



2006-07 Girls Gymnastics Series Terms and Conditions



In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2006-07 IHSA Girls State Gymnastics Meet Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Girls State Gymnastics Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Regional Meets: Girls Regional Gymnastics Meets will be held throughout the state during the dates of January 29-February 3. Regional host sites will be determined at the Sectional Complex meeting.

B. Sectional Meets: Girls Sectional Gymnastics Meets will be held during the dates of February 5-10. An attempt will be made by the IHSA Office to schedule no more than one Sectional meet on any given date. Saturday could be an exception. Sectional host sites will be assigned by the IHSA.

C. State Final Meet: The 2006-07 IHSA Girls State Final Gymnastics Meet will be held on February 16-17, at Palatine High School, 1111 North Rohlwing Road, Palatine, Illinois.

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 November 1, 2006. All member schools should have received, in the mail in April of 2006, a 2006-2007 Entry Booklet that outlines the on-line entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments.

The IHSA Board of Directors eliminated the entry fees for all sports and activities starting with the 2006-2007 school year.

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 considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer 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 competitors 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 girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series.

G. On-Line List of Participants:

The *List of Participants* shall be due by 4:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2007. Regional Managers will be able to access the *List of Participants* for all entries in their regional through the school center on the IHSA website. The *List of Participants* shall include the names of contestants entered in the various events. The order in which the names are submitted and entered on-line is the order in which the gymnast will compete. Names of the substitutes must appear on the *List of Participants*. The *List of Participants* is a final entry. No additions, substitutions or changes will be permitted unless team substitutions are made in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. The original *List of Participants* and order of performance shall apply to each level of the series. Any substitutions made are applicable only to that meet.

Alternates: A school, which qualifies to compete for team honors in the State Series, may enter a maximum of eight alternates on the *List of Participants*. These alternates may be used for team substitutions.

If a school does not submit the On-Line *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.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional Host: In the Regional meet, the host school shall receive \$510.00 plus the officials expense.

B. Sectional Host: In the Sectional meet, the host school shall receive \$580.00 plus the officials expense.

C. Admission Prices:

At Regional Meets:	\$4.00
At Sectional Meets:	\$5.00
At the State Final Meet:	\$6.00
State Final Season Ticket:	\$18.00
Baby in arms is free for all levels of competition.	

D. Meet Revenue: The Regional and Sectional meet revenue shall include the television and radio rights fees collected by the meet manager.

E. Rights Fees for TV and Radio: Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy. Radio Fees which shall be charged are:

- 1) Regional -- No Charge
- 2) Sectional -- No Charge
- 3) State Final -- \$50.00

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

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

A. Assignments: In December, the assignments will be posted online for all schools that entered. Each school entered will submit online through the IHSA School Center a *List of Participants* which will list the names of the contestants entered in the various events in addition to eligible head coaches and assistant coaches of the team.

B. Sectional Complex Meeting: The Sectional Complex meeting and the Regional meeting will take place Wednesday, January 10, 2007, for the purpose of seeding teams and determining the Regional host sites. Individuals entered in the state series will be assigned by the IHSA office to their Regional and Sectional. The manager shall determine the time and place of the Sectional Complex Seeding meeting. This meeting shall not be held during the regular school hours.

If a school is interested in hosting a regional meet, the Sectional Manager must have received a signed *Regional Host Consent Form* prior to the seeding of the teams.

C. Seeding Policies: The scores used for team seeding shall be from gymnastics meets where the team score was determined by adding 4 scores on all events. For seeding purposes, at the sectional seeding meeting each team will average their top three meet scores to come up with their seed score. In order to verify their seed score, coaches are required to either bring the signed score sheets from the meets used in averaging their seed score, or fax them in advance of the meeting to the seeding meeting host.

- 1) Dual or multiple meet scores can be used only once.
- 2) If a team competed in a meet that used three scores for team scoring, whether four or more competitors were used, that score can not be used as part of the seeding information.

