

MIDWEST AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION RULES & POLICIES

I. OPERATING CODE

A. Name

1. The name of this organization shall be "THE MIDWEST AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION" / MAGA

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote, serve and administer gymnastic programs for girls at all levels of ability throughout Minnesota and surrounding territories.

This shall be done by:

- a) Interpretations of this publication are the express duty and responsibility of the Executive Board of this organization.
- b) Carrying out the purposes and objectives of the Midwest Amateur Gymnastics Association.
- c) Providing for the expansion and improvement of gymnastics and to conduct appropriate gymnastics programs.
- d) Organizing and sanctioning competitions for girls and at all levels of ability at local, state and regional levels.
- e) Providing for the technical organization and development of specific guidelines, rules and policies while providing a network of communications necessary for the interpretation and implementation of these objectives.

C. Executive Board

1. The Executive Board will have overall responsibility for the direction of the girls gymnastics program of the M.A.G.A. and as guided by the policies and statements from the M.A.G.A. Rules and Policies.
2. As elected by the membership, the board will have the responsibility to interpret these policies, and to enforce all rules and penalties herein, to the best of their ability.
3. The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director and one Representative at Large.
4. Elections and Terms of Office:
 - a) Elections of executive officers are to be held at the fall meeting.
 - b) Terms of office are for two years.
 - c) Rotation for President: Vice President becomes President following year, President becomes Past President.
5. Duties of Officers
 - a) Past President: Shall serve in an advisory capacity and will attend board meetings and have a vote on board decisions.
 - b) President: Interpret the "Rules and Policies" of the M.A.G.A. Interface with all other gymnastics related organizations and serve as the M.A.G.A. liaison to those organizations. Be responsible for the correct functioning

of all M.A.G.A. members and sub-committees. Be responsible for running all meetings of the organization.

c) Vice President: Shall serve in the same capacity as President in the absence of President. The Vice President is directly responsible to the President. Be responsible for writing the agenda for M.A.G.A. meetings.

d) Secretary: Maintain all reporting systems, including minutes of all meetings. Notify general membership of minutes of all board meetings and general meetings.

e) Treasurer.: Have State Meet Financial Statements available for those clubs who wish to see them. Maintain all M.A.G.A. finances with the assistance of an accountant.

f) Registrar / Statistician / Webmaster: Non - Board Position (as of Fall 2023).

This position has 3 roles:

Registrar - Facilitates registration process and collection of club, team, and athlete fees. Facilitates club, team & athlete record keeping, financial reports, participation reports and team/athlete eligibility.

Statistician - Collects, organizes and assists meet hosts with meet scoring and score remediation. Interprets statistics of the MAGA gymnasts competing in MAGA competitions. Facilitates tournament rankings, scores, leaderboards and club/team statistics per MAGA seasonal competition rules.

Contractor amounts 2023-2026

Amount 1) athlete x \$2 each

Amount 2) teams x \$5 each

INSIGHT - Gymnastics software for league management, registration, meet scoring, athlete profiles and fan portal. The association voted 2018 as the scoring system to be used by all members.

MAGA Webmaster – creates, updates & maintains the MAGA webpage. Position to be paid \$750/yr.

g) Membership Director: Supply M.A.G.A. membership, executive board and possible new members with current M.A.G.A. Rules and Policies, other informational materials. Supply Meet / Tournament procedure, requirement and how to use scoreflippers/INSIGHT.

h) Representative at Large: A coach or club director that represents members at Executive Board meetings. Has a vote at Executive Board meetings. Responsible for organizing end of the year senior scholarships.

D. Meetings

1. Members:

a) Mandatory Fall Meeting to be held on the 3rd Sunday in September. Each club pays an annual \$50 club registration to attend, to be a member and have a vote.

2. Executive Board

a) As necessary for situations that may arise.

3. Calls for Vote

- a) Calls for vote by written ballot or a show of hands must be by request at meetings.
- 4. Amendments to these "Rules and Policies"
 - a) Will pass with 2/3 majority vote of membership in attendance.
- 5. Items for inclusion on meeting agenda
 - a) Must be e-mail, text or called into Vice President no later than two weeks prior to scheduled meeting.
 - b) Items not on the agenda will be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

E. Petitions

- 1. General petitions may be made to the Executive Board for items that may come up during the season.
- 2. All petitions must be made to the board by February 1st.
- 3. Procedure
 - a) Login to file a petition on insight under MAGA under LEAGUE menu select MAGA petition/voting.
 - b) Petitions will be read and voted on by the executive board. The executive board will issue a written response to the petition.
- 4. Special Note
 - a) A gymnast who is registered with another MAGA club and/or has competed with an MAGA club during the current season will be ineligible for team competition if his/her petition is granted to switch clubs. The gymnast may compete for individual awards.

