

2011-2012 Rules and Policies

Changes to prior season are noted in Bold Italics

Level 5 Placement

Number of Meets Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 3 District Meets Offered • District Championship 1 per District • 1 North & 1 South State Championship • 1 State Championship • Only Official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted (downloadable form posted on TXUSAG.com) Attach a copy of the USA Gymnastics Club roster.
Entry Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45.00 District Meets & District Championships • \$50.00 North / South State Championship. • State Championship Entry Fee \$55.00 Competition Entry Fee \$ 5.00 Region 3 Fee (Meet Director is required to send to Region 3) \$25.00 Leotard Fee (Meet Director must send monies to TXUSAG) • \$85.00 Total Entry Fee (\$55 without leotard) • See Competition Entry Deadline Chart • Entries received after the deadline may be accepted by the meet director on space availability with the approval of the competition committee. A late fee of \$25.00 per athlete will be assessed as well as possible additional penalties according to the circumstances that surround the late entry. • Entry Fee refunds will be given prior to the Entry deadline. Fees are non-refundable after the deadline. Please see the official competition deadline chart for specific dates.
Gate Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults \$7.00 per day • Children under 12 \$5.00 per day
Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges must hold a minimum Level 5/6 rating. • <u>District Qualifiers & District Championships</u> - 2 judges per panel minimum. Although TXUSAG does not require a separate Meet Referee, the Meet Director may <u>choose</u> to use a separate meet referee if he/she believes it will facilitate the smooth running of the competition. • Texas NAWGJ will assign judges for District Qualifying competitions and District Championships. • <u>North/ South and State Championships</u> – 2 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee. • The State Administrative Assignment Committee will determine the final selection of officials for the State Championships. • The Final Score of each athlete will be flashed on individual events.
Team Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Large Team</u>: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>6 or more athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Large Team</u> competition. • <u>Small Team</u>: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>3-5 athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Small Team</u> competition. • Team size may change based on entries after the entry deadline. <u>District Qualifying meets and District Championships</u>: Team competition will be allowed at the discretion of each individual District. • At District Qualifiers and District Championships, 50% of the clubs that enter team competition will receive an award when team competition is held. <i>If 3 or less clubs enter, recognize 100%.</i> • Team Entry Fee is \$35.00 per team. • <u>State Championships</u>: Team Competition will be allowed at the North/South and State Championships.

<p style="text-align: center;">Awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medals (metal) are required at all Texas USAG sponsored competitions. • Events: 50% of the athletes entered in each age group must be recognized with Medals on each of the four (4) individual events. • 100% of the athletes must be recognized in the All Around with medals. • Team Competition: 50% of the clubs that enter team competition will receive an award. <i>If 3 or less clubs enter, award 100%.</i> • USAG State Championship Medals are required at the State Championships (culminating meet). • Meet Directors are financially responsible for all awards. Order the Official State Championship medals through the State Chair.
<p style="text-align: center;">Qualifying Procedure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes may NOT skip Levels per USA Gymnastics. • <u>District Meets:</u> All registered USAG athletes training at a club within the district may enter their respective District Qualifier. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Athletes must compete within her clubs District- no exceptions. • Gymnast may compete as a Level 5 Placement and move to Level 5 Achievement at the discretion of the coach and athlete. • <u>District Championships:</u> Score of 20.00 AA obtained at a District Qualifier. • <u>North/South State Championships:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 total athletes from Districts 1, 2 & 3 District Championships will advance to the USAG Texas North State Championships held in North Texas based on a % of a % from each age group. • 300 total athletes from Districts 4, 5 & 6 District Championships will advance to the USAG Texas South State Championships held in South Texas based on a % of a % from each age group. • <u>State Championships:</u> 150 athletes from North and the South State Championships respectively will advance to the State Championships based on the highest AA per age group.
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gymnast must have reached her 7th birthday prior to competing Level 5 (she may compete in a competition on her 7th birthday). • Athletes will be distributed into 5 equal Age Groups, based on the athletes D.O.B., at District Qualifying Meets and District Championships. Age groups will be Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B. • At North/South and State Championships there will be 5 age groups with 3 sub divisions per age group, for a total of 15 groups. Example: Jr. A1, Jr. A2, Jr. A3, Jr. B1, Jr. B2, Jr. C1, Jr. C2, Jr. C3, Sr. A1, etc. • Athletes will not necessarily remain in the same Age Group from meet to meet based on the rule of redistribution of age groups (determined by all entries and divided by into equal Age Groups based on D.O.B.). • In the event the number of athletes registered is very low, please contact a competition chair for approval to distribute in less than 5 age groups. • For District Qualifiers and District Championships competitive order may be by team or by age group. • At North/South and State Championships Competitive Draw must be by age group. • <u>Drop Back:</u> Athletes may drop back to Level 4 prior to the District Championships. • A minimum score of 31.00 must be obtained to move to Level 6.

Event Specialist – See Page 4 for Explanation