

2011-2012 Rules and Policies

Changes to prior season are noted in Bold Italics

Level 4 Placement

Number of Meets Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 District Meets Offered(minimum) • 1 District Championship • 1 North & 1 South State Championship (Culminating Meet) • Only Official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted (downloadable form posted on TXUSAG.com) Attach a copy of the USA Gymnastics Club and coaches roster.
Entry Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45.00 District Meets & District Championships • State Entry Fee \$55 entry fee \$ 5 Region 3 Fee (Meet Director is responsible for sending to Region 3) \$25 Leotard Fee (Meet Director is responsible for sending to TXUSAG) • \$85.00 Total (\$55 if no leotard) • Entry fees must be received by the date posted on the Competition 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> – 1 judge per panel at District Qualifiers 2 judge panels at District Championships Although TXUSAG does not require a separate Meet Referee at the District Qualifiers, 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 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 North/South State Championships. • The Final Score of each athlete will be flashed on all 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. Texas USAG team competition guidelines must be followed. • 50% of the clubs that enter team competition will receive an award. <i>If 3 or less clubs enter, award 100%.</i> • Team Entry Fee is \$35.00 per team. • At N/S State Championships: Team Competition will be allowed.

<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. • 50% of the clubs entering team competition will receive an award. <i>If 3 or less clubs enter, award 100%.</i> • USAG State Championship Medals are required at the North and South 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"> • <u>District Meets:</u> All registered USAG athletes training at a club within the district may enter their respective District's Qualifier. • Athletes must qualify within her clubs District- no exceptions. • Gymnast may compete as a Level 4 Placement and move to Level 4 Achievement at the discretion of the coach and athlete and vice-versa. • <u>District Championships:</u> 20.00 AA achieved as a Level 4A or 4P at a district qualifier needed to enter. • An Athlete may receive her 20AA as a Level 4A and enter District Championships as a Level 4P • <u>N/S State Championships:</u> Qualification at District Championships. • 300 athletes total from Districts 1, 2 & 3 District Championships will advance to the USAG Texas State Championships held in North Texas based on a % of a % from each age group. • 300 athletes from Districts 4, 5 & 6 District Championships will advance to the USAG Texas State Championships held in South Texas based on a % of a % from each age group.
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gymnast must have reached her 6th birthday prior to competing Level 4 (she may compete in a competition on her 6th birthday). • District Qualifiers and Championships: Athletes will be distributed into 5 equal Age Groups, based on the athletes D.O.B. Age Groups for Level 4 Placement District Qualifiers and District Championships will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B. • Age Groups for North and South Championships will be divided into 5 equal age groups with 3 sub divisions per age group. Example Jr. A1, Jr. A2, Jr. A3, Jr. B1, Jr. B2, Jr. C1, Jr. C2, Jr. C3 etc). This will total 15 divisions. • 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 age divisions. • For District Qualifiers & District Championships competitive order may be by team or by age group. At North/South, draw MUST be by Age Group (per USAG Rules & Policies- Contact Competition Chairs for assistance). • Athletes may move to Level 4 Achievement prior to the District Championships.

Event Specialist – See Page 4 for Explanation