

# 2011-2012 Rules and Policies

Changes to prior season are noted in Bold Italics

## Level 9

<b>Number of Meets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 State Championship</li> <li>• 1 Regional Championship</li> <li>• 1 Western National Championship</li> <li>• Any Sanctioned Texas Invitational may be used for qualification. It is the responsibility to provide proof of qualification to the State competition meet director.</li> <li>• Only Official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted with a copy of a USA Gymnastics club roster and coach's roster attached. (Entry Form downloadable forms available at TXUSAG.com)</li> </ul>
<b>Entry Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$80.00 State Championships (\$5.00 per entry must be sent to Region 3 for the Region 3 apparel fund).</li> <li>• Entry fees must be received by the date posted on the Competition Deadline Chart.</li> <li>• Entries received after the deadline may be accepted by the meet director on space availability with the approval of the competition committee. 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Gate Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults \$7.00 per day</li> <li>• Children under 12 \$5.00 per day</li> </ul>
<b>Judges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges must hold a Level 9 or above rating.</li> <li>• <u>State Championships</u> – 4 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee.</li> <li>• The State Administrative Assignment Committee will determine the final selection of officials for all optional competitions.</li> <li>• Start Values will be flashed at all optional meets.</li> <li>• The athlete's individual event score will be flashed.</li> </ul>
<b>Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events: 50% of the athletes entered in each Age Group must be recognized with Medals on each of the four (4) individual events.</li> <li>• 100% of the athletes must be recognized in the All Around with medals.</li> <li>• Official USAG State Championship Medals are required at the State Championships.</li> <li>• Order the Official State Championship medals through the State Chair.</li> <li>• State Championship awards will be paid for by the State Administrative Committee.</li> <li>• 50% of the clubs entered will be recognized in Team Competition. <b><i>If 3 or less clubs enter, award 100%</i></b></li> <li>• Banner Order Form can be found in this publication or on line at TXUSAG.com</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Team Competition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Large Team</u>: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>6 or more athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Large Team</u> competition.</li> <li>• <u>Small Team</u>: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>3-5 athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Small Team</u> competition.</li> <li>• Team Competition will be allowed at the Texas State Championships.</li> <li>• 50% of the clubs entering Team competition will receive an award. <i><b>If 3 or less clubs enter, award 100%.</b></i></li> <li>• Team entry fee is \$35.00</li> <li>• Order State Championship Banners on order form found in this publication or on the TXUSAG.com website.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Qualifying Procedure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletes may qualify to the State Championships by scoring a 32.00 AA at any Texas Invitational in the current season.</li> <li>• Athletes will be distributed into 5 equal Age Groups based on their D.O.B. at statewide Qualifying meets.</li> <li>• Petitions for State Championships – see national Rules and Policies.</li> <li>• Competitive Draw MUST be by age group at the state championships.</li> <li>• <u>Regional Championships</u>: By a score of 34.00 achieved at the Level 9 State Championships.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Rules</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnast must have reached her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to compete at Level 9.</li> <li>• Gymnast may drop back one level prior to March 1 of the current season.</li> <li>• Athletes will be distributed into 5 equal Age Groups, based on the athletes D.O.B., at all state sponsored Qualifying meets and the State Championships.</li> <li>• Age Groups for Level 9 will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B.</li> <li>• Injury Petitions will be allowed for State Championships. See National Rules for petitions.</li> <li>• A minimum score of 34.00 must be obtained to move to Level 10.</li> </ul>

## Event Specialist – See Page 4 for Explanation