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- Tennessee Website

Please continue to check www.tnusag.org on a regular basis for important information on the happenings in the State. The 2007-2008 TN Prep Op rules are posted on the website as well as the 2007-2008 State Calendar AND THE 2007-2008 JO update. If you have additions or alterations to the Tennessee State Calendar or to the Tennessee Club Listing please email Larry Corrigan @ CegcCoach1@cs.com.

- JO Update

Download the 2007-2008 JO update from the TN website. There are important changes to the Optional program for this year.

- JO Program Fund Fees

JO fund payments are now well past due if you are delinquent submit your payment to TN-SACC immediately!!!

Yearly JO program fund fees of \$15.00 per registered Competitive Gymnast are due to the TN-SACC office - C/O CEGC, 1553 Ashland City Rd., Clarksville, TN 37040, postmarked no later than 01 August 2007. You must have paid these fees to be eligible to enter the team competition at State Championships.

- Meet Directors

Tennessee Meet Directors are reminded to follow the guidelines listed below after each USAG sanctioned competition, **all required information is due not later than one week after meet is concluded and mailed to TN-SACC C/O CEGC, 1553 Ashland City Rd., Clarksville TN. 37040.**

- 1. Regional Apparel Fee for Meets Held in Tennessee – A Regional Apparel Fee of \$2.00 per gymnast that competed in the meet must be sent to TN –SACC. Make check payable to TN-SACC. **THERE ARE SEVERAL GYMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY LATE PAYING THIS FEE!!!***
- 2. Sanction Report Form – The form must be signed by the meet director and have an accurate count of the number of competitors.*
- 3. Meet Results – The results must include: the name and date of the meet, the meet director's name and phone number, the gymnasts' name, level, USAG #, and All-around score. **Please email the results to CegcCoach1@cs.com (MS Excel) following your meet. No Faxes or hard copies. If your meet scoring was done by Meet Control T.G. Hawkins will file all required reports with the State.***

- Optional State Meet Information

- The 2008 Optional State Championships will be hosted by Premier Athletics in Knoxville Tn. At the old convention center. Detailed meet information from Premier will be mailed to each gym in the next few weeks.
- The entry fee for Optional State Meet has been set at \$80.00, team entries are \$50.00 per level. (Three scores count at all levels)

- Payment for entries must be made out to Premier Athletics and mailed not later than **March 7th 2008** to:

**Steve Butcher
Premier Athletics
2847 John Deere Dr.
Suite 102
Knoxville, TN 37917**

Late payments / entries will be forwarded to the TN SACC for assessment of late fees before entry will be accepted.

- The **tentative** schedule for the meet will be:

Friday – State Administrative Committee Meeting

Friday -- All Level 7's (2 sessions)

Friday Evening – Coaches Party

Saturday - All Level 8's (2 sessions), 9 and 10 gymnasts, (1 or 2 sessions)

Saturday Evening - Athlete Recognition Reception / Coaching & Special recognition awards.

Sunday - All Prep Op (2 sessions)

- ALL ENTRIES TO STATE MEET MUST BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY on the State Meet entry Sheet TO LARRY CORRIGAN (CegcCoach1@cs.com) NOT LATER THAN MARCH 7TH 2008. IF GYMNASTS ARE NOT ELECTRONICALLY REGISTERED THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE MEET. NO FAXES!
- All Coach / club & athlete information to include complete qualification data and correct GK leo size. Please contact Larry via email or on his cell - (931) 206-6054 - if you have any questions.
- - State Meet Qualification Scores

Prep Op. -	Compete All Around in one TN sanctioned meet
Level 7 -	30.00 AA
Level 8 -	30.00 AA
Level 9-	32.00 AA
Level 10 -	32.00 AA
 - State meet entry fee, \$80.00 for Prep Op / Optional.
 - Petition procedures for Optional State Meet:

A gymnast may petition to the state meet by filling out the state meet petition form (downloadable from the State Web site) and submitting all required documents (see petition form for detailed instructions) to the SACC not later than the official meet entry date. General Guidelines are as follows:

A gymnast who has qualified during the previous competitive season to State or above and has failed to qualify / compete due to injury during the current regular season may petition directly to the current year State Championships

based on the previous years scores. All petitions must be submitted to and approved by the SACC

- Prep Optional Rules | Meets

- The rules for this season have been finalized and are posted on the Tennessee State Website at www.tnusaq.org. The current version is 1-08. If you do not see this in the upper right hand corner you have old rules and should download the latest copy from the TN website.
- The Prep Op was designed by USAG to allow each state to tailor the rules to meet their individual needs. The Tennessee Prep Op rules are a result of more than three years of very hard work by both coaches and judges from our state. Our rules are constantly reviewed and are considered by our State Board for revision every year at the annual meeting held during the Optional State meet based on input from both coaches and judges.

Several states in the region have banded together and combined their individual rules in an attempt to increase participation within their states and grow their Prep Op programs / allow themselves easier access to out of state competitions. As of now Tennessee has decided that the benefits of our Prep Op rules as they stand and our ability to amend / change them as the State sees fit, far outweigh any convenience that may or may not be realized from scrapping our program and joining the States that have combined their rules.

