



2015-16 Boys Gymnastics Terms and Conditions

In accordance with section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2015-16 Boys Gymnastics Meet Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in Boys Gymnastics will be held for all member schools without classification by enrollment. All IHSA member schools in good standing may enter individuals or teams under the provisions of By-law 3.054.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Sectional

Five (5) sectional meets will be held during week 44 of the standardized calendar. One sectional on each of the following days will be held: Wednesday, May 4; Thursday, May 5; and Friday, May 6, each meet beginning at 7:00 p.m. In addition, one sectional meet will be held on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 2:00 p.m. and one sectional will be held on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

B. State Final Meet

The 2015-16 State Final Meet will be conducted Friday and Saturday, May 13-14 at Hinsdale Central High School, 55th & Grant St., Hinsdale. State Final Meet Manager will be Mr. Dan Jones, Athletic Director, Hinsdale Central High School.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. On-Line Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2016. The 2015-16 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

B. Late Entries:

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be con-

sidered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrator in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/List of Participants due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

D. Qualified Coaches or Faculty Representatives:

In accordance with IHSA By-laws 2.020 and 2.070, all schools are required to have a qualified coach or faculty representative present at all times during a meet. If a school does not have a qualified coach or faculty representative present at the Regional, Sectional or State Final site during warm-ups or competition, that school's competitor(s) shall not be permitted to participate. Only coaches and faculty representatives who are listed on the List of Participants and in compliance with IHSA by-law 2.070 shall be permitted to serve in coaching capacities at the Regional, Sectional and State Final meets.

E. Eligibility

1. Participants: All member schools in good standing may enter an individual(s) or a team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054.

F. Affirmative Action: In accordance with the Illinois High School Association Sex Equity Policies approved by the IHSA Board of Directors, only boys shall be permitted to participate in the state series.

G. Online List of Participants

The online List of Participants on which each school will list the names of not more than twenty-five (25) individual boys shall

serve as a team roster. This list shall indicate which contestants are entered in the various events. Contestants entered by a school that has entered a team in the state series are considered entered as a part of both the team competition and individual event competition. Only those competitors whose names are included on the online List of Participants for the specific meet may be in uniform. The online List of Participants must be completed on-line **no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday of Week 42 (April 18, 2016)**. If a school does not submit the Online List of Participants by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from the school are subject to sanctions which could include, but not be limited to, being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the State Series. A school may enter up to five (5) contestants in each individual event. As many as all five (5) entries may be All Around contestants. Any of these contestants may qualify for individual advancement.

Changes may be made in the names included on the List of Participants at any time through the completion of the scratch meeting held prior to the sectional or state final meets. The original online List of Participants and the order of performance shall apply to each level of the state series.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Sectional Host

In the Sectional Meet, the host school shall receive a \$510.00 guarantee, the cost of the assigned meet officials and 20 percent of net income. The IHSA shall receive 80 percent of the net income. All other expenses will be paid by the host school.

B. Admission Prices and Tickets

Each local manager shall be responsible for the printing of tickets for the sectional and state meet.

1. Admission Prices:

At Sectional Meets: \$5.00

At the State Final Meet: \$8.00 (single session)

State Final Season Ticket: \$20.00

Baby in arms is free for all levels of competition.

C. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

1. Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.

2. Radio Fees which shall be charged are:

- a. Sectional = No charge;
- b. State Final = \$50.00.

3. Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

A. Sectional Meet Schedule:

Sectional meets will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening, each in single session beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday afternoon session which shall begin at 2:00 p.m. All the events shall be conducted concurrently. The six (6) events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar. Teams shall perform in Block Style, according to the provisions of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Managers Checklist furnished in the manual.

B. Seeding Policies

Each school qualifying for team honors will Fax (309) 663-7479 or e-mail (Ihennings@ihsa.org) to the IHSA office, not later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, their seeding score based on the following seeding policy.

The scores used for team seeding shall be from gymnastics meets where the team score was determined by adding three scores on all events. Of all the team scores that conform to this criteria, the average of one-half of the team's total meet will be used. If there is an odd number of meets, then the team will average one meet above the one-half. (For example, a team that competes in nine events will average five). Therefore, if a team competed in twelve meets that fit the criteria, that team will use the average of six scores. Note:

1. Dual or multiple meet scores can be used only once.

2. If a team competed in a meet that used two scores for team scoring, whether four or more competitors were used, that score can not be used as part of the seeding information.

On Tuesday, March 29, the IHSA will determine the five (5) sectional hosts based on the seeding information provided. The team and individual state series assignments will be determined according to geographic location to the sectional host school.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Sectional Host

The five (5) highest seeded teams in the state will have the first option to host and will be the host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form" agreeing to host. If the highest seeded team cannot host, then the next highest seeded team will host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form" agreeing to host. This process will be continued through all the schools in the state until a host school is determined for each Sectional Meet.

B. State Final Meet:

1. Team/All-Around Championship

The state final team championship and individual All-Around championship will be held in single session on Friday, May 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The six events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar. All six events will run concurrently.

