

SC USA Gymnastics State Administration Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023 11:30 AM
ZOOM MEETING

Roll Call

| | Present |
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| Mendi Knisley - SAC Chair | X |
| Dana Browy - Communication | X |
| Sue Dolinar - NAWGJ Representative | X |
| David Gale - Secretary | X |
| Pat Faulkner - Compulsory Clinic Coordinator | X (joined 11:41 am) |
| Sabina Jokulus - Technical / Education Resource | X (joined 11:35 am) |
| Abby Reid - TOPS Representative | X |
| Tim Rule - Xcel Member at Large | X |
| Anna Sexton - Apparel | X (joined 11:52 am) |
| Amanda Sewold - Xcel Clinic Coordinator | |
| Joey Smith - Webmaster/Athlete Tracking | X |
| Val Snow - Optional Clinic Coordinator | X (joined 11:46 am) |
| Tricha Tapio - Awards | X |
| Karimah Thorne - Development Member at Large | X |

Meeting called to order at 11:32 am.

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.

State Championship Athletic Gifts

Discussion of gifts for athletes at the State Championships. Samples have been ordered. Once they are received, they will be brought to the SAC for a vote.

No Motion nor Vote required at this time.

State Championship Medals Update

Due to the new medal design, A1 is no longer able to offer the state specific neck ribbon. The medals will have "State" on them, and will not be state specific and have the name of the state on the neck ribbons. As not having a prominent South Carolina on the State Championship medal neck ribbon has been raised as an issue in the past, we want to be sure to communicate to coaches.

No Motion nor Vote required at this time.

Randomize Age Groups at SC State Meet for Levels Platinum, Diamond & Sapphire

Information from SC SAC Minutes on 5/31/23

Discussion of State Championships Awards, Number of Athletes per Age Divisions, and the Assignment of Age Divisions to Session

Joey made a motion for the State Championship for Compulsory and the State Championship for Xcel Bronze, Silver, and Gold for the awards to continue to be 50% + 1 for events and 100% for All Around, Team awards to be 6 places for levels with 1-15 teams and 10 places for levels with 15+ teams, to randomize age groups assigned to session, and to keep the maximum number of athletes in each age division at 15, but allow overages to 16 or 17 for extenuating circumstances with approval by State Chair

Val seconded

Motion PASSED unanimously

Dana made a motion for the State Championship for Levels 6, 7, and 8 for the awards to continue to be 50% + 1 for events and 100% for All Around, Team awards to be 6 places for levels with 1-15 teams and 10 places for levels with 15+ teams, to randomize age groups assigned to session, and to keep the maximum number of athletes in each age division at 15, but allow overages to 16 or 17 for extenuating circumstances with approval by State Chair

Tricha seconded

Motion PASSED with a vote of 8 Approved, and 3 Opposed

There was no vote on Xcel Platinum, Diamond, and Sapphire, but this will be reviewed at another SC SAC Meeting.

Dana made a motion to randomize the age groups assigned to each session for any level that has more than 2 sessions.

Tim seconded.

Motion PASSED Unanimously.

SC Judge Slates for State Championships

Sue introduced how the judges slate was created for each of the State Championships, including the Meet Referee. She also presented the judges slate for the Compulsory State Championship.

Sue, Pat, and Tricha recused themselves for the discussion of the slate for the Compulsory State Championship at 11:48 am.

Joey made a motion to accept the slate for the Compulsory State Championship as presented in Appendix A.

Karimah seconded.

Motion PASSED Unanimously

Sue, Pat, and Tricha returned to the meeting at 11:52 am.

Sue presented the judges slate for the Level 6-7, Xcel Silver, Platinum, and Sapphire State Championship judges. She highlighted there were not enough judges for the entire weekend, so it was broken into two sections; Level 6-7 and Xcel. As a reminder, Level 6 and 7 require 4 judge panels, and Sue highlighted, based on judges' declared availability and fulfillment of required CPE and volunteering at SC Clinics, there are no judges available to be assigned as alternatives.

Sue, Pat, and Tricha recused themselves at 11:55 am

Dana recused herself at 11:57 am

David made a motion to request the State Judging Director (SJD) and Assigner to send a new communication to all SC Judges, to explain the situation for Level 6-7 State Championship, to see if any judges would be available for the meet as an alternate. The same criteria for the original slate would be used to select the sequence of the alternates. Judges willing to be an alternate would not change the proposed slate of judges for Level 6-7 State Championship. Also, if any of the new alternates would have been sequenced above one of the judges currently on the slate, the new judge would remain as an alternative.

