribute the draft to all committee members. Each member is asked to review and provide their input within two weeks of receipt.

Once finalized, the manual will become an official part of the state meet bid form and process. In addition, we plan to host an annual Zoom meeting with all meet directors and coaches to review and explain the procedures outlined in the manual, ensuring consistency and clarity across all meets.

### **Judge Volunteers**

The ILUSAG committee requests that all judges volunteering at a meet, whether it is an educational mentoring judge, a timer, inputter, practicing judge etc., wear professional attire but not the NAWGJ uniform.

### **2026 State Meet Series Bids Awarded**

**Levels Bronze/4/5: March 6 – 8, 2026 – Ultimate Gymnastics/Vernon Hills Gymnastics – Waukegan Fieldhouse**

**Vote: All in Favor**

**Levels 3/9/10: March 13 – 15, 2026 – Libertyville Gymnastics – Waukegan Fieldhouse**

**Vote: All in Favor**

**Levels 6/7/8: March 20 – 23, 2026 – Gymnastics Etc. – Adventure Commons**

**Vote: All in Favor**

**Xcel Levels: Gold, Platinum, Diamond, Sapphire: March 27 – 29, 2026 (two gym system) – Flipstars – McCook Athletic**

**Vote: Yes 3; No 2; Abstained 2**

**Xcel Level Silver: April 10 – 12, 2026 – Xcalibur Gymnastics – Adventure Commons**

**Vote: Yes: 3; No 2: Abstained 1**

### **Illinois State Congress**

There will be no Illinois State Congress this year (2025).

### **Matting at State Meet**

In reference to Mike Regula's letter regarding matting and the safety of the gymnasts, a motion was made, effective immediately, equipment companies must provide the following matting:

1 – 7x10 8" mat per event

Or

2 – 7x10 4" mats per event; for a total of 3 – 4" mats at each event

This is for the athlete's safety and will be required at state meets levels 6 through 10 and Xcel Gold, Platinum, Diamond, and Sapphire.

Motion: Brad Tubbs

Second: Beth Boshold

All in Favor: Yes

Passed

A motion was made to make all the state meet entry fees the same across the board (each level). The entry fee will be \$115 with a late fee of \$50, \$165.

Motion: Cyndi Zimmerman

Second: Sari Engle

All in Favor: Yes

Passed

A motion was made to keep the declaration date the same; the last qualifying weekend (3 weeks before State Meet).

Motion: Shane Sanders

Second: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor: Yes

Passed

A motion was made to keep the state meet qualifying scores to same for all levels.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Cindy Morano

All in Favor: Yes

Passed

A motion was made to require a two judge panel to qualify to state meet at every level; a one judge panel may continue to be used at move up meets.

Motion: Cyndi Zimmerman

Second: Cindy Morano

Vote: Yes 4; No 1; Abstained 1

Passed

A motion was made that all Illinois gymnasts must earn their qualifying score at an in state meet except for Levels 8, 9 and 10.

Motion: Andy Morreale

Second: Sari Engle

Vote: Yes 6; Abstained 1

Passed

A subcommittee has been formed to develop a scholarship fund in honor of Ron Nasti, recognizing his lasting impact on the gymnastics community. The subcommittee will be responsible for establishing the criteria, application process, and funding structure. The subcommittee will consist of the following members:

Shane Sanders

Andy Morreale

Beth Boshold

Sari Engle

Jessica Holtz

The Illinois USAG Committee banquet is June 22, 2025.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via zoom.

Meeting adjourned by Norbert Bendixen at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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