F. Policy Infractions

- 1. Coaches / Club ethics
 - a) Coaches, clubs or programs found to be running their programs in an unethical manner may result in suspension of that program from M.A.G.A.
 - b) Code of Ethics found in the National Federation High School Rule Book are to apply.
 - c) Coaches and Programs are to follow the 'Spirit' of the rules.
- 2. Competition infractions
 - a) "See Section VIII. 'Examples of Reporting Infractions, Competition and/or Eligibility Infractions'".

II. MAGA MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION

A. Club Responsibility

- 1. Membership packets available from Membership Director. The packet includes instructions on how to use INSIGHT, a copy of Rules & Policies, etc. Packets available upon request.
- 2. There is a TEAM registration fee of \$65.00 and an ATHLETE registration fee of \$55 per year. This is set for next three years 2023-2026.
- 3. Any gymnast or club found to be in violation of eligibility rules will be suspended from MAGA competitions indefinitely and will return all honors and awards.

a) Reinstatement is possible only after one divisional meet has been sacrificed AND upon review and acceptance of a petition to the executive board.

4. Registration Deadline is December 1.

a) Registration must be complete on INSIGHT before your first competition, if the first competition is before December 1.

b) Once a gymnast has competed, he/she must stay on that team, no crossover is allowed.

c) Age Groups

Gymnast's age on January 1st of competition season.

NOVICE 9 and under

CHILDREN 10 and 11 years old

JUNIOR 12 and 13 years old

SENIOR 14 and over.

5. Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

III. COMPETITION GUIDELINES

NOTE – Invitational must be set up at time of meet scheduling and should provide team awards as well as individual awards.

A. Pre-Meet Organization

1. Host clubs are required to provide a written invitation to visiting teams 2 weeks prior to the meet and must use INSIGHT to create meet, directions to meet, parking info, warm up, meet schedule, equipment specifications, any facility limitations, meet fees for teams, admission fee for spectators, number of judges and any other info necessary for visiting fans.

2. Any changes in meet format must be relayed well in advance of the competition.

B. Suggested Meet Procedures

1. Warm-ups

a. Provide a minimum of 30 minutes for stretching and bar settings.

b. Format can be Olympic order or Capital Cup.

2. The Meet

a. Judges must be certified officials for scores to count towards team divisional qualifications.

b. Top 4 scores from each event count towards final team score.

C. Minnesota State High School League Rules apply to all MAGA competitions

1. Exceptions to High School rules;

- Uneven Bars settings must fit within MSHSL guidelines.
- Table Vault may be set at any height for all age groups.
- Beam may be lowered for Novice and Children.
- A Courtesy Score of 2.0 is the lowest score given including void routines.
- Panel mats are allowed under mounting board for novice and child only.
- Flyaway off low bar is accepted and will receive superior credit.

D. Meet Results

1. Host team must enter scores into INSIGHT the day of competition.
2. Complete score sheets must be given to each visiting club at the conclusion of the meet.

IV. STATE MEET FORMAT

1. Division Determination

- a. There will be 14 Divisions for team competition.
- b. Teams will be placed in a Division based on their average team score from the current season.
Average calculated using the top 3 Meet Scores. Must have 4 qualifying meet team scores.
- d. Division groups will be determined by the Executive Board according to this average.
- e. No team refunds for state meet competitions.
- f. A club may have more than one team in one division. It is the club's responsibility to safely handle the situation should it arise. Organization must be able to effectively and safely coach both teams.

2. Tournament Format

- a. Team Qualifiers: The Top 112 Teams will Qualify for 14 Divisions. There will be Individual Awards for each Division.
- b. Individual Championships: Top 24 All-Around from each age group determined throughout season average. The next 24 gymnasts from each age group on each event will also qualify. There will be a total of 48 competitors on each event from each age group at the Championships.

V. PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

1. Programs are nominated/voted on INSIGHT.

VI. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

For individual events, break the tie first with Chief Judge score, then by the All-Around score. If there is still a tie, it stands. If a tie in the all-around, use Chief judge score total to break ties. If still a tie, it stands. Team ties...go to 5 scores. If still a tie, it stands.

VII. COMMITTEES

1. State meet committees.
2. Hall of Fame committees. (Chris Bangs, Kiki Meyer & Mark Morpew.)

VII. Examples of reporting infractions, competition infractions and eligibility infractions

Note: these are examples only and that the executive board still carries the responsibility of interpreting each situation as it may arise.

Possible examples listed below:

1. Competition & Eligibility Conducting program in an unethical manner
2. Competing gymnasts for team score who are ineligible for team
3. Coaches/programs who continually 'abuse' the 'spirit' of the rules (and the intent)
Amendment: 11/19/02: Any clubs being terminated from MAGA Association shall have a 2-year probationary period and any new infractions within the probationary period will result in immediate club termination.