

Rules, Regulations and Votes for Region 3

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Agendas

State Meeting Agendas:

Each state chair is required to send a copy of their SAC meeting agenda to the Regional Chair prior to the meeting to allow time to review all the topics prior to the state board meeting. State chairs should also send a copy of any directory or handbook their state publishes as well as a copy of the state database of clubs.

Minutes & Newsletters

State Chairs should send copies of their SAC minutes and newsletters to all Regional Committee members including Tom Koll, Connie Maloney and Kathy Ostberg.

Calendars

2011 Region 3 Calendar

March 19-20, 2011	Level 8 State
March 26-27,2011	Level 9/10 State
April 9-10, 2011	Level 8 Regionals
April 15-17, 2011	Level 9/10 Regionals
April 24,2011	Easter
May 5-8, 2011	Westerns
May 12-15,2011	JO Nationals

Regional Meet Entry Fees

Entry fee for Regional Championships is \$90 per athlete with \$10 of each entry being sent to the Region for the apparel fund.

This fee is to be paid by the regional meet director within 10 days of the entry deadline for that meet.

Refunds

The Committee voted not to allow refunds or replacement athletes at Regional Championship meets.

Qualification to Level 8 Regional Championships

Region 3 will allow 300 athletes to qualify into the Level 8 Regional Championships. Out of the 300 athletes, the first 250 will be determined by a % of a % based on each age group (this is the same procedure that we currently use). The other 50 athletes will be selected by an additional % of a % from each state. Of this additional % of a %, the final qualifiers from each state will be determined by the highest All around score, regardless of age group. Once the list of all qualifiers is received by the Regional Chair, the athletes will be redistributed into 5 equal age groups (the same procedure that is currently used for JO Nationals).

No petitions or alternates will be allowed for Level 8 Regional Championships.

Event Specialist at Regional Championships

Athletes are required to declare at the beginning of each season if they want to be an event specialist. No specialists allowed at level 8.

Event Specialists stipulations:

Gymnasts and coach must declare their intent to compete as a specialist before the state championships of the year in which they intend to specialize.

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Athlete must obtain a score of 9.30 or greater at the state championships on the event the gymnast is declaring as a specialized event.

Replacement of athletes

There will be no replacement of a withdrawn athlete at Level 8 Regionals. No entry fee refund will be made.

Petitions & Entry Fees

If an athlete Petitions to State or Regional Championships they are NOT required to pay an entry fee for the meet that they will not attend. Entry fees are designed to be charged for a service that they anticipate receiving, therefore, it would not be correct to charge an entry fee for a meet that they will not attend. Please refer to USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies for complete details on petitions.

Gate Fees at Regionals

The gate fees for adults are \$10 per session or \$15 per day. Children under the age of 12 and senior citizens at least 60 years old are \$5 per session or \$10 per day.

Awards at Regional Championships

It is the responsibility of the Regional Championship meet director to make certain that duplicate Gold and Silver awards are given when there is a tie for 1st or 2nd place. Meet directors need to train any awards chair persons or committees as to the specific requirements to be followed during the awards ceremony.

A-1 Awards:

All participants at Level 9/10 Regional Championships should receive a participation award. A-1 Awards has designed a medal that can be used for this purpose. Please see their catalog or website for samples and ordering.

Apparel

The Level 8 Leotard program has been suspended effective August 1, 2010.

Additional Level 9 apparel will not be available for purchase.

Judging Availability/Selection to Regional Championships

Available judges interested in being considered for Regional and above assignment needs to complete the availability form and return it by the deadline as set by the Regional board. The list of recommendation is done by the State Board. A rotation is OK if that is what the state board decides.

The host state will have ½ of the judges, then representation by other states in the region. No more than 2 judges from one state may serve on a panel.

Selection of Judges

Region 3 set a policy requiring that any official being considered for assignment to a Western or National Championship be available to judge Level 9 & 10 Regional Championships.

To be considered for selection to Level 9/10 Regional Championships, an official must have judged Level 8 Regionals at least one (1) time.

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Selection of Judges for Regional Championships

Affiliation will be followed according to R&P.
Availability to judge Regionals is due September 15th to SACC, RACC, and RTC.
Confidentiality of the list: The SC may tell where an individual is ranked, but not how anyone else is ranked.

Selection of Judges for Championship Assignments

State Committees are responsible for Submitting a list of recommended judges for assignment. This list should not be broken down into recommendations for specific meets. The list should reflect the belief that the judges at the top of the list are the strongest judges in their state and should be compiled accordingly regardless of the judges rating (for instance, a level 9 could out score a Brevet or National).

In the event a state has many judges that score within the same range rotation of officials can be considered when recommending assignment to meets.

Ranking of Judges

When the members of the SAC are ranking officials, they should pay attention to the individual availability of each judge.

Meet Information for Judges

The meet director MUST communicate with the judges assigned to Regional Championships concerning travel and hotel accommodations. The meet director should notify each judge about specific travel into the host city and arrangements about travel between the airport,

hotel and meet site. They should also be notified about meal arrangements and if the host club is providing meals or they should expect to pay per diem.

Websites/Newsletters

All states must have website. Information that should be included on state websites should be a club list, board members, state calendars, forms, links to the region and national sites, and the SC's e-mail.

The Region 3 Committee voted to not have individual advertising on the Region 3 Website. Invitational meets may request a link from the regional Website to their website through cori@reg3.com.

Financial Reports

State Financial Reports

Each state chairperson is required to publish an annual financial report based on the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.