

# 2021-2022 Rules and Policies

## Level 5 Placement

### + Number of Meets

- A minimum of three District Meets will be offered.
- District Championship
- State Championship
- Carol Hillenburg Memorial Texas State Invitational

### + Entry Fees/Guidelines

- **\$60.00 District Meets & District Championship Entry Fee**
- **\$95.00 State Championship Entry Fee**
  - \$5.00 per entry must be sent to the RACC (Kim Lauderdale) for the Regional Apparel Fund
  - \$3.00 per entry must be sent to the State Chair (Debbie Williams) for the Head Tax Fee
  - \$25.00 Leotard Fee (Meet Director must send monies to State Chair)
  - \$70 Championship Entry fee if not ordering the leotard

**It is mandatory, per USA Gymnastics to enter all USAG Sanctioned Competitions on the USA Gymnastics Reservation System. This is not in lieu of a paper entry, payment and paper entries must be received in the hands of the meet director by the entry deadline.**

**Entry fees must be received by the date posted on the Competition Deadline Chart. (May be found on the TXUSAG.com website under Meet Director or Meet Info)**

- 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. (May be found on the Txusag.com website under Meet Director or Meet Info)

### + Gate Fees

- **Districts & District Championships**
  - Adults \$10 per day
  - Children 12 & under/ Seniors 60+ \$5 per day
- **State**
  - Adults \$15 per day
  - Children 12 & under/ Seniors 60+ \$7 per day

### + Judges

- Judges must hold a Level 4/5 or above rating.
- District Qualifiers & District Championships- 2 judges per panel.
- State Championships – 2 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee.
- Texas NAWGJ will assign judges for District Qualifying competitions and District Championships.

- The State Administrative Assignment Committee will determine the final selection of officials for the State Championships.
- Judges assigned to the Carol Hillenburg Memorial State Invitational will be selected according to rating.
- The final score of each athlete will be flashed on all individual events.

### ✚ Event Awards

- Official USAG State Championship Medals are required at the State Championships. Order the Official USA Gymnastics State Championship medals through the State Chair.
- 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.
- The Meet Host is financially responsible for the state medals.
- The medals must be 2" in size and must be made of metal.

### ✚ Team Competition

- Large Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 11 or more athletes will be placed into Large Team competition. 7 scores will count for Large Team Competition.
- Medium Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 6-10 athletes will be placed into Medium Team competition. 5 scores will count for Medium Team competition.
- Small Team: Clubs entering Team Competition with 3-5 athletes will be placed into Small Team competition. 3 scores will count for Small Team competition.
- Team size may NOT change after the entry deadline.
- Team fee for District Qualifier & Championship is \$35.00
- State Championships: Team Competition will be allowed at the Texas State Championships.
- **At State Championships (banners must be used): Teams will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Small, Medium and Large Team. \*\*\*No charge for team competition. All clubs will be entered in team competition based on the number of athletes registered. \*\*\***
- Carol Hillenburg Memorial Texas State Invitational
  - See TXUSAG.com for specific information on this meet.
- 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. (Must get approval from the SACC)

### ✚ Qualifying Procedures

- 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.
- District Championships: 20.00 AA 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**

- Gymnast must have reached her 7th birthday to compete Level 5 (she may compete on her 6th birthday).
- Gymnast may drop back one level 1 week prior to entry deadline for District Championships or State.
- The ultimate goal is to have approximately 15 athletes per age group.
- 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 into equal Age Groups based on D.O.B.).
- Age Groups for Level 5 District Meet will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B, Sr. C, etc.
- For District Qualifiers & District Championships competitive order may be by team or by age group. At State Championships, 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.
- Mobility to Level 6 or 7 is a 32.00 All Around as a Level 5 athlete.
- **State Championships**
  - Age Groups for Level 5 State Championships will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B, Sr. C. etc., with numeric sub-divisions per age group; Example Jr. A1, Jr. A2, Jr. A3.
  - In the event entry numbers are low, the number of age groups may be reduced with the approval of a competition chairperson.
  - The ultimate goal is to have approximately 15 athletes per age group.
  - The schedule for State Meet is determined by the SAC. The number of athletes per session will be according to the R&P or less if special circumstances exist. The order of the sessions will be oldest to youngest.

#### **Event Specialist**

- There are no event specialist for Level 5.