



## 2021 Fall Newsletter - NYS Gymnastics

**The following are the minutes from our last state board meeting:**

Committee Members in attendance:

Gail Caspare -present  
Barry Coss – present  
Al Drozdowski -absent  
Gary Gregory -present  
Dan Hassoun -present  
Dana Marion -present  
Val Stoughton -present  
Steve Swider- absent  
Matt Towers -absent  
Robin Thomas Harper- present  
Jamie Winkler -present  
Sharon Sparling -present  
Mary Bakke Spadaro -present

The committee discussed the **New York State Refund policy**. This policy was put into place during Covid. The policy was:

If the Meet Director cancels the meet because of their own reasons or choice, they would refund the entire entry fee. If the cancellation is due to a reason which is out of the meet directors control, the following refunds would be:

Meet cancelled more than 2 weeks from the competition date -100% refund

Meet cancelled less than 2 weeks from the competition date -75% refund

If the meet director chooses to not follow the NYS Refund policy, they would not be able to host a qualifying meet for the following 2 competitive seasons.

**Motion:** To keep the NYS Refund Policy in place for this competitive season (2021-2022)

-Motion made by Val Stoughton

-Motion seconded by Sharon Sparling

PASSED

**The state meet dates and levels are:**

Dates:

March 25-27 Level 8/9/10

April 1-3 Level 5/6/and **XB- upstate** only  
April 8-10 Level 7/XP/XD  
April 22-24 Level 9/10 **Regionals**  
April 30-May 1 Level 7/8 **Regionals**  
April 30-May 1- XCEL G/S  
May 6-8 Level 9 **Eastern Nationals**  
May 6-8 **Downstate Level 4/XB**  
May 13-15 Level 10 **DP Nationals**  
May 13-15 Level 2/3/4 **Upstate** & Level 2/3 **Downstate**  
May 21-22 XCEL **Regionals**

The committee discussed what had taken place at the last board meeting concerning state championships and outside venues.

Three venues had been paid previously in prior years, but were cancelled due to Covid. They are: The ON Center (CNY), Canisius College (Niagara) and Bill Gray's Ice Complex (Victor's). If the dates work for these venues and all aspects of the meet are the same, then the state championships would be held at these locations this year. Outside venues can change over time due to Covid. For this reason, we are still accepting bids for all of the state meets, including the three state meets mentioned here

**\*\*\*NYS Gymnastics is now accepting bids for the state championships at all levels. The bid form is on the state website. Go to 'forms' and 'host states-outside venue'. This form is for hosting states in an outside facility, but you must also list your 'Plan B' in the event that the outside venue is cancelled. Send these bids to the state chair. The deadline for these bids is November 15th.**

#### **Election of officials to state championships-**

The membership has voted on the officials for the 2022 State Championships. This vote concluded on Monday, Sept 13th. The results will be given to the state board (**coaches on the board only -all judges will recuse themselves from the meeting**) and the coaches on the board will use these results to assist them in deciding on the officials for each state meet. The meeting of the state board coaches will be on Sunday, October 17th.

#### **State Qualifier Meets-**

If you are having a meet that you would like to request that it be used as a state qualifier, send the request to Larry Goldsmith, [lgoldniag@aol.com](mailto:lgoldniag@aol.com) and send a copy to Barry Coss at [barry.coss@gmail.com](mailto:barry.coss@gmail.com)  
The meet will be posted on the website, as a qualifier and the host club will be responsible to pay \$4 head tax per NY gymnast payable to 'NYS Gymnastics'.

**Declaration Date:** The declaration date is set to allow athletes to "try" to move up to a higher level. As the season progresses, they must commit to a specific level by the declaration date. Whatever level you are at, as of the declaration date, is the level you must compete for the rest of that season. The State Board is moving the date back to February 1, 2022, as it has been in the past.

#### **New Educational requirements from USA Gymnastics-**

This season, USA Gymnastics will introduce two new educational courses that certain membership roles will be required to complete as a condition of membership. The courses are: [U112: Tough Coaching or Emotional Abuse course](#) and the [U113: USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy course](#). Go to USA Gymnastics for further information.

**Safety Champion-**

Safety Champion program is a new initiative by USA Gymnastics to help bring the message of safety and wellness to member clubs in a more personal and unique way. The Safety Champion is a person who will serve as a liaison between USA Gymnastics and the Member Club to help disseminate important information related to policy, educational initiatives, and health and wellness information.

Click here for more information: [\*\*Safety Champion\*\*](#)

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