Gymnastics (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN TWO DIVISIONS (1-2).

Gymnastics has a two-division tournament format. Schools sponsoring gymnastics are