



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

2027 State and Regional Calendar

March 19-21 – Level 5/6/7/8/9/10 State Meet *– Golisano Field House – Rochester, NY - RGA

April 16-18 – XCEL G/P/D/Sapp **– Suffolk Federal Credit Union Arena – Long Island, NY - New Image

April 30-May 2 – XCEL Bronze & XCEL Silver – Upstate Only – On Center, Syracuse, NY - CNY

May 7-9 – Level 2/3/4 Upstate – Canisius University, Buffalo, NY - Niagara

May 7-9 – Level 2/3/4/XB/XS Downstate*** – Suffolk Federal Credit Union Arena – Long Island, NY - New Image

*Level 5-10– will be on 2 sides of the arena

**XCEL G/P/D/Sapp– will be on 2 sides of the arena

***Downstate L2/3/4/XB/XS will be on 2 sides of the arena

April 9-11 – Level 9/10 Regionals - TBD

April 16-18 – Level 6/7/8 Regionals – Mass Mutual Center – Springfield, Mass.

May 21-23 – XCEL G/P/D/Sapp Regionals – Shriners Auditorium – Wilmington, Mass.

Opening on the NYS Committee

In the last newsletter I mentioned that AJ Banker would be leaving the state committee. He has moved to Texas to take a job as the assistant coach at Texas Women's University. Congratulations to AJ and we appreciate everything that he has done on the state committee.

There will be an opening on the state committee as a Member at Large. If you are interested in running for this position, please email me at lgoldny2@gmail.com. A vote will take place with the NYS membership through Election Buddy (the USAG voting platform). The call for nominations will close on Sept 24th. After I receive the nominations, I will send out the ballots through Election Buddy to the membership.

Voting for the State Meet Judges

Each year the membership votes for the judges that they would like to see judging the state championships. This is also done through Election Buddy. You will be receiving an email from Election Buddy on Tuesday, Sept 15th. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The voting will end on Tuesday, Sept 29th at midnight.

The state committee (minus the judges on the committee) will then use the votes from the membership to select the judges for the NY state meets. This will occur on Wednesday, Oct 7.

Number of Judges at State Meets:

2 judge event panels : Level 2-5, XCEL Bronze & Silver

4 judge event panels: Level 6-10, XCEL G,P,D,Sapp

Qualifying Out of State

There have been many questions concerning qualifying for the state championships through an 'out of state' meet.

It is required for a gymnast to qualify for the state meet in a NY qualifying meet.

If the gymnast is injured and cannot compete in any other meet except the out of state meet which she competed in, the following rule applies...

The NY Gymnastics state board met and discussed this issue and voted on the following:
NY State Injury Petition Rule:

In the event that a gymnast was able to compete in an 'out of state' competition but then was injured for a significant part of the season, the gymnast may petition into states using an 'out of state' score, as long as they can provide the following:

- A doctors note with proof of injury.
- A coaches note explaining the conflict.

- Proof of All-around score THAT MUST BE .5 above the normal NY State qualifying score. The meet can be out of NY state but must be sanctioned and posted online. The score must be from the same season that the gymnast is being petitioned into and at the same level. The petition must be submitted ahead of the State competition entry deadline. Once the petition is submitted, it will be reviewed by the State Chairmen and accepted or denied.

NEW for 2027 Level 9 Eastern National Championships

- Individual Event Specialist sessions to be added in place of Thursday training day WAG committees will continue to work through and finalize the specific format, qualification procedures, and operational details for the new sessions.

Moving a Gymnast between the Developmental Programs and XCEL - R & P pg 60

- All XCEL athletes under 12 years old must enter Development program at level 4 or below
- New XCEL athletes must enter at Bronze, Silver or Gold
- XCEL athletes that are 12 years or older may petition to enter DEV program at Level 7 or below without achieving mobility scores at Level 4/5
- Mobility from DP into XCEL program
- DP athletes at level 1 & 2 – May enter at Bronze, Silver, Gold
- DP athletes at level 3 - May enter at Silver or Gold
- DP athletes at level 4 - MUST enter at Gold
- DP athletes at level 5 & 6 - MUST enter at Platinum
- DP athletes at level 7 - May enter at Platinum or Diamond
- DP athletes at level 8 and above - MUST enter at Diamond
- DP athletes at Level 8 - May enter at Diamond or Sapphire
- DP athletes at Level 9 & 10 - MUST enter at Sapphire

If a Dev athlete wishes to enter the XCEL Program in a division below the allowable division, her coach MUST submit a 'reason for change' petition to:

- DEV Level 8 and below to SACC(Larry Goldsmith)
- DEV Levels 9 or 10 to RTCC (Pat Panichas)

DECLARATION DATE

The declaration date is the date that the athlete declares their level/division for the rest of the competitive season and for state meet qualification

Optionals - February 17

Compulsories - March 17