

Georgia USAG State Committee Meeting Minutes:
Date Dec 30th,2024
Location: Maggiano's restaurant

Board Members were all in attendance. Judy was not physically present but called in and was in attendance by phone for the entire meeting.

Becky led the meeting on the following topics:

Financials

Yearly finances were reviewed and discussed.

Head Fee Increase for 2025-2026 Season

It was proposed that the state increase our head tax to help cover our increasing costs for entry fees, apparel and offset the cost of no longer having head tax paid for state meets.

- **Proposal:**

Stacey Harris proposed for the first five hundred USAG athletes a \$2 per gymnast head fee is paid. For all additional USAG gymnasts a \$3 head fee will be paid.

Jacobo Giron seconded this proposal. **This proposal was passed.**

** Please remember this is only for your USAG gymnast. If you have NGA and AAU gymnasts at your competition they are not included in the number of athletes.*

State meet entry fees 2025-2026 Season

- **Proposal:**

Suzy Lummus proposed increasing the entry for compulsory levels 1-5 and all Xcel levels to \$115 per gymnast and optional levels 6-10 to \$125 per gymnast. Also proposing that the meet maker processing fees be paid by each individual gym instead of the state meet host. Gerson Ramirez seconded this proposal. **This**

proposal was passed.

Committee coverage for Spring State meets 2024-2025 season:

- USAG Level 6-10 State Meet, March 21-23 at Lakepoint - Judy, Jacobo, Victoria and John
- Xcel State Meet April 11-13 Gas South Convention Center- Judy, Becky, Suzy and Drew

State meet Hosts for Compulsory levels and Xcel 2025-2026 Season

The following was proposed by Gerson Ramirez and seconded by Victoria Monetta and passed by the committee:

USA Levels 1-5 State Meet will be hosted by Gymnastics Unlimited at Columbus State University

Xcel Bronze and Silver State Meet will be hosted by Roswell

Xcel Gold and above State Meet will be hosted by Rockdale at the Classic Center in Athens

- **State meet host for USAG levels 6-10 in the 2025-2026 season:**

It was proposed by Jacobo Giron and seconded by Sharon Kelly and passed by the committee for Competition Events by C & O to host USA 6-10 state meet at the Dalton Convention Center.

Committee Election term changes

It was proposed Victoria Monetta and seconded by Jacobo Giron to move from two-year terms to four-year terms for the Georgia USAG Committee members. **This vote was passed by the committee** and will go into effect for the summer 2025 elections.

Committee position changes and updates

- Combining positions → It was proposed by Stacey Harris and seconded by Sharon Kelly to combine the hospitality and secretary positions on the State Committee starting with the elections in summer 2025. It was also proposed to add a new position of State Meet Liaison to the Georgia USAG State committee. **This was passed by the committee.** This will go into effect during the summer 2025 elections.
- Petition Subcommittee → Suzy Lummus proposed and seconded by Sharon Kelly to add a subcommittee (Compulsory, Xcel and Optional), of the state level representatives to review all level change petitions. **This was passed by the committee.**
- HUGS → Sharon Kelly proposed, and Suzy Lummus seconded to invite the HUGS state representative to attend but not have a vote on the Georgia USAG committee. **This was passed by the committee.**
- The committee all agreed on the need for a standard form for level change petitions. Victoria Monetta agreed to work on making this process more streamlined and will propose some changes at a future committee meeting.

- The committee also discussed inviting HUGS athletes to participate in one of the Xcel state meets starting in the 2025-2026 season. Becky will be reaching out to their representative to see if they would be interested in joining the state competition.

Hall of Fame updates

*We are super excited to congratulate Jacobo Giron and Drew Davis as new members to the Hall of Fame!

* The age requirement for athletes to be eligible for the Hall of Fame has been moved from twenty-five to thirty beginning this year 2025.

* Starting this year the Hall of Fame will be having a reception instead of a more formal dinner banquet. All are excited for this change so that there is more time to socialize during this event and lower the cost to attend.

Georgia State Summer Clinic 2025 Information

Date - June 14th

Time - 8am - 5pm

Host - TBA committee will send information so gyms interested in bidding to be hosts can do so.

Suggestion for Session Topics:

*John was asked again to lead the popular round table.

*Stacey was asked to teach a " Hosting a Meet 101 session"

* Sharon will be researching what coaches and clubs are needing.

* More information to be finalized at the next committee meeting.

It was proposed by Sharon Kelly and seconded by Stacey Harris that the fee to attend summer state clinic is \$50. **The committee approved this cost.**

State Meet Dates for 2026-2027 Season

The following dates were proposed by Judy Prestigiacombo, seconded by Drew Davis, and **passed by the committee** for the 2026-2027 state meet dates:

USA Level 1-5 Fall 2026 November 20-22 / Team finals for levels 3 and 4 only

USA 6-10 Spring 2027 March 19-21

Xcel Gold and Higher Spring 2027 April 9-11

Xcel Bronze and Silver Spring 2027 April 16-18

Compulsory and Xcel Club of the year Question

Currently, We only levels 6-10 are used to determine our Club of the Year according to the regional guidelines. It was discussed if adding categories including Xcel and Compulsories would be something of interest. All the committee members felt this would be a terrific addition to acknowledge the gyms that excel in these levels. Stacey Harris will be leading a subcommittee along with Drew Davis, Jacobo Giron and Gerson

Ramirez, to start organizing the criteria needed. This will be shared and discussed at a future date.

Committee updates

- *Judy Prestigiacomo reported that she will work towards keeping the apparel budget in line with what it was last year.
- * Gerson Ramirez reported that the compulsory season went well. There were some small equipment issues, but they were addressed, and changes will be in place so that they do not happen again. He also said helping to educate state meet hosts on team finals would be extremely helpful. They are good but it would help things run more consistently and seamlessly.
- * Drew Davis felt the Xcel program was doing great and looking forward to a great rest of the season.
- * Stacey Harris reported the necklaces for seniors were a hit and all awards given have been going well.
- * Sharon Kelly asked that we all continue to ask our staff, coaches, and gym owners for any clarifications they need.
- * Victoria Moneta reported **no** updates or changes at this time are needed for the State Website.
- * Jacobo Giron had no optional updates to report.

Reminder NO Regional Congress this year

Reminder to all that because the National Congress is in region 8 this August there will be no regional congress this summer.

Georgia's Need for on-site "emergency alternative judge"

A discussion was started to decide if there is a need for Georgia to provide an emergency judge for level 9/10 regionals. More discussion and thought will be given to this subject at another committee meeting.

Committee Meeting Upcoming Meeting dates

March 12th Virtual call 9am

Summer meeting will be Saturday June 14th following the Georgia state clinic. . Time and agenda TBD.