I have received several questions about a “Regional Prep Op Championships” over the last few months. Most of the questions are centered around what the state is going to do for the “State prep Op team”. Because there is obviously some confusion I want to take this opportunity to clarify the situation somewhat.

1. There is no regional Prep Op Championships.

Mississippi USAG is hosting a Prep Op invitational using the rules that Alabama and Mississippi have adopted in May. This meet is open to all gyms in the U.S. to include TN. You can get information on this Invitation from either the Mississippi or the Alabama State Web Sites. Questions with regard to rules being used should be addressed to the meet directors / hosts not the TN – SACC.

2. There is no Regional Prep Op Team and no procedures to select one are in the process of being developed.

3. The State is not planning to purchase or distribute apparel for Prep Op “Regional” qualifiers now or in the future.

4. The official culminating meet for the season is the State Championships

- Judging Information

- Before judging a USAG sanctioned meet in Tennessee, new compulsory judges are required to have at least **10** judgments per event per level for levels 4, 5, and 6. Requirements can be fulfilled by
 - 1) Practice judging a meet session
 - 2) Video judging with a higher rated official
 - 3) In gym experience with a higher rated official.

Each judge must have a higher rated official sign off on his/her practice judging sessions and send one copy to each:

Sibby Lane, 2121 Mark Lane, Maryville, TN 37803 and

Kerma Headrick, 309 Oak Glen Circle, Maryville, TN 37803

Before judging a USAG sanctioned meet in Tennessee, new level 7/8 judges must practice judge at least 2 sessions at a USAG sanctioned meet and new Level 9 /10 judges must practice judge at least 1 session at a USAG sanctioned meet.

All new judges must practice judge all four events.

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- In Gym Experience Cards are required for all judges. Requirement is to spend 6 hours for Compulsory and 9 hours for Optional (**deleted time requirement**) working with gymnasts. It is strongly recommended that half of those hours be fulfilled outside the judge's gym of affiliation.
- State Meet Assignment Criteria:
 - i. Availability of Judge (signature on availability contract)
 - ii. Head judge Availability; most experienced judges assigned first
 - iii. Active judging of USAG meets during current season at appropriate level
 - iv. Professional development activities of judges
 - v. Affiliation (not assigned as Chief Judge if affiliated)

Additional - Geographical Representation as not a requirement but a

consideration

- General Rules for the 2007-2008 Year

JO Fund Fees will be \$15 per gymnast and must be postmarked by August 1st. You may use the state meet entry form that can be downloaded from the Tennessee website at www.tnusaq.org to record JO funds. Make check payable to TN-SACC and mail to TN-SACC C/O CEGC 1553 Ashland City Rd. Clarksville TN. 37040. **Due to the athlete registration / computer issues at USAG this year there will be no late fee assessed on JO fund payments until NOV 1 2007. Remit late JO fund payments to TN-SACC as soon as possible.**

- State Meet Admission Fees
 - \$8 for Adults ages 13 & up; \$3 for Children ages 6-12; Age 5 & under Free
- Team Divisions for Compulsory State Meet
 - Level 4 & 5 - top 4 scores
 - Level 6 -10 - top 3 scores

- State Meet Judges
A 2 judge panel will be used for Prep Op sessions at Optional State Meet. **A 4 judge panel will be used for Level 7 and up.**
- Declaration Dates, Qualification Dates and State Meet Entry Dates:
- All declaration dates will be 4 weeks prior to State Meet

Friday, March 7, 2008 for Optionals
All Qualification dates will be 2 weeks prior to the State Meet

Friday November 16, 2007 for Compulsories
Friday March 21, 2008 for Optionals
- All State Meet Entry dates will be 4 weeks prior to the State Meet (entries must be electronically to CegcCoach1@cs.com)

Midnight Friday, March 7, 2008 for Optionals
(Meet fees due at this time)

All requests for late entries must be sent to and approved by the SACC. Requests must include a check for the entry fee plus the late fee made out to the TN-SACC.

- All gymnasts that fail to qualify for the State Meet are guaranteed a full refund of the State Meet entry fee.
- Out of State Meet Scores
 - Are the responsibility of individual coaches
 - Are due to the SACC 4 weeks prior to the State Meet, with the exception of those meets held within 4 weeks of the State Meet
 - Are charged a \$25 late fee per gymnast if the scores are submitted late.
- State Meet Qualification Scores

Prep Op. -	Compete All Around in one TN sanctioned meet
Level 3 -	Compete All Around in one TN sanctioned meet
Level 4, -	Compete All Around in one TN sanctioned meet
Level 5 -	28.00 AA
Level 6 -	30.00 AA
Level 7 -	30.00 AA
Level 8 -	30.00 AA
Level 9-	32.00 AA
Level 10 -	32.00 AA
- State meet entry fees are \$72.00 for compulsory, \$80.00 for Prep Op / Optional.
- Petition procedures for Optional State Meet:

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See Regional news letter for petition procedures for Level 9 / 10 Regionals (There are no petitions to L8 regionals.)