



To: IHSA Official Representatives

Re: 2020 IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Host Requirements

The 2020 Boys Sectional Meets will be conducted on May 3-8. Meets will begin at 6:00 p.m. on their scheduled day.

### **2021 Requirements for Hosting a Boys Gymnastics Sectional**

- All current IHSA requirements posted in the COVID-19 Resource Page on the IHSA website are to be adhered to ([IHSA Boys Gymnastics COVID-19 Considerations](#))

#### **Media**

- Media WILL have access to the event if they have provided hosts advance notice of their attendance. Media need not be included in the capacity limitations.
- Media location during the meet will be determined by host meet management.
- Members of the media must wear a face covering at all times.

#### **Warm-ups**

- Due to restrictions on warm-ups, hosts must encourage visiting teams to warm-up at their home facility, if possible, before departing for the state series event.
- The scoring program will randomly determine the competition order. Sectional hosts will provide the warm-up schedules. Athletes should plan on warming up with just a few major elements.

#### **Contest Entries**

- A school may enter up to a maximum of five (5) contestants in each individual event.

#### **Scoring**

- The individual and team events will be scored in accordance with IHSA Terms & Conditions & NFHS Boys Gymnastics Rules Book.
- Hosts must organize medals throughout the event and establish a method to distribute the awards to each head coach of the receiving school prior to their departure back home after the conclusion of the meet.

### **Team Advancement to State**

- **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 advance as a team to the State team competition. There will be 6 geographic Sectionals sites in 2021.
- The sectional manager shall survey the results of the Sectionals that feed into the state meet and determine the top (2) additional teams that compiled the highest raw team score without winning a Sectional meet. This team shall also be advanced as the “At Large Team” to state team competition.

### **Individual Sectional Advancement to State**

- Top 3 AA automatically advance from each sectional, plus up to 12 At-Large (30 total)
- Top 5 on each event automatically qualify from each sectional, plus 5 At-Large (35 total)

### **State Meet Format**

- 2 session state meet- individual prelims on Friday, team and individual finals together on Saturday
- State Final management will determine if events can be conducted in a warm-up gym or auxiliary spaces to allow for social distancing.
- Sectional and State rosters are limited to 15 participants and a maximum of 4 coaches.

### **Officials**

- Two (2) judges shall be assigned to each event at a sectional meet. At the sectional, one of the event judges shall be assigned to serve as the Chief Judge.
- Judges must wear a facial covering at all times and maintain social distancing.
- Judges will be seated a minimum of 6 ft apart.
- Judges are assigned to ensure that the USA Gymnastics & IHSA Terms and Conditions are applied and enforced. They are not to enforce facial coverings, social distancing, and other COVID-19 related requirements. This responsibility falls with the coaches, host and meet management.

### **Sectional Geographic Assignments**

- Teams will be assigned to a sectional on a geographical basis, not seed score.
- Sectional sites will be pre-determined.
- Six (6) Sectionals sites will be used (instead of 5) to reduce the number of teams/gymnasts onsite at a Sectional.

## **LOP**

- Schools will be required to submit their List of Participants by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. Sectional assignments will be posted after April 19.
- Competitors inside of the competition gym will be limited to the competing gymnasts on that event, one alternate gymnast and maximum of 4 coaches. Additional gymnasts on the roster traveling to the sectional that will not be competing on an apparatus will remain in spaces assigned by host management.
- Each sectional host may ask for one gymnast not entered in a competition event to assist the meet management as a timer.

## **Event Substitutions**

- The 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.

## **Coaches Meeting**

- Hosts and the Meet Referee must conduct a coaches meeting prior to the meet.
- The meeting is limited to the host, the Meet Referee, and head coaches only and must be done in a space that allows for appropriate social distancing.
- Hosts should also use this opportunity to explain the unique nature of the event and how it will flow in their facility. It will also be a good opportunity to address questions.
- Host announcements, meet and facility protocols, facility maps, etc. should be shared electronically and communicated to attending schools frequently in the days and weeks preceding the sectional meet.