D. Regional Coaches Meeting: A Regional Coaches Meeting shall be held immediately following the sectional complex

meeting. All coaches are urged to attend the regional coaches meeting. The regional coaches meeting will establish the order of performance for the contestants and select the regional meet committee. The meeting will also be used to make sure all needed and legal mats and equipment have been secured for the meet.

E. Coaches Meeting and Substitutions: The Regional, Sectional and State Final Meet Managers shall hold a coaches meeting prior to the meet. The purpose of this meeting is for making team substitutions or scratching competitor(s). In addition, the head coach may make changes in the order of performance for the team or individual competitors from a school. At this time coaches will number scoresheets in competition order. 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.

3) Individual substitutions: No substitutions shall be made for individual qualifiers in any event.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

A. Regional and Sectional Assignments: The IHSA Office will assign all schools entering the state series to one of four (4) Sectional complexes. At the Sectional Seeding Meetings the teams will be assigned to a Regional and the Regional sites will be determined at the Sectional Seeding Meetings. The seed number and the school's ability to host at their school will determine the first choice of hosting a regional rather than the highest seeded team in a regional. When the first seeded team in a regional declines to host their regional at their school, then the next seeded team in a

regional has the opportunity. The Regional team assignments will be based on the seeds determined by the coaches, with the assignments to be as follows:

- Regional A: Seeds 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24
- Regional B: Seeds 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23
- Regional C: Seeds 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22
- Regional D: Seeds 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21

B. Events: The list of events shall include optional level competition in Vaulting, Balance Beam, Uneven Parallel Bars, and Floor Exercise. All-Around competition includes participation in all four individual events.

C. Order of Events: Events shall be conducted concurrently in the following order on the Vault, Uneven Parallel Bars, Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

D. Contestant Entries: A school may enter up to a maximum of five (5) contestants in each individual event. One contestant among the five contestants entered in each individual event MUST participate in All-Around competition and more than one may participate in All-Around. If a school does not enter a gymnast in the All-Around, a school can enter only four girls in each individual event.

E. Order of Performance

1) Regional/Sectional: Competitors shall perform in order according to a rotational system which shall be outlined in a link found on the forms section of the IHSA Girls' Gymnastics web site. When a conflict in two events occurs with the order of performance for a competitor, the competitor will be dropped by the Superior Judge in the second event three or four competitors down in the order of performance. If a team conflict occurs, the team shall be dropped in order of competition as a team. No individual or team will be dropped into another team's rotation.

2) State Final:

A. Preliminaries: The order of performance for the preliminary round of the state final shall be in order according to a random draw by lot.

B. Event Finals: For the event finals, the finalists shall be divided into two (2) groups. The five highest scores, and ties, from preliminaries shall constitute one group, and the remaining finalists shall constitute another group. The order of performance for each group shall be in order according to a random draw by lot. The group consisting of the highest scores from preliminaries shall perform last in event finals.

F. Time Schedules

1) **Regional Meets:** All Regional meets shall be held in a single session beginning at 6:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m./6:30 p.m. if held on Saturday afternoon.

2) **Sectionals Meets:** All Sectional meets shall be held in a single session beginning at 6:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m./6:30 p.m. if held on Saturday afternoon. All four events shall be conducted concurrently.

3) **State Final Meet:**

Preliminaries - Friday, February 16 - Session I

a) 12:30 p.m.: Parade of Competitors followed by the Vaulting and Uneven Parallel Bar

Preliminaries - Friday, February 16 - Session II

b) 6:30 p.m.: Parade of Competitors followed by the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise

Final - Saturday, February 17

c) 6:30 p.m.: Parade of Competitors followed by all events in this order: Vaulting, Uneven Parallel Bars, Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. Individual Advancement

1. Regional to Sectional

Individual Advancement: The winners of the first five (5) places in each individual event in the regionals and the first five (5) places in the All-Around regional competition shall advance to the sectional as "Ranked Qualifiers." Ties for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance as "Ranked Qualifiers." In addition, the sectional manager shall survey the results of the regionals feeding into the sectional and determine the twelve (12) additional contestants in each individual event and in the All-Around. Those individuals shall advance to the sectional as "At Large Qualifiers." Individuals that tie for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance.

