

October 2, 2018

Dear Washington Professional Members,

With so much going on at USA Gymnastics and here in Washington, I am going to make every attempt to get out a monthly newsletter to the membership. Some months there will be a lot of information and others very little. However, I feel communication is key to keep us all connected and up-to-date.

Email List: The e-mail list for newsletters is generated from the current pro membership at the time of the newsletter. The list is generated from the e-mail addresses on the USA website. If you want to change an address, please do so on the USA website under your profile. To ensure that Washington's professional members are receiving updates and information, please encourage all the coaches in your club to renew their membership, if they have not yet done so.

Rules and Policies: There were several changes. If you have any specific questions, just let me know. Link to the 2018-2019 Rules and Policies, where they have highlighted all changes in yellow:

https://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/Rules%20and%20Policies/2018_2019_w_rulespolicies_0813.pdf

FAQ's

Athlete Memberships: Be sure to send your athletes the link from USAG so they can renew their athlete memberships. This is a new process and clubs are no longer able to renew their athletes, it must be done by the athlete's parents/guardians.

Affiliation Rule: Page 34-35 of the 2018-2019 Rules and Policy's addresses judge's affiliation with clubs/gymnasts fully. A few highlights are listed below, please refer to the Rules and Policies for complete information.

- A. A judge is considered "affiliated" at a specific meet if she/he is 1) A judge who critiques or coaches at a specific Gymnastics club on a regular (more than once a month) basis, 2) a coach of a competing gymnast 3) club owner of a competing club 4) any sports science or Gymnastics professional that is paid for ongoing services for a competing gymnast (ex. Athletic Trainer, Physical Therapist, Sports Psychologist or Choreographer).
- B. Judges affiliated with a club, Gymnast or Coach participating in a USA Gymnastics qualifying competition with a panel of 2 or 4 judges, may be assigned to judge, with the following stipulations. 1) An affiliated judge may be assigned as a panel judge or the meet referee 2) No more than one judge with the same affiliation may be assigned per panel 3) An affiliated judge may not be assigned as Chief Judge, regardless of accreditation rating.
- C. In non-qualifying Open invitationals with panels of two or four judges an affiliated judge may be assigned as a Chief of Panel Judge
- D. An affiliated judge may be assigned to a one-judge panel of Levels 1 and 2.

Mobility to and from Xcel and JO: There is no mobility from Xcel to JO. If a gymnast moves from Xcel to JO, she will need to: 1) Start at Level 4 and work her way up through

the JO Levels receiving the needed qualification scores 2) Go back to a previous JO level she qualified for or 3) Petition to the optional levels, if she meets the criteria.

Age Requirement: All gymnasts must reach the minimum age for the level BEFORE competing in any USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition.

Regional Championships: Hosted by Oregon State University. Mary Law is the meet director and can answer all your questions. Mary.Law@oregonstate.edu

2019 Western Championships: Not yet determined, when it is announced, I will be sure to send the information out to the membership.

2019 National Championships: Not yet determined, when it is announced, I will be sure to send the information out to the membership.

2020 Regionals/Nationals: Not yet determined, when it is announced, I will be sure to send the information out to the membership.

State Financials: End of the fiscal year our balance was: \$21,972.18.

Reporting Results: Please send a copy of your sanction, results and an excel spreadsheet of new qualifiers (the spreadsheet should indicate the gymnast name, level and score). Please send results to Susan Riley at susriley@hotmail.com or GYMAgine Gymnastics Attn: Susan Riley 3616 South Rd #B3 Mukilteo WA 98275.

Communication/Social Media: Our main communication will continue to be via email as this is the preference of the National Office. However, some members have expressed that they like the ability to share ideas and the good things happening in our state with each other. A Facebook group has been started named *USA Gymnastics Washington*. All current Professional Members will receive an invite to the page (please let me know if you do not receive the invitation).

SAC Fall Meeting: October 29 (agenda below) please email me and your representatives with comments, concerns or questions.

1. Small team/Large team at Compulsory state
 - A. How we decide which teams are which
 - B. How many scores are counted
 2. 4 judge panels for all state meets
 3. Hall of Fame Recognition
 4. NAWJA Fundraisers
 5. State Judges Selection
 6. State Congress Date and Location
 7. State Budget Discussion
 8. Committee Member Reports:
 9. New Business to be brought to membership
- Adjournment

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I wish you all the very best this season, please do not hesitate to contact me or your representative with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Riley
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