

SC USA Gymnastics State Administration Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, July 23, 2025 12:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING

Roll Call

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

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm

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 2025 SC Optional, Diamond, and Sapphire Training Camp

Val presented information regarding the 2025 Training Camp. Previously, this camp was to be held at Clemson University Gymnastics Training Center. However, with the change in leadership at Clemson Gymnastics, this location was not able to be secured in a timely manner. Gymnastics Inc. in Myrtle Beach will now be hosting the Training Camp.

2025 SC OPTIONAL, DIAMOND & SAPPHIRE TRAINING CAMP	
DETAILS	High Performance Levels 6-10, Diamond & Sapphire
Date	October 3-5, 2025
Registration Deadline	September 7, 2025
Entry Fee for Athletes	\$125
Coaches Attending	\$25
MeetMaker Registration	Yes
MeetMaker Fees	Paid by Clubs
Schedule	High Performance on Friday Levels 8-10 ONLY 1 session for High Performance, 2 sessions per day as needed Sessions divided by teams

No Motion nor Vote is required.

Discussion of the 2024-2025 SAC Finances

The SC SACC projected income for the year is higher than originally budgeted, due to a number of reasons, with the cancelled Awards Ceremony and no SC Congress contributing.

Tricha made a motion to enhance the special experience of State Championships, Award Banquet, and other events, for the SAC to purchase additional State Championship signage, and to purchase large, lighted SC letters and similar decorative items.

Anna seconded the motion

Motion PASSED unanimously

Discussion of the 2026 Regional Qualifier Clinic

As discussed during the June 11, 2025 SAC Meeting, the only date available for the 2026 Regional Qualifier Clinic is April 4, 2026. It is noted that this is the Saturday of Easter weekend. It is also just one week before Regionals for Levels 9 and 10.

Joey made a motion for the 2026 Regional Qualifier Clinic participants to be designated for only the qualifying State Teams for Levels 6, 7, 8, Xcel Gold, Platinum and Diamond.
Val seconded the motion
Motion PASSED unanimously

Discussion of the 2026 Awards Ceremony

As discussed during the June 11, 2025 SAC Meeting, the date for the 2025 Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026. The tentative location will be the Health and Wellness Center at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC.

No Motion nor Vote is required at this time.

Discussion of the Judge Criteria for the Selection to 2026 State Championships

The Criteria for Judges for the SC 2026 State Championships was presented by the SC SACC and the SJD. Changes to this document from prior years include date changes, volunteer opportunities, meet referee selection, petition submission and clarifications.

Sue made a motion to accept the Criteria for Judges as presented in Appendix A.
Karimah seconded the motion
Motion PASSED unanimously

Discussion of SC Club of the Year and Programs of the Year

The SC SACC opened up discussion for any modifications to the criteria for selecting SC Club of the Year (which is forwarded to Region 8 for consideration of the Region 8 Club of the Year) and the SC Programs of the Year. All felt the current criteria were appropriate, and there was no need to modify. A change will be adopted for the ballot which will place the teams in alphabetical order and will not provide the earned points for the year.

No Motion nor Vote is required.

Discussion of Scholarships

With the growth of SC Gymnastics, it was discussed adding additional scholarship opportunities.

No Motion nor Vote is required at this time.

Thank you to Committee Member

David Gale was thanked by the SC SACC and the committee for his tremendous service to the SC SAC. His outstanding service as the SC SAC Secretary is greatly appreciated.

Discussion of the next SC SAC Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at noon via Zoom

Discussion of the 2026 SC State Championship Bids

Mendi recused herself at 12:50 pm.

Anna presented the bids for the Level 6-10, Xcel Platinum, Diamond and Sapphire State Championships, to be held on March 20-22, 2026.

Val made a motion to accept Upstate Gymnastics as the host club for the Level 6-10, Xcel Platinum, Diamond and Sapphire State Championships, to be held at the T. Ed Garrison Event Center, Pendleton, SC

Karimah seconded the motion
Motion PASSED unanimously

Joey and Abby recused themselves at 12:53 pm.

Anna presented the bids for the Level Xcel Bronze and Silver State Championships, to be held on March 13-15, 2026.

Dana made a motion to accept Lake Murray Gymnastics as the host club for the Xcel Bronze and Silver State Championships, to be held at the Medallion Conference Center, Columbia, SC

Tricha seconded the motion
Motion PASSED unanimously

David recused himself at 12:57 pm.

Anna presented the bids for the Level 1-5 and Gold State Championships, to be held on March 27-29, 2026.

Val made a motion to accept Choice Gymnastics as the host club for the Level 1-5 and Gold State Championships, to be held at the North Charleston Athletic Center, Charleston, SC

Tricha seconded the motion

Motion PASSED unanimously

Appendix A

SC USA Gymnastics Criteria for Selection of Judges for State Championship

The SC USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee (SC SAC) must approve the slate of judges for all State Championships. Regardless of the State Championship structure (for example 2 or 4 judge panels), the following is the criteria for the selection process.

