



Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2025

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on September 3, 2025 via zoom. Norbert Bendixen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

In attendance:

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairperson
Jessica Holtz, 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

NEW VAULT EQUIPMENT

Norbert Bendixen received a call asking how Illinois was going to address the new "springier" vault table that may be used this season in various invitational meets. He reached out to 2 states (that the caller mentioned, as to who might have addressed this and how they were handling). He received an answer from one. The committee discussed if this would be required at IL State meets, but tabled the discussion until Norbert gathers additional information. Norbert heard clarifying statements made at the State Chairs Workshop that this table top will NOT be used at Dev. Nationals &/or Easterns. He's awaiting the Regional committee to address if it will be used at Regionals.

OUT OF STATE SCORES

A motion was made to **rescind** the committee's motion June 11, 2025 that read: 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.

The committee will allow out of state qualifying scores for the 2025/2026 season. The committee will evaluate how the new reporting system (Google form) & strict entry deadline improves score verification for Level Chairs.

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

A motion was made to require all out of state scores be submitted by Google form by the entry deadline date. Entry will be considered **late and a late fee assessed**, if Google form is incomplete.

An automatic confirmation email will be generated for proof of submission.

Motion: Sari Engle
Second: Shane Sanders
All in Favor: Yes
Passed

Further information on the out of state scores Google form is forthcoming.

2026 R5 ILLINOIS LEOTARD CONTEST

The Committee voted on the leotard contest entries and agreed on Allie Aguirre's submission. We will ask her to add the R5 emblem.

STATE SERIES MEET DIRECTOR'S MANUAL

Final additions to the State Series Meet Director's Manual were discussed, including organizing information for easy access. We discussed the blind draw which will be done on ProScore and overseen by the Level Chairs, Developmental Chair, State Chair and Meet Directors. Our first annual zoom meeting for state series meet directors will be held Oct. 1, 2025 at 1030am. Norbert is checking on State Series meet directors' availability.

R5 ILLINOIS REGIONAL LEOTARDS

The committee will be selling the excess regional leotards at the Illinois Training Camps this fall. Any remaining leotards will be given to Bear Affair to sell on our behalf, with \$19.50 per leotard being paid to Bear Affair and the remainder being paid to the IL State fund.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via zoom.

Meeting adjourned by Norbert Bendixen at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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Norbert Bendixen Illinois State Chairman