Abby seconded

Motion PASSED Unanimously

Anna made a motion to accept the slate for Level 6-7, Xcel Silver, Platinum, Diamond and Sapphire State Championship as presented in Appendix B.

Sabina seconded

Motion PASSED Unanimously

Sue, Tricha, Pat, and Dana returned to the meeting at 12:07 pm

Sue presented the judges slate for Level 8-10, Xcel Bronze and Gold State Championship. She highlighted there are not enough judges who declared they were available for the meet for four events to run concurrently for the Level 10 athletes. This is partially due to NCAA Conference Championships being the same weekend.

Pat made a motion to accept the petition for Katie Jones to allow the late completion of her CPE by December 31, 2023 due to extenuating circumstances.

Anna seconded

Motion PASSED with 9 votes For, 1 vote opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Pat, Sue, Tricha, Dana recused themselves 12:22 pm

David made a motion, in order to provide the best experience for our athletes and to have a panel of 17 qualified judges, especially for our Level 10 session, we request the SC SJD and Assigner to send a new communication to all SC Judges, to explain the situation for Level 10 State Championship, to see if any judges, who originally indicated they were not available, would be available for the Optional sessions. This would include some judges who are in the process of their Level 10 testing, but have satisfied all other requirements and judges who have not completed all requirements. In addition, the SJD and assigner should send a communication to the Tennessee assigner (due to the fact that their optional state meet is on a different weekend) to see if they would have judges available to be assigned or as alternates if we are not able to get the full slate.

Val seconded

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Once the slate is redetermined, the full slate will be brought back to the board for voting.

Sue, Pat, Tricha, and Dana returned to the meeting at 12:36 pm

Discussion of SC Training Camps

- Thank you to Pat, Amanda & Valerie for all their hard work in planning and running the training camps.
- The training camps were all successful.

No Motion nor Vote required.

Safe Sport Reminder

The SC SACC reminded the committee members that if they have any information or questions regarding a potential Safe Sport matter to contact USA Gymnastics Safe Sport directly.

No Motion nor Vote required.

Next SC SAC Meeting – November 15th at 11:30am

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm

Appendix A

Compulsory State Meet* April 4-6, 2024

| Judge | Affiliated | Met volunteer requirement |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Carol Olney | No | Yes |
| Rosie Brady | Yes | Yes |
| Terry McGirk (meet referee) | No | Yes |
| Pat Faulkner | No | Yes |
| Janet Efland | No | Yes |
| Joanne Child | No | Yes |
| Sue Dolinar | No | Yes |
| Kim Boyd | No | Yes |
| Sally Foister | No | Yes |
| Alternates | | |
| Susie Vahala | No | Yes |
| Tricha Tapio | Yes | Yes |
| Joe Pacelli | No | Yes |

*Mendi Knisley is available in the case of an emergency to replace any judge

Appendix B

Level 6-7, Silver/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire State Meet* March 15-17, 2024

Level 6-7

| Judge | Affiliated | Met volunteer requirement |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Paul Padron | No | Yes |
| Rosie Brady | Yes | Yes |
| Terry McGirk | No | Yes |
| Pat Faulkner | No | Yes |
| Janet Efland (meet referee) | No | Yes |
| Joanne Child | No | Yes |
| Sue Dolinar | No | Yes |
| Kim Boyd | No | Yes |
| Heather Gleaton | No | Yes |
| Susie Vahala | No | Yes |
| Tricha Tapio | Yes | Yes |
| Joe Pacelli | No | Yes |
| Cristina Singeorzan | No | Yes |
| Hannah Gumbert | No | Yes |
| Jennifer Brawner | No | Yes |
| Maggie Josephson | Yes | Yes |
| Melanie Dolinar | No | Yes |
| Alternates | | |
| None | | |

Silver/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire State Meet

| Judge | Affiliated | Met volunteer requirement |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Rosie Brady | Yes | Yes |
| Terry McGirk | No | Yes |
| Janet Efland (meet referee) | No | Yes |
| Joanne Child | No | Yes |
| Sue Dolinar | No | Yes |
| Kim Boyd | No | Yes |
| Heather Gleaton | No | Yes |
| Susie Vahala | No | Yes |
| Tricha Tapio | Yes | Yes |
| Alternates | | |
| Joe Pacelli | No | Yes |
| Cristina Singeorzan | No | Yes |
| Hannah Gumbert | No | Yes |

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