2. Individual Championship

The state final individual championship will be held in two sessions on Saturday, May 14. Session One, beginning at 11:30 a.m., will be the preliminaries. Session Two, beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the finals.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. Individual Advancement:

1. Event Qualifiers

The winners of the first five (5) places in each individual event shall advance from each sectional. They shall be called "ranked qualifiers." In addition, the results of the sectional meets shall be surveyed to determine the top twenty five (25) individuals with the highest scores among those who were not "ranked qualifiers." These competitors also shall advance to the state final individual meet and shall be called "At Large Qualifiers." A maximum of fifty (50) ranked and at-large qualifiers shall advance to the state finals in the individual competition held on Saturday.

2. All-Around Qualifiers

The top three (3) All-Around individuals shall advance from each sectional. They shall be called "Ranked Qualifiers." In addition, the results of the sectional meets shall be surveyed to determine the top fifteen (15) individuals with the highest scores among those who were not "Ranked Qualifiers." These competitors also shall advance to the state final individual meet and shall be called "At-Large Qualifiers." A maximum of thirty (30). At the State Meet, the

all-around competition shall be conducted on the same night as the team competition (Friday).

3. At-Large Notification:

Notification of "At-Large Qualifiers" and "At-Large Teams" will be made through the posting of the qualifiers and teams on the IHSA web page.

B. Team Advancement:

1. Ranked Qualifiers:

The winning team from each sectional shall advance to the state final. They shall be called "Ranked Qualifiers." In addition, the results of the sectional meets shall be surveyed to determine the top three (3) teams with the highest scores among those teams who were not "Ranked Qualifiers." These teams also shall advance to the State Final Team Meet and shall be called "At-Large Qualifiers." If there should be a tie in raw scores for the "At-Large Team" selection, all such tied teams shall be advanced to the State Final.

2. At-Large Notification:

Notification of "At-Large Qualifiers" and "At-Large Teams" will be made through the posting of the qualifiers and teams on the IHSA web page.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Official Rules:

USAG Men's Junior Olympic Program Level 9 Rules along with official IHSA interpretations.

B. Scoring Base:

1. **Team:** At the Sectional and State Final Meets, the team with the highest raw score shall be the team winner, the team with the second highest raw score shall be runner-up, etc. Raw score shall be determined by adding the average scores of the best three performers in each of the six (6) individual events.

2. **Individual:** Scoring at the State Finals for the final session of the Individual Tournament shall be "New Life." Individuals will be awarded medals based on the final session scores.

C. Equipment

1. **Sting Mat:** At the sectional level only, a school will be allowed to bring a sting mat. At the state meet, schools will not be allowed to bring a sting mat. All equipment and mats including the sting mats will be provided by the state meet management.

2. **Vaulting:** Schools that host sectional meets shall only provide a vaulting table for competition. Only the vaulting table will be provided at the state finals.

D. Judges Score Sheets

The original copies of judges' score sheets shall remain a part of the officials meet results to be used for verification of scores and to correct errors in printed results.

E. Team State Meet - Order of Performance

The order of performance of a team at the state meet shall have the competitors warming up and performing according to a rotational system of a school in ascending sectional score order within the rotation.

F. Verified Clerical Errors

Procedures for dealing with verified clerical errors shall be:

1. Clerical errors are corrected within 48 hours
2. At-Large Qualifiers already notified will not be eliminated
3. Scoring errors shall be corrected
4. Penalties will advance with the correction
5. Strategic errors or entry errors are not correctable.

G. Individual State Meet - Order of Performance

The order of performance for the individual finals shall be made according to a random draw. Conflicts on events shall be handled at the time of the competition and the individual with a conflict shall be dropped 5 positions.

H. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

By-law 6.011, "Players Ejected For Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and 6.012, "Coaches Ejected For Unsportsmanlike Conduct" control penalties and procedures for unsportsmanlike conduct in addition to the National Federation Boys Gymnastics Rules.

I. Proper Uniform

The proper school-issued uniform shall be worn in the arena during warm up and competition. In accordance with the USAG Men's Junior Olympic Program Level 9 Rules, the uniform shall consist of shirts, pants or shorts and optional footwear. Penalties shall be given following one warning to the violating participant.

J. Lineups

Teams will indicate their tentative lineup for sectional managers when they complete the on-line List of Participants Form no later than Monday, April 18. Changes may be made in the lineup at the scratch meeting held immediately prior to the start of the sectional meet.

K. Substitutions

The Sectional and State Final Meet Managers shall hold a coaches meeting prior to the meet. Team substitutions and scratching competitor(s) will be made at this time. The head coach may also make changes in the order of performance for the team competitors from a school. No changes or corrections in the competitors and order of performance shall be permitted following the coaches meeting except in the case of injury or illness as provided in these Terms and Conditions.

1. Team substitution prior to meet: Competitors who are substituted under the provisions in these Terms and Conditions may return to team competition in the state series if their team qualifies to advance. A team substitute's name must be included on the List of Participants.

