

2019-2020 Rules and Policies

Level 9

Number of Meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 State Championship • 1 Regional Championship • 1 Western National Championship • Only Official Texas USAG Entry Form accepted (downloadable form posted on TXUSAG.com)
Entry Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$120.00 Championships (\$5.00 of entry must be sent to Region 3 for the apparel fund). • 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 \$10.00 per day / State : \$15.00 per day ○ Children 12 and under \$5.00 per day / State : \$7.00 per day ○ Seniors 60+ \$5.00 per day / State : \$7.00 per day
Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges must hold a Level 9 or above rating. • State Championships – 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. • Start Values will be flashed at all optional competitions. • Athlete’s individual event score will be flashed.
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official USAG State Championship Medals are required at the State Championships. Order the Official USA Gymnastics State Championship medals through the State Chair. • Events: 1st – 10th Place will be recognized in awards with a minimum of a State Championship Medal. • All Around Awards – Only Regional Qualifiers will be recognized with a State Championship medal in the All Around. • State Championship medals will be paid for by the State Administrative Committee. • Banners - At State Championships 50% of teams entering Team Competition will receive a banner. <i>If 4 or less clubs enter, award 1st – 3rd.</i> • 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. • It is recommended that you order one extra banner per category to accommodate team size changes.
Team Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>11 or more athletes</u> will be placed into Large Team competition. 7 scores will count for Large Team Competition. • Medium Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>6-10 athletes</u> will be placed into Medium Team competition. 5 scores will count for Medium Team competition. • Small Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with <u>3-5 athletes</u> will be placed into Small Team competition. 3 scores will count for Small Team

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<p style="text-align: center;">Team Competition</p>	<p>competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team size may NOT change after the entry deadline. • <u>State Championships</u>: Team Competition will be allowed at the Texas State Championships. • 50% of Teams entered will be recognized during the awards ceremony. <i>If less than 4 clubs enter, award 1st – 3rd.</i> • <i>It is recommended that 1 Extra Banner per division is ordered to accommodate Team Size changes.</i> • Team Entry Fee. ***2019-2020 Season - No charge for team competition. All clubs will be entered in team competition based on the number of athletes registered. *** • Meet Directors are financially responsible for all team banners. • Banners must be used at the State Championships.
<p style="text-align: center;">Qualifying Procedure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>State Championships</u> • <i>By a score of 32.00 obtained at any USA Gymnastics Invitational held in the United States.</i> • <i>Event specialists – 9.3 event score to qualify to State.</i> • <i>Athlete may injury petition to State Championships with proof of a 32.00 from the prior season as a level 9</i> • <u>Regional Championships</u>: By a score of 34.00 achieved at the Level 9 State Championships. • Level 9 Westerns : By a score of 34.00 achieved at the Level 9 Regional Championships. • Injury/Illness Petitions will be allowed for State Championships – See National R & P. Send petition to Carole Bunge, RTC.
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnast must have reached her 8th birthday to compete Level 9 (she may compete on her 8th birthday). • Gymnast may drop back one level prior to March 1 of the current season. • Athletes will be distributed into 6 equal age groups, based on the athlete's D.O.B. • Age Groups for Level 9 will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B., Sr. C. • Meet Directors may talk with the competition chair to expand the number of age groups or add sub age groups. • Competitive Draw for sessions at state championships MUST be by Age Group. • A minimum score of 34.00 must be obtained to move to Level 9.
<p style="text-align: center;">Event Specialists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes must declare as a specialist prior to the State Championships. • 9.3 event score required to qualify to State Championships. • Event Specialists must qualify with a score of a 9.3 obtained at the State Championships for Regional Championships.