1. Fulfillment of Volunteer Requirements - In an effort to further their preparation and to ensure SC Judges are adequately prepared to judge SC athletes at State Championship, judges are required to volunteer at a State Training Camp for at least one day/session (4-6 hours), every other year and are highly encouraged to attend Regional Training Camps and Regional / National Congresses. Exceptions to this requirement would be considered on an individual basis by the SC SAC from a petition sent to the SC SACC.
2. Consideration for Regional Assignments
3. Rating and Experience
4. When all the above is relatively equal, then location, affiliation and membership to the SC NAWGJ Board and SC SAC will be considered

Volunteer Opportunities to Meet Requirement for State Meet Eligibility:

- 2024 SC Optional Training Camp including the High-Performance Training Day
- 2024 SC Compulsory & XCEL Training Camp
- 2025 SC Compulsory & XCEL Training Camps (Either location)
- 2025 SC Optional Training Camp including the High-Performance Training Day

Judges Moving into South Carolina

When a judge (no matter their rating - 4/5 through Brevet) moves to the state, they will go to the bottom of the rotation for that year for State Championships. They will be considered to judge the State Meets on an as needed basis within the first year and then be included in the selection based on their availability after the first year.

Clarifications for Assigning Judges to the State Championship who have met the Selection Criteria:

1. If for any reason, a judge is unable to obtain the correct rating to judge the Level(s) at the State Meet you are contracted and assigned, the judge will be replaced.
2. All judges must have their CPE completed and turned into the SC CPE Coordinator by 12/31/25 or the judge will be replaced.

3. If for any reason, there are not four unaffiliated judges to be Chief Judges, the next unaffiliated judge in rank order will be used.
4. The SC SAC preference is to use judges that are available for entire sections of meet. When this is not possible, the SC SAC's preference is to split the meet among SC judges rather than to contract out of state. (Example of sections: Levels 8-10, Xcel components, etc.)

Judge Selection Process for State Meets:

The SC USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee will ask the SC NAWGJ Assignor to collect availability and any petition to be considered by the SC SAC for the SC judges who would like to be considered to judge the SC State Championships to be submitted by October 8th. The slates of judges for the SC State Championships will be created based on the submitted availability. The slate should be obtained by collecting a form from each judge that includes availability, levels willing to judge and affiliations for each level for each State Championship. The criteria for selecting judges for State Meets and procedures should be included on this form to communicate clearly to the judges all the procedures & information the SC SAC follows to select judges to judge the SC State Championships. Petitions submitted should include an explanation in regard to the volunteer requirement not being met, along with any documentation needed.

The NAWGJ State Judging Director (NAWGJ SJD) and the Assignor will present a slate of available judges, who have met the selection criteria, to judge State Championships to be discussed, along with any petitions to be considered, to select the judges to judge each State Championship on October 22nd at SC SAC meeting. The slate is presented to the SC SAC including the availability, ranking, and affiliation of each judge for each State Championship. Only the NAWGJ SJD, Assignor, and SC USA Gymnastics Chairman may see the slates prior to presenting them to the SC SAC. If for any reason after the slates of judges have been presented to the SC SAC on October 22nd, all judge slots are not filled, the SC NAWGJ Assignor will send communication to all SC judges to inquire if anyone's availability has changed. If needed, availability from out of states judges in surrounding states will be collected by the SJD/Assignor of those states. The SC SAC will then meet again to consider all options to fill the judge spots for the SC State Championships.

The SC USA Gymnastics Chairman and the NAWGJ SJD will select the Meet Referees to be submitted to the Committee. The following components will be considered when selecting the Meet Referees: meet referee experience, level of gymnasts, and duration of time since last meet referee assignment at State Championships. Any Level 10, National, or Brevet rated judge will be eligible to be a Meet Referee for the State Championships. Whenever possible, options to use multiple meet referees within one State Championship will be considered to create more opportunity for judges to serve in that role. Only the NAWGJ SJD, Assignor, and SC USA Gymnastics Chairman may see the slates and the selected Meet Referees prior to presenting them to the SC SAC.

The SC USA Gymnastics Chairman and Meet Referee will work together to assign the Chief Judges and the event assignments. State Championship event assignments are sent to judges after the regional event assignments have been determined.

The SC USA Gymnastics Committee Chairman will assign a replacement judge if within one week prior to the State Championship without a SC SAC vote in the event that a judge is no longer able to judge one of the SC State Championships. The Chairman will make the replacement assignment by determining what is best for the meet and from the available judges. Other factors such as proximity, ranking, etc. may be considered; yet will not dictate the decision.

After being selected to judge a State Championship at an October Committee meeting, a judge must be sent a contract by the NAWGJ SJD or Assignor by November 1st for all State Championships. The judge must return the contract within 30 days of receipt.