

Chapter 8

- 7) State/Regional entry fee refunds are at the discretion of the State Administrative Committee Chair/Regional Administrative Committee Chair.
 7. Petitions to State Championships (also see General rules for petitions - Chapter 8, page 80.)
 - a. NO petitions are allowed if the qualification to State Championships is by a percent of a percent or a designated number of each age division and not by score.
 - b. If a gymnast is unable to compete at the Sectional or any local State-qualifying meet (or cannot compete in the All-Around at State Championships) due to injury or illness prior to or during State Championships), her coach may petition the State Administrative Committee Chairman to allow the athlete to directly enter the State Championships, if the following requirements are met and documentation is included with the petition form:
 - 1) A photocopy of the results of one sanctioned meet from the current season showing a score which is equal to or greater than the state qualifying score.
 - If the gymnast competed at the same level in the previous season and qualified to State Championships or above, she may petition with the previous year scores from State or above meets.
 - 2) Written request from the coach.
 - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
 - c. If an athlete who is unable to compete at any Sectional or local State-qualifying meets in the current season (or cannot compete AA at such events) due to injury or illness and is also lacking scores from last year's season due to injuries but has previously qualified to and competed in the State or above level competitions at the same level, an injury petition may be considered under special circumstances by the State Administrative Committee Chairman. If necessary, the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Regional DP Committee Chairman will be consulted. The petition must include:
 - 1) A copy of meet results from the previous State/Regional/National competition with scores, which are at least one point higher than the current State qualifying score.
 - 2) A current video.
 - 3) Written request from the coach or parent.
 - 4) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
 - d. Petition Deadlines: petitions to State Championships must be received no later than the Wednesday after the last qualifying meet is held. Petitions must be sent to the State Administrative Committee Chairman by email or Express Mail.
 - 1) The petitioner will be notified of the approval or denial of the petition by the State Administrative Committee Chairman no later than one week before the competition.
 - 2) The State Administrative Committee Chairman will notify the Meet Director of the approval or denial of the petition no later than one week before the competition.
 - 3) If a petition is accepted but the gymnast is unable to compete, the coach **MUST** notify the Meet Director and the State Administrative Committee Chairman.
 8. Awards for State Championships and above must be ordered from the national medal company by the State Administrative Committee Chairman (or designee). Awards should be ordered a minimum four (4) weeks before the competition.
 9. Results from State Championships need to be mailed or emailed to the Regional Administrative and Technical Committee Chairmen, Regional Meet Director, and the State Administrative Committee Chairman of the respective state within 72 hours.
 10. The State Championships Director must send a financial report to the State Administrative Committee Chairman within 60 days of the completion of the meet.
- F. Regional Championships
1. Are under the total jurisdiction of the Regional Administrative Committee.
 - a. The format and number of athletes must be approved by the Regional DP Committee Chairman and Regional Technical Committee Chairman.
 - b. Entry fees for DP Regional Championships are determined by the Regional Administrative Committee and must be approved by the National Administrative Committee Chairman.
 - c. The Regional entry fees may not exceed the National entry fee unless approved by the National Administrative Committee Chairman.
 - d. The Meet Director is required to utilize the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System for registration (not to accept payments) and utilize the pre-printed coaches' sign-in sheets during the competition.
 2. Must be conducted for Level 9 and 10 and may be conducted for Level 8 and below (at the discretion of the Regional Administrative Committee).