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- a. Level 9 and 10 Regionals are conducted in April a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to Level 9 East/West and Level 10 Nationals. The date (or option of dates) is determined by the National DP Committee. Any deviation from this guideline must be approved by the DP Director.
 - b. The scheduling of Level 8 Regionals and below (if held) is at the discretion of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - c. The Regional Administrative Committee determines if the Level 8, 9 and 10 Regional Championships will be conducted separately, or all held the same weekend.
3. Team competition by club team is not allowed at Regional Championships.
 4. State team competition may be conducted as a separate competition (with a designated number of athletes qualifying by rank order) or as part of the individual competition in which each state designates which individual's scores will count toward the State team score.
 5. If a state has no qualifiers to Regionals, the gymnast with the highest AA from the State Championships (from any of the age divisions) will be invited to compete at the Regional meet, regardless of the score.
 6. Must be judged by a minimum of two qualified judges per panel. The Regional Administrative Committee selects the judges and determines the number of judges per panel.
 7. If the number of athletes in one age division requires that two sessions of competition be conducted, the Meet Director shall conduct a random draw by team to fill the sessions.
 8. Regional Meet Directors must send Regional meet information to the State Championships Meet Director, with copies to the Regional DP Committee Chairman, Regional Technical Committee Chairman and Regional Administrative Committee Chairman at least one week prior to the State Championship.
 9. Entry forms and fees for DP Regional Championships must be filed and paid (with a club/company check) to the USA Gymnastics designated official at the qualifying meet, (unless there is an electronic entry system in place), who will forward them to the Meet Director of the next level meet. Entries for Regional Championships must be submitted to the designated USA Gymnastics personnel at the respective State Championships. Each club must be prepared to pay for all their qualifiers with one company check per level.
10. Petitions to Regional Championships at Levels 8, 9 and 10 (Also See General Rules for Petitions Chapter 8, page 80)
 - a. There are NO petitions to DP Level 8 Regional Championships if qualification is by a percentage or by specific number.
 - b. If a gymnast is unable to compete at the State Championships (or cannot compete in the All-Around at State Championships) due to injury or illness prior to or during the State Championships, her coach may petition the Regional Technical Committee Chairman (or Regional Technical Assistant, if so designated) to allow the athlete to directly enter the Regional Championships, if the following requirements are met and documentation is included with the petition form:
 - 1) A photocopy of at least one pre-state, sanctioned meet results from the current season (at the level to which they are petitioning) showing a score at least one point (1.00) greater than the regional qualifying score OR
 - a) Level 8: If the gymnast competed in the previous year's DP Level 8 Regional Championships and her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current Regional qualifying score, she may submit her last year's Regional score as her pre-State Championships score.
 - b) Level 9: A Level 9 gymnast may submit her previous year's Regional or East/West score as her pre-State Championships score if her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current year's Level 9 Regional qualifying score.
 - c) Level 10: A Level 10 gymnast may submit either her previous year's Regional or National score as her pre-State Championships score if her Optional AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current year's Level 10 Regional qualifying score.
 - 2) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
 - 3) Written request from the coach.
 - c. If an athlete who is unable to compete at the State Championships (or cannot compete AA at State Championships) due to injury or illness is also lacking scores from both the current and last year's season due to injuries but has previously qualified to and competed in either Level 9/10 Regionals, Level 9 East/West, or Level 10 DP Nationals, an injury petition for the same level may be considered under special circumstances by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Regional DP Committee Chairman. If necessary, the State Administrative Committee Chairman and the National Chairmen (DP and Technical) will be consulted. The petition must include:
 - 1) A copy of the meet results must be included with the petition form. The scores from the previous Regional/National competition must be at least one point higher than the current Regional qualifying score.
 - 2) A current video that is sent to both Regional officers.
 - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.

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- d. The Regional Technical Committee Chairman (or their appointee) will handle the petition, in consultation with the Regional DP Committee Chairman and the State Administrative Committee Chairman. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman will make the decision.
 - e. Special Considerations for Petitions to Level 9 or 10 Regional Championships
Any athlete currently competing Level 9 or 10 who has no Level 9 or 10 scores from the current season due to injury, but who had competed at or qualified to an Elite Challenge or Classic in the previous season, may petition to Level 9 or 10 Regionals. The injury petition will be considered under special circumstances by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and Regional DP Committee Chairman. If necessary, the State Administrative Committee Chairman, as well as the National Chairmen (DP Committee and Technical Committee) may be consulted. The petition form must be accompanied by the following:
 - 1) A copy of her Elite scores from the previous season.
 - 2) A current video must be sent to the two Regional officers.
 - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
 - f. Deadlines for Petitions to Regional Championships:
 - 1) Coaches must notify their Regional Administrative Committee Chairman AND their Regional Technical Committee Chairman email NO LATER THAN the Monday following the State Championships of any athletes they intend to petition to their Regional meet.
 - 2) The complete Injury/Illness petition form - <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2021.pdf>. The request in writing from the coach and official results are due the Monday following the State Championships by 5:00pm local time. All other required documents (physician's note) are due the Wednesday following the State Championships by 5:00pm local time.
 - Also send a copy to the State Administrative Committee Chairman.
 - 3) The Entry form and fees must be sent directly to the Meet Director, specifically marked as "Petition pending". If the petition is denied, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman will contact the Meet Director, who will refund the entry fee.
 - 4) If the gymnast was injured at the State Championships, the entry fees and form should be given to the USA Gymnastics officer who is designated to collect Regional entries at the State Championships. (Fees will be returned within three weeks if the petition is not accepted.)
 - 5) The petitioner will be notified of the approval or denial of the petition by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman a minimum of one week prior to the Regional meet.
 - 6) The Regional Technical Committee Chairman will notify the Meet Director of the approval or denial of the petition.
 - 7) If a petition is accepted, but the gymnast is unable to compete, the coach must IMMEDIATELY notify both the Meet Director and the respective Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
11. Awards:
The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman orders the awards for the Regional meets a minimum of 4 weeks prior to competition from the national medal company.
- a. The USA Gymnastics National Office is financially responsible for the following Regional awards:
 - 1) 1st - 3rd per age division for DP Level 10
 - 2) 1st - 3rd per age division for DP Level 9
 - b. Since Regional competition for Level 8 and below is not required, the Regions are financially responsible for all awards.
 - c. The Regional Administrative Committee will determine whether the Meet Director or the Regional Administrative Committee has the financial responsibility for the medals needed beyond the above listed medals.
12. Results of Regional Meets must be emailed within 72 hours to:
- a. For Level 8 or below, if held: State Administrative Chairmen in that region, the Regional DP, Technical, and Administrative Chairman.
 - b. For Level 9: State Administrative Committee Chairmen in that region, the Regional DP, Technical and Administrative Committee Chairmen, the Meet Director of the respective Eastern or Western Championships and the DP Director at the National Office.
 - 1) Level 9 Regional Meet Directors (or designated USA Gymnastics Regional officer) must email the meet results to the DP Director at the National Office no later than 24 hours after the completion of the meet.
 - 2) Also include a list of the qualifiers, plus two alternates to the Level 9 East/West National Championships.
 - c. For Level 10: The State Administrative Committee Chairmen; the respective Regional DP, Technical and Administrative Committee Chairmen, the DP National Meet Director, and the DP Director at the National Office.
 - 1) Level 10 Regional Meet Directors (or designated USA Gymnastics Regional officer) must email the meet results to the DP Director at the National Office no later than 24 hours after the completion of the meet.
 - 2) Also include a list of the qualifiers, plus two alternates to the Level 10 DP National Championships.