

2024-2025 Rules and Policies

Level 9

+ Number of Meets

- 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

- **\$120.00 Championship (\$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

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

+ Judges

- Judges must hold a Level 9 or above rating.
- State & Regional Championships – 2 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee.
- Western National Championships -4 judges per panel plus a separate meet referee
- The State Administrative Assignment Committee will determine the final selection of officials for the State Championships.
- Athlete's individual event score and Start Values will be flashed at all optional competitions.

+ 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: 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.
- 100% of the athletes must be recognized in the All Around with medals.
- The Meet director 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.
- State Championships: Team Competition will be allowed at the Texas State Championships.
- **At State Championships (banners must be used): Teams will be awarded 1st – 3rd. ***No charge for team competition. All clubs will be entered in team competition based on the number of athletes registered. *****
- The State will pay for the banners.
- 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.

🏆 Qualifying Procedures

- State Championships
 - By a score of 32.00 obtained at any USA Gymnastics Invitational held in Texas that is an approved qualifier.
 - Event specialists – 9.1 event score to qualify to State.
 - Athlete may injury petition to State Championships with proof of a 32.00 from the prior season as a level 9.
- Regional Championships
 - Advancement to Regionals by a score of 34.00 achieved at the Level 9 State Championships.
 - Age Groups are set by the region.
- Western Championships
 - Advancement to 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.

🏆 Special Rules

- 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 1st of the current season.
- A minimum score of 34.00 must be obtained to move to Level 9.
- State Championships
 - Age Groups for Level 9 State Championships will be as follows: Jr. A, Jr. B, Jr. C, Sr. A, Sr. B, Sr. C.
 - 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 20 athletes per age group.
 - Competitive Draw for sessions at state championships MUST be by Age Group.
- Regional Championships
 - Athletes will be distributed into age groups set by Region 3.
 - Age is determined according to age the athlete will be at Regional Championships.
 - The format and number of athletes must be approved by the Regional DP Committee Chairman and Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
- Western National Championships
 - The Meet Directors of the Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships shall contact the WDP Director for specific information on
 - Schedule
 - The draw, squads, and rotations
 - All technical matters of the meet
 - Financial responsibilities of local organizing committee and USA Gymnastics

- Age Groups for Westerns are divided into 16 groups of 28 athletes.
- Top 8 in the All Around & Events will be recognized in awards ceremony.

Event Specialist

- Athletes must declare as a specialist prior to the State Championships.
- **9.1** event score required to qualify to State Championships.
- Event Specialists must qualify with a score of a **9.1** obtained at State Championships for Regional Championships.