2. Sectional to State Individual

Advancement: The winners of the first five (5) places in each individual event in the sectional and the first five (5) places in the All-Around sectional competition shall advance to the state meet as "Ranked Qualifiers." Ties for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance as "Ranked Qualifiers." In addition, the state final manager shall survey the results of all the sectionals and determine the top twelve (12) additional contestants in each individual event and in the All-Around. Those individuals shall advance to the state meet as "At Large Qualifiers." Individuals that tie for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance.

B. Team Advancement

1. Regional to Sectional Team

Advancement: The team which compiles the highest raw team score in the regional meet shall be declared the Regional team winner and advance as a team to the sectional team competition. In addition, the Sectional manager shall survey the results of the regionals that feed into the sectional and determine the two (2) additional teams that compiled the highest raw team score without winning a Regional meet. These teams shall also be advanced as "At Large Teams" to sectional team competition. Teams that tie for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance.

2. Sectional to State Team

Advancement: The team which compiles the highest raw team score in the sectional meet shall be declared the sectional team winner and advance as a team to the state team competition. In addition, the state final manager shall survey the results of all the sectionals and determine the four (4) additional teams that compiled the highest raw team score without winning a sectional meet. These teams shall also be advanced as "At Large Teams" to state team competition. Teams that tie for the last qualifying spot to advance, shall advance.

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

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Official Rules: The official rules governing competition at the Regional, Sectional and State Final meets in all events shall be those included in the current National Federation Girls Gymnastics Rules Book unless otherwise stated in these Terms and Conditions or in instructions to the participating schools or in the IHSA Girls Gymnastics Meet Manual furnished to meet managers.

B. Base Scoring: For the regional, sectional and state final meets, the judges shall do pre-meet base scoring by using videotapes furnished by the IHSA Office.

C. Equipment

1) **Sting Mats:** At the regional and sectional levels, schools will be permitted to use their own sting mats. At the state meet, schools will not be permitted to use sting mats other than those provided by the state meet hosts.

2) **Vaulting Boards:** At the

regional, sectional and state final meets, schools will be permitted to use their own vaulting boards provided they are approved as legal equipment by the Meet Referee.

3) **Vaulting Table** Schools that host regional or sectional meets shall only provide a vaulting table for competition.

4) Equipment may be borrowed.

D. Open Scoring: Open scoring system shall be used in the state series. The score sheets shall go to the superior judge who checks the range and inquiry items. When the scores are in range and there is agreement on the inquiry items, the scores are flashed at the places of individual judges who gave the scores.

E. Scoring:

1) **Event Scoring:** A competitor's individual event score is determined by averaging the optional scores for the event. A team's event score shall be determined by adding the individual event scores of the best four performances from a school in an event for those schools eligible to compete for team honors. The final raw team score shall be determined by totaling the team's event scores for all four events. The final raw team score does not include All-Around score. A competitor who is a member of a school team (ranked or at-large) and becomes one of the ten event finalists at the State Final will not have her score in that event added to the team score until she has performed in the individual event finals. The better of her two performance scores (preliminary and finals) will become the score added to the team score.

2) **All-Around Scoring:** An individual All-Around score is determined by totaling the All-Around competitor's four individual event scores. At the State Final meet, the All-Around competition will be completed in the Preliminaries.

F. Judges Score Sheets: The original copies of judges' event score sheets shall remain a part of the official meet results to be used for verification of scores. The judges scoresheet shall be passed onto the next qualifying level's manager.

G. 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.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Presale Tickets: Schools entered in the state series and the general public will have an opportunity to purchase single-session tickets in advance and at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each school advancing a team to the State Final team competition will receive an allotment of 100 single-session tickets for each session and 50 season tickets (including a single-session ticket for each session at the single-session ticket price multiplied by three) for sale in advance. Each of the four schools qualifying ranked teams for the State Final meet shall receive an additional allotment of 50 single-session tickets for advance sale.

