

2018-2019 Rules and Policies

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Number of Meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 3 District Meets will be offered. • 1 District Championship • 1 State Championship. • 1 Carol Hillenburg Memorial Texas State Invitational. • Only Official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted (downloadable form posted on TXUSAG.com)
Entry Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60.00 District Meets & District Championships • State Entry Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$65.00 Entry Fee \$ 5.00 Reg. 3 Fee (Meet Dir. is responsible for sending to Region 3) <u>\$25.00</u> Leotard Fee \$95.00 Total Fee (\$70 if no leotard) • Entry fees must be received by the entry deadline to avoid Penalty. See Deadline Chart for actual dates.. • Entries received after the deadline <i>may</i> be accepted by the meet director based 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. Entry 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 \$10.00 per day ○ Children 12 and under \$5.00 per day ○ Seniors 60+ \$5.00 per day
Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges must hold a minimum Level 4/5 rating. • <u>District Qualifiers & District Championships</u>– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 judges per panel at District Qualifiers when possible ▪ 2 judges per panel at District Championships, ▪ 2 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee at North/South State 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. • The State Administrative Assignment Committee (SAC) has final jurisdiction over the assignment of officials. • The State Administrative Assignment Committee (SAC) will determine the final selection of officials for the North/South State Championships.

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Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Final Score of each athlete will be flashed on all individual events. • Judges assigned to the Carol Hillenburg Memorial Texas State Invitational will be selected according to rating and experience irrespective to their residential location.
Team Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team competition will be allowed at Level 5P, District Qualifiers, District Championships, and State Championships.. • Texas USAG team competition guidelines must be followed. • Banners are required to be awarded for all State Program Team Competition – see official banner order form under forms button. • The official Banner supplier company is recommended for ALL State Program competitions but is not required as long as the banner supplier chosen meets state size, weight and quality requirements of the banner. • <u>Large Team:</u> Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>11 or more athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Large Team</u> competition. 7 scores will count for Large Team Competition. • <u>Medium Team:</u> Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>6-10 athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Medium Team</u> competition. 5 scores will count for Medium Team competition. • <u>Small Team:</u> Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>3-5 athletes</u> will be placed into <u>Small Team</u> competition. 3 scores will count for Small Team competition. • Team size may NOT change after the entry deadline. • 50% of the clubs that enter team competition will receive a banner. <i>If 4 or less clubs enter, award 1st – 3rd. It is recommended that you order 1 extra banner per category to accommodate for team size changes.</i> • Team Entry Fee is \$35.00 per team. • Carol Hillenburg Memorial Texas State Invitational: See TXUSAG.com for specific information on this meet.
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2” minimum Medals (metal) are required at all Texas USA Gymnastics Competitions. • Events: 50% of athletes entered in each age group must be recognized with medals on each of the four individual events. • 100% of the athletes must be recognized in the All Around with a medal (minimum 2”). • Official USAG medals are required at North, South and State Championships. • Order Official USAG medals through your State Chairperson. Allow a minimum of 1 month shipping time. • Meet Directors are financially responsible for all awards.

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Qualifying Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes may NOT compete outside of their home district for any district Qualifier or District Championship. • Compulsory Invitational Competitions are not recognized for Qualification to District Championships North, South or State Championships. • District Meets: No score needed to enter. All registered USAG athletes training at a club within the district may enter the competition. • Gymnast may compete as a Level 5 Placement and move to Level 5 Achievement at the discretion of the coach. • <u>District Championships</u>: 20.00AA achieved as a Level 5A or 5P at a district qualifier needed to enter. • An athlete may obtain her 20.00 AA as a Level 5 Achievement and enter District Championships as a Level 5 Placement athlete at the discretion of her coach. • State Championships - Advancement to State Championships will be a % of % of each age group, qualifying the first 300 athletes from the District Championships. • An additional 60 athletes will advance to State Championships “AT LARGE” based on All Around score. 30 of the 60 At large will advance from North State and 30 of the 60 At large will advance from South State regardless of age group or geographical location. • Carol Hillenburg Memorial Invitational: No score needed to enter – All compulsory athletes are allowed to enter.
Special Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Requirements – • Level 5 – must have turned 7 years old by the day of competition. • Gymnast must be a current member of USA Gymnastics. • Age divisions should be based on approximately 20 athletes per age group. • USA Gymnastics highly recommends that athletes have a solid base of skill mastery to allow these young athletes to find success at the level they are moving into. • District Qualifiers and District Championships: Athletes will be distributed into equal age groups of approximately 20 athletes, 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, etc. • Age Groups for State Championships will be divided into 6 equal age groups with 3 sub divisions per age group. Example Jr. A1, Jr. A2, Jr. A3, Jr. B1, Jr. B2, Jr. B3, Jr. C1, Jr. C2, Jr. C3 etc). This will total 18 divisions minimum. • 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.). • The Schedule for State Meet is determined by the SAC and will

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Special Rules	<p>consist of 6 sessions of approx. 60 athletes. The order of the sessions will be SRC to JRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the event the number of athletes registered is very low or unusually high, please contact a Competition Chair for approval to distribute athletes into 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).• Compulsory Invitationals may not be used to qualify to District Championships, or State.• Athletes may drop back to Level 4 1 week prior to the entry deadline for District Championships.• Mobility to Level 6 or 7 is a 32.00 All Around as a Level 5 athlete.
Specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no event specialists for Level 5.