

SC USA Gymnastics State Administration Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:00PM
ZOOM MEETING

Roll Call

	Present
Mendi Knisley – SAC Chair	X
Dana Browy – Communication	
Sue Dolinar – NAWGJ Representative	X
David Gale – Secretary	
Pat Faulkner – Compulsory Clinic Coordinator	X
Sabina Jokulus – Technical/Education Resource	X
Brittany LaRoche – Xcel Member at Large	X
Abby Reid – TOPS Representative	
Anna Sexton – Apparel	X
Joey Smith – Webmaster/Athlete Tracking	X
Val Smith – Optional Clinic Coordinator	X
Tricha Tapio – Awards	X
Karimah Thorne – Development Member at Large	X

Meeting called to order at 12:01pm

SC SACC reminds us that the SC SAC operates in compliance with all USA Gymnastics policies including the Confidentiality Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy. Please disclose any conflict of interests with regard to any matter on the agenda. If at any time during our discussions or decision-making process, should a member feel there may be a conflict of interest, you have an ongoing duty to raise immediately.

Additional reminder that all SC SAC correspondence should be copied to the SC SACC.

Discussion of SC Regional Qualifier Clinic

Over half of the athletes on the regional teams participated, including 18 Level 9 and 10 athletes. Comments were favorable with one area of feedback provided by coaches in attendance which stated that less of a meet format and more of a review of individual elements with corrections may be more helpful to the Level 9/10 Regional qualifiers. Thanks to Sabina and Aiken Gymnastics for hosting and all involved in the planning.

Discussion of SC Awards Ceremony

A Regional Qualifier pin was obtained to be given to each gymnast who qualified to regionals at the awards ceremony. At this time only eight have signed up for the awards ceremony with perhaps a total of 20 attending. Unless more sign-ups are received, it is not financially feasible to hold the ceremony. A suggestion that at least 50 athletes are needed to host. There is no cancellation fee. It is possible that a weekday night might not be feasible due to the number of times that meets have had Friday sessions and time off from work may no longer be possible. Discussion ensued as to whether another time could be found in the fall to hold the ceremony, after much discussion it was decided that a time where all levels of gymnasts could attend, and any time excluded graduating seniors, was not to be found. The 2025 SC Awards Ceremony will be canceled if a minimum of 50 athletes do not register. The consensus was to begin planning for next year's ceremony soon.

Discussion of State Meet Survey

State Meet survey results were reviewed and a surprising find was that the randomization of age groups was considered a negative, this had been a request from previous years' surveys. Randomization of age groups will need to be reconsidered.

Discussion of 2025-2026 State Championships Level Configuration

Three configurations were presented to the committee and extensive discussion followed on the configurations, as well as, others proposed. Growth in some levels and decline in others makes the projections of

numbers for the state meets difficult. A suggestion was made to move the tracking date to September 30th which would help provide the projected number of gymnasts at each state meet earlier in the season. The committee was unable to come to a consensus on the state meet configuration, and it was decided to give the committee more time to study the configurations and decisions by each member are to be sent to Mendi by Monday, May 12th.

Discussion of 2025-2026 State Championship Dates

The committee was presented with three options for the dates for state meets. After discussion, it was found that completing the three meets by Easter provided the best option for gyms, coaches, and gymnasts.

Val made a motion for the three state meet dates to be March 13-15, March 20-22, and March 27-29.

Sabina seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion 2025-2026 Training Camps

Amanda and Pat worked on the Level 1-5, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level Training Camp and proposed that having a clinic in the Charleston area and upstate area on the same weekends would allow maximum attendance. Greenville Gymnastics is willing to host the training camp in the Greenville area. The facility for the training camp in the Charleston area is to be determined.

Anna made a motion to hold the Level 1-5, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum Level Training Camp on September 14 and 15, with one training camp in the Charleston area and one training camp in Greenville.

Joey seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Pat left the meeting at 1:05pm.

Val has been working on the Optional, Diamond, and Sapphire Training Camp and has proposed October 3-5 as the dates for the Training Camp. Val is working to secure a location.

Anna made a motion for the 2025 SC Optional, Diamond, and Sapphire Training Camp to be held October 3-5, 2025 at a facility to be determined.

Karimah seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion of the Program of the Year

The gyms awarded the Program of the Year for Compulsory, Xcel, and Optional were announced. The announcement was to be made at the Awards Ceremony but will now be made via constant contact email.

Discussion of the State Championship Gift

A request was made to raise the amount to be paid for the State Championship gift to \$4 to cover rising costs. This amount is to be paid by the meet host.

Anna made a motion to set the price paid by the meet host for the State Championship gift at \$4.

Sabina seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion of State Championship Late Fees

There were multiple teams that paid late fees to enter gymnasts in the state meets. The consensus of the committee is that the deadline for entries is well known and the amount is reasonable for the amount of work required to add athletes and change schedules. Changing the due date to Wednesday was suggested, this would keep the deadline away from meet days. It was noted that the meet host has been receiving the fines, however the work is done by the SC SAC.

Karimah made a motion to change the entry deadline to a Wednesday, any late fees collected will be payable to the SC USAG Committee.

Brittany seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion on State Championship Refunds

The current policy on refunds was reviewed and no changes were made. The SC SAC will communicate the refund policy earlier in the next season and ask coaches to be mindful of any circumstances/conflicts (including religious obligations) their athletes may have that would not be refunded prior to entering the athletes into the state competitions.

Discussion on SAC Elections

Committee positions are up for elections this year. Committee duties and responsibilities will be published in Constant Contact with the nomination deadline to be June 25th, nominations will be accepted from June 15-25th. Voting will be July 1-15th with elected members announced on July 15. 2025-2027 Committee Members will take office August 1st.

Next Meeting will be at Noon on May 21, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 1:21pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dolinar for David Gale