

March 31, 2010

Dear Coach:

Enclosed are your entry and roster forms for the Girls Gymnastic State Qualifying Meet. The forms must be received by the meet director no later than **Tuesday, April 13, 2010**. Please make a copy for your records. If for any reason you do not plan to enter, please check the appropriate box and return the entry form to the meet director.

State Site: Westminster Schools Friday, April 30, 2010

Time and Place:

The State Qualifying Meet will be held at The Lovett School on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Sessions: Open Gym on Friday, April 23, 2010 from 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, April 24, 2010 1st Session will begin at 8:00 a.m.
2nd Session will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.
3rd Session will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m.
The results of the qualifying meet will be posted on the Lovett website at the conclusion of the meet.

Optional:

Only optional exercises will be used to qualify individuals, all-around and teams for the State Finals.

Judges:

Qualifying Meets and State Finals - There will be two judges per event, and one additional judge will serve as a meet referee in the qualifying meet. All events will run simultaneously. In the state finals, all four events will be run simultaneously with four judges per event and one additional judge per event serving as meet referee.

Team Scoring:

Team scores will be determined by Rule 4, Section 2, Article 2, 3 & 4 in the National Federation Rule book.

The top three individual scores will be totaled to determine a team's event score.

The top twelve individuals, all-around and the top six teams advance to the State Finals.

In the event of a tie, the place below that tie shall be eliminated. If the tie occurs for the twelfth place, after application of the tie breaking rule, all gymnasts tied will advance to the State Finals.

The tie breaker will be: 1) Average all judges scores 2) If a tie still remains, use the superior judge's score 3). If a tie still remains, the tie stands. This tie breaker will also be used at the State Finals.

Order of Events: The order of events shall be determined by draw for the teams.

Order of Competition: The order of competition will be determined by block style in the qualifying meets and in the finals.

Number of Entries:

Each team may enter four gymnasts per event which will include all-arounds. More than one all-around may be entered. **Only the top three scores will be totaled to determine a team's event score.**

Gymnasts: All teams and gymnasts must (except when prevented by injury) participate in a minimum of three (3) GHSA sanctioned varsity meets during the regular season in order to be eligible to participate in the state qualifying meet. (GHSA By-Law, page 72 D-6)

Warm-ups:

The meet director will send a schedule to you. The warm-ups will be organized by teams with each team having equal time on the competitive apparatus. Only competitors and officials may be permitted on the floor during competition coaches and/or gymnasts may be present to spot or assist. (Rule 5-1-1).

Coaches Meeting:

A coaches' meeting will not be necessary. Scratches should be made prior to the meet. If needed a judges' meeting will be held prior to the competitions.

Substitutions:

Any substitutions made will replace the slot the original team/gymnasts drew. Once the area meet is concluded, no substitutions may be made for any individual qualifier. Team substitutions are permitted at the finals during the competition in case of an injury. **Any individual that does not compete in the area meet, must meet all other requirements to be a substitute in the state finals.**

Team Roster:

A team roster form is included in addition to your entry form and must be sent to the meet director. The names appearing on the roster will be the only ones admitted at the pass gate.

Pass Gate: Only gymnasts that are competing and two (2) managers or one manager and a trainer will be permitted entry at the pass gate. All others will enter through the admission gate.

Admission:

At the qualifying meet and state finals, only state passes are honored. ADMISSION FOR STATE QUALIFYING MEETS AND FINALS AT THE GATE IS \$7.00. PRE-SALE \$7.00 ADULTS, \$5.00 STUDENTS.

(Georgia High School Association Constitution and By-laws, page 74, Section A-2)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 770-279-0653.

Sincerely,



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State Administrator

C. Dr. Ralph Swearngin