

State Meeting

NLG Fall Meet – Nov 19 – non sanctioned, Nov. 20, Level 3 – 10 & xcel opt
Sectional 1 at NLG – Dec. 11, level 4-6 & xo
Winter Meet at Le Studio – Dec. 17,18 Level 4 – 10 & XO
Royal Inv at Regal – Jan 7&8, Level 4-10 & xo
GM inv & Sectional 2 at Woodman – Jan 21 & 22, Level 3-10 & xo
Groovin Classic at NLG – Feb 12, Level 4 – 10 & XO
I Love VT at Champlain Valley – Feb 19, Level 4 – 9 & XO
Hip Hop at Woodman – March 10&11 non sanctioned, Level 3 – 10 & xo
Sectional 3 at Champlain Valley – March 18
State Meet Level 4 – 10 & xo – March 31 & April 1– site Windsor High School
Meet at LeStudio – May 5 & 6 xo
Level 9/10 Regionals – April 20-22
Level 8 Regionals – April 28-29
Level 9 East/West Nationals – May 4-6
Level 10 Nationals – May 11-13

Qualifying Scores & Age groups

Prep Optional will be included in the state meet, they can also attend sectionals
Age groups – 6/7, 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15-18, 19+
Qualifying score – 29.0 to states, Event specialist qualifying score 7.25

Level 4 will be allowed to go to sectionals if they want to.

Age groups – 6&7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12+

Qualifying score – 29.0 to states, at a sectional or any meet that is sanctioned

Level 5 – 7/8, 9/10, 11, 12, 13+
sectional 29.0, states 31.0

Level 6 – 8-10, 11, 12, 13+
Sectionals 29.0, states 31.0

Level 7 – 8–10, 11/12, 13/14, 15+
States 31.0
Level 7 & 8 event qualifying score is 8.0

Level 8 – 8-11, 12, 13/14, 15+
States 31.0

Level 9 & 10 determined later
States 32.0
Level 9, 10 event qualifying score is 8.25

I NEED A FUNCTIONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL VERMONT USAG MEMBERS – A LOT OF INFO WILL BE GIVEN THROUGH E-MAIL AS IT IS FASTER. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE LET ME KNOW – I WILL SEND OUT IMPORTANT INFO IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BUT A LOT OF THINGS DURING THE YEAR ARE TIME SENSATIVE AND NEED TO BE DONE THROUGH E-MAIL. Please use jillnlg@yahoo.com for any contact, I get it on my phone and I am trying to get rid of my other account. I don't usually check my email after 3pm on Fridays. My cell is 603 252 6075.

Green Mountain Inv. Theme will be Wizard of OZ and held at Woodman Athletics, all clubs are asked to help with set up and clean up for the meet. All clubs are also required to supply food etc for the concession stand – I will make assignments as we get closer. Awards will be strictly medals etc this year – no creative awards.

All clubs are also required to supply workers for GMI and State Meet

Set up and clean up for the state meet requires a minimum of 15 adult helpers. Mid and Southern Clubs are responsible for most of the set up and clean up this year. All clubs are required to donate or get donations for the concessions at States – more info will come as to what items we need. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Meet Directors

A few reminders for setting up meets:

- you must list equipment including vault runway on all meet info
- you must get a sanction from the usag office
- you must send in \$1 per athlete to USAG Region 6 for every meet you host.
- you must send a copy of the sanction to USAG office, Regions 6 and to the State administrative committee chairman.
- You must also send a copy of your meet results to the score tracker(Woodie Clifton), with your qualifying info highlighted
- all coaches must have their Membership card displayed at all times during a meet
- there is a dress code for all coaches – Acceptable: club warm up suite, khaki Pants, collared shirt, athletic shoes. Unacceptable: blue jeans, tank tops, and midriff shirts

Please apply early(at least 3 weeks before your expiration) for renewal of your USAG membership – a background check is now required and will take longer to process – you will not be renewed until the background check is complete.

The max for fees for local meets is \$36 for comp and \$41 for opt. In house invitational meets (or theme meets) must not exceed \$50 for comp and \$55 for opt. All theme meets must have a 2-judge panel for levels 5 – 10, you can use a 1 judge panel for level 4 and prep opt. **All meet directors must submit a write up to the State Committee Chairman for approval of all theme meets.** If you do not hear from me then you are approved.