2. Team substitutions during a meet: The coach must notify the Meet Referee of any such team substitution before the team begins its competition in an event. A team substitution may be made during the state series in cases of a disabling illness or injury of a team competitor provided the name of the substitute appears on the List of Participants. The substitution is made before the team begins its competition in an event, and no change is made in the order of performance. When a team substitution is made during a meet and the substitute has not warmed up on the meet equipment, the athlete should be given a one and a half minute touch warm up prior to his/her team competing on that event as determined by the Meet Referee. General warm up will take place in the warm up gymnasium, if available.

3. Individual substitutions: No substitutions shall be made for ranked or at large individual qualifiers in any event.

L. Six Contests

By-law 3.054 provides that schools must engage in a minimum of six contests in a sport to be eligible for team competition in a state tournament series.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. State Final Passes:

1. Team Qualifiers:

- a. State Final Passes: Team Qualifiers: One pass for each team member listed on the List of Participants (maximum of 25).

- b. Maximum four passes for coaches provided they are listed on the List of Participants.

- c. Three passes for school officials.

- d. One (1) state final event pass to properly licensed medical personnel for each team participating in the state final. The pass would be available for either a licensed athletic trainer or team physician. A school shall submit this name when they complete their list of participants.

2. Individual Qualifiers:

- a. One pass for each competitor.
- b. Maximum of four passes for coaches provided they are listed on the Entry Form.

- c. One pass for a manager

- d. Two passes for school officials.

B. Pass Pickup

Participant Passes and warm-up times will be provided upon arrival at the preliminary session. Administrative passes will be available at the pass gate.

C. Artificial Noisemakers

Mechanical noisemakers and megaphones are not allowed.

D. Signs, Banners,

The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at the IHSA State Series events is permitted, provided:

1. they are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;

2. they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community;

3. they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play;

4. they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and

5. they are not safety hazards.

E. Media Requirements

1. Provide Space — Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the Meet whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations. (The complete IHSA Policy for Providing Space to New Media is available on the IHSA web site.

2. Radio and TV Originators — It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play origination's, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy. The complete IHSA Broadcast Policy is available on the IHSA web site.

a. TV Tape Delay Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b. Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except State Final). Local managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c. Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television Tape Delay and Broadcast policies.

3. Administrative Detail — Reporting information to the news media and/or the IHSA Office, as stipulated in instructions to local managers, shall be the responsibility and requirement of each local manager.

F. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:

The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

G. Use of Inhalers:

A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures or self administration in the Illinois school code.

H. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events:

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sited and any affiliate property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event

venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA by-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

I. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contests: Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

J. Meet Committee: A Meet Committee shall be selected for the Sectional meet. At the Sectional meet, the Meet Committee shall be comprised of the Meet Referee and two (2) head coaches chosen from the head coaches. If any questions should arise on the legality of an entry under existing rules, the Meet Manager must render a decision. The Meet Committee shall render a decision on questions that might arise concerning whether or not the meet is being conducted in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. All such questions shall be submitted in writing to the Meet Committee by the head coach. The Meet Committee shall not set aside or waive the provisions of a rule or the Terms and Conditions. At the State Final meet, the Meet Committee shall be appointed by the IHSA and the State Final Host.

K. Technical Committee: The Meet Director shall appoint a Technical Committee which shall consist of the Meet Director, the Meet Referee, and two acting judges. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations of the competition. In the event the Technical Committee ties with a vote, the Meet Referee shall decide the issue.

X. AWARDS

A. Sectional:

At Sectional meets, individual medals shall be awarded to the winners of the first five (5) places in individual events and in All-Around.

B. State Final:

Individuals qualifying for the state finals shall be awarded a state qualifier pin. In addition, individual medallions shall be awarded to the winners of the first five (5) places in each individual event and All-around and to the members of the first, second and third place teams. Duplicate individual awards will be presented in the event of unresolved ties.

C. Team Awards

1. Sectional: Each Sectional winner shall receive a team award.

2. State Final: Trophies will be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet. In addition, twenty (20) team medallions shall be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet. In addition, one Superintendent's, one Principal's, one Athletic Director's, and one certified athletic trainer's, if one is listed on the school's Team Data Form, medallion for each of the top three teams will be awarded.

D. Accepting Awards at the State Meet

All competitors receiving awards must appear at the awards stand dressed in their school's team competitive uniform.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Judges Appointment and Fees

1. Sectional:

Twelve (12) officials shall be assigned to each Sectional. Two (2) officials shall be assigned to each event, with one serving as the Superior Judge. The Superior Judge will be the same at each sectional. Sectional officials will be paid a flat fee of \$143.00 per meet.

2. State:

Twelve (12) officials shall be assigned to the State Final. Two officials (2) shall be assigned to each event in the preliminaries, with one (1) serving as Superior Judge. One (1) official shall serve as the Meet Referee. State Final officials will be paid \$127.50 per session.

B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy

In the state series, to assist officials for out of pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they actually drive in excess of 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty (30) cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.