B. State Final Passes :

1) Team qualifiers

a) one pass for each competitor, up to eight additional passes for alternates and one pass for the manager as listed on the *List of Participants*.

b) maximum three passes for coaches 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 two passes for coaches listed on the *List of Participants*

c) two passes for school officials

At the State Final, participant passes shall be issued only to those competitors who qualified for the State Final. In addition, competing schools who have individual qualifiers shall receive a maximum of two passes for coaches provided the coaches' names are included on the *List of Participants*. Each school qualifying a team for the State Final "team" competition shall receive three coaches' passes provided the coaches' name is included on the *List of Participants*. In addition, schools that qualified for the team competition at the State Final will receive a maximum of eight passes for team alternates provided the names of the alternates are included on the *List of Participants*. Only coaches and contestants who have been issued passes shall be allowed in the warm-up areas, the competition areas and the participant seating areas

at the Regional, Sectional and State Final meets.

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. Bands: No bands, pompon squads or drill team groups shall perform at any state series meets.

D. Artificial Noisemakers

Mechanical noisemakers and megaphones are prohibited.

E. Signs and Banners: The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at 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.

F. Cheerleaders and Mascots:

Participating schools may use school cheerleaders provided they have purchased tickets for seating during the meet.

G. Media Requirements:

1) Provide Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

2) Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payments (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. Television 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. Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for Regional or Sectional competition in this series, only at the State Final. Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition. 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 and Broadcast policies. All media requirements for the State Final tournament shall be handled through the IHSA Office. Local tournament managers shall be responsible for reporting tournament information and results to the IHSA Office and the news media as stipulated in printed instructions received from the IHSA Office.

H. Tobacco Products:

No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

I. 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 of self administration in the Illinois school code.

J. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events:

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are 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 sites 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.

K. Meet Committee: A Meet Committee shall be selected for each Regional and Sectional meet. At the Regional and Sectional meets, 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.

L. 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. Regional: At all Regional meets, individual medals shall be awarded to the winners of the first five (5) places in each individual event and in All-Around.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. Team Awards

1) Regional: Each Regional winner shall receive a team award.

2) Sectional: Each Sectional winner shall receive a team award.

3) 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.

E. Administrative Awards:

A Superintendent's medallion, a Principal's medallion and an Athletic Director's medallion will also be awarded to each of the three placing schools.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Judges Appointment and Fees

1) Regional:

a) Two (2) judges shall be assigned to each event at a Regional meet

b) At the Regional, one of the event judges shall be assigned to serve as the Superior Judge.

c) At the Regional meets, one of the Superior Judges shall be assigned to serve as Meet Referee. A Meet Referee shall be assigned to the Regional Meets

d) All judges for the Regional meets shall be assigned by the IHSA Office as stipulated in the current "IHSA Sport Officials Handbook."

e) The officials assigned to the Regional by the IHSA Office shall receive a flat fee of \$76.00.

2) Sectional:

a) Two (2) judges shall be assigned to each event at a Sectional meet.

b) At the Sectional, one of the event judges shall be assigned to serve as the Superior Judge.

c) At the Sectional meets, one of the Superior Judges shall be assigned to serve as Meet Referee. A Meet Referee shall be assigned to the Sectional Meets.

d) All judges for the Sectional meets shall be assigned by the IHSA Office as stipulated in the current "IHSA Sport Officials Handbook."

e) The officials assigned to the Sectional meets by the IHSA Office shall receive a flat fee of \$95.00

3) State Final:

a) Four (4) judges shall be assigned to each event at the State Final.

b) At the State Final, one of the event judges shall be assigned to serve as the Superior Judge.

c) At the State Final meets, one of the Superior Judges shall be assigned to serve as Meet Referee. A Meet Referee shall be assigned to the State Final Meets.

d) All judges for the State Final meets shall be assigned by the IHSA Office as stipulated in the current "IHSA Sport Officials Handbook."

e) The officials assigned to the State Final meets by the IHSA Office shall receive a flat fee of \$253.50 for three sessions

B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:

In the state series a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they actually drive in excess of 100 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 100 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 100 miles round trip.