



# **PETITIONS TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

AS DEFINED IN THE 2017-2018 USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S PROGRAM RULES AND POLICIES

*A present Level 8, 9, 10 gymnast who competed at the same level the previous year and competed in the previous year's Regional Championships (and achieved a score equal to or greater than the current year's respective State Meet qualifying score) may directly enter the current year's State Meet at her respective Level.*

## **1. PETITIONS TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (ALSO SEE GENERAL RULES FOR PETITIONS)**

- a. NO petitions are allowed if the qualification to the State Meet is by a percent of a percent or a designated number of each age division and not by score.
- b. If a gymnast is unable to compete at the Sectional or any local State-qualifying Meet (or cannot compete in the All-Around at State Meet) due to injury or illness prior to or during the State Meet), her coach may petition the State Administrative Committee Chairman to allow the athlete to directly enter the State Championships, if the following requirements are met and documentation is included with the petition form:
  - 1) A photocopy of the results of one sanctioned meet from the current season showing a score which is equal to or greater than the state qualifying score.
    - If the gymnast competed at the same level in the previous season and qualified to the State meet or above, she may petition with the previous year scores from State or above meets.
  - 2) Written request from the coach.
  - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
- c. If an athlete who is unable to compete at any Sectional or local State-qualifying meets in the current season (or cannot compete AA at such events) due to injury or illness and is also lacking scores from last year's season due to injuries but has previously qualified to and competed in the State or above level competitions at the same level, an injury petition may be considered under special circumstances by the State Administrative Committee Chairman. If necessary, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Regional Jr. Olympic Committee Chairman will be consulted. The petition must include:
  - 1) A copy of meet results from the previous State/Regional/National competition with scores which are at least one point higher than the current State qualifying score.
  - 2) A current video.
  - 3) Written request from the coach or parent.
  - 4) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
- d. Petition Deadlines: petitions to the State Meet must be received no later than the Wednesday after the last qualifying meet is held. Petitions must be sent to the State Administrative Committee Chairman by e-mail, Express Mail, or FAX.
  - 1) The petitioner will be notified of the approval or denial of the petition by the State Administrative Committee Chairman no later than one week before the competition.
  - 2) The State Administrative Committee Chairman will notify the Meet Director of the approval or denial of the petition no later than one week before the competition.
  - 3) If a petition is accepted but the gymnast is unable to compete, the coach **MUST** notify the Meet Director and the State Administrative Committee Chairman.

**REGISTER YOUR GYMNAST PER REGULAR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION DEADLINES,  
INTENT TO PETITION DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 5  
PETITION DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL OR FAX DUE BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7  
TO  
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ANY GYMNAST WHOSE PETITION IS NOT APPROVED IS ENTITLED TO A FULL REGISTRATION FEE REFUND