Awards

For all state run competitions (sectionals, gmi and states) an achievement ribbon will be given for each event and all around no matter how low the score is for level 4 & 5. State meet will still have small medals for event places below 3rd. State meet awards will now include all teams Level being called to the awards stand to receive their achievement awards and certificate. A participation medal will be given to each athlete in the meet instead of a gift. Events is 50% awards per age group and All Around is 3/4% awards per age group.

Pro Score has been designated the score system for all Vermont meets. It makes score tracking a lot easier. You must send a copy of all scores with your qualifiers highlighted to Woodie Clifton for score tracking. **An electronic version must be sent directly to Jill and Stano.**

It has been recommended that all clubs attend at least 2 sectionals with their gymnasts.

Regional Policy – all regional athletes will be required to give a \$200 deposit for regionals at the end of the State competition. After the regional competition, when it is proven you have attended the competition, you will get a refund excluding the meet fee. This can be a club check or a family check – all checks will be deposited. This is an effort to cut down on no shows at regionals.

Board Members and their duties

Awsom – Danielle Gage

Brattleboro – Lorraine Cote – meet volunteer organizer

Central

Champlain Valley – Woodie Clifton – score tracker

Kingdom – Donna Reed

Le Studio – Kathy St Pierre – state and gm pre meet info organizer

Northern Lights – Jill G Vanderpot – SACC and award voting

Green Mountain – Robin Bourdeau – meet volunteer organizer

Regal – Alicia McCurley - Education

Sunrise – Stano Mikulas - website

Woodman Athletics – Keri Woodman – Regional Recognition

Cobra – Shelby Jones

Judges Rep – Gail McGann – R&P expert

MaryLou Smith – CPE

Anyone interested in doing publicity or donations let me know.

All forms are available online – if you would like an actual R&P book you must call the USAG office to verify your address.

It has been requested by several members in the state that no soliciting information be handed out at any neutral site state run functions by non seasonal programs.

Thanks for your input and help – I look forward to a great year!!!!

Minutes from Meeting held at NLG on August 23rd – thanks for your input

No problems or concerns were voiced at the meeting

Level 3 – to include in the Vermont state meet – discussion on pros and cons – coaches felt overwhelmed already - not enough clubs interested in sanctioning them at this point, wanted them to be included in meets in VT to see how that went 1st. Sanctioned Level 3

will not be included in the state meet at this time. For gm include judging deduction info and have team awards, participation, and achievement only

Xcel Opt rules –Decided to use Mass rules with exceptions – only use novice(silver), intermediate(gold) and advanced(platinum) and reserve the right to add superior(diamond) if needed later, gymnasts must qualify to states, Gymnasts can go back and forth between prep opt and age group levels – must stick to age group mobility rules, there are no rules for mobility in prep opt. We will not adopt any changes during the year.

New Info – USAG is going to an online banking system, this will affect checks issued to judges and suppliers. Checks will no longer be available at the meets for state run functions. Any event specialist must declare their events and status as an event specialist 1 month before states in writing to the SACC.

Discussion on States – like to award presentation format, discussed the amount of awards given, reduce or not, decided to keep the same this year and announce the total number of girls in each age group before presenting the awards

Requested that all meets have 2 tape measures for level 4 vault.

Discussed where to have gmi and theme – regal was not available to host and NLG and Woodman volunteered – decided that woodman would host – continue to be sect as well –club must have 2 separate entry forms for gmi and sect 2 so we have the info straight, only 1 set of awards,

Discussed timely entry info and payment – entry due on Monday and payment due on Friday – all entries must be paid for – **please settle up any outstanding balances before the new season or you will not be entered into the competitions this year.**

Discussion on voting for Club of the Year – who should vote, how to make it equal for all, decision was that each club will get 1 vote and the judges as a whole will get 1 vote, any pro member can nominate for club of the year.

Meeting was getting long so we jumped to calendar and age groups and scores quickly.

Issues to revisit –state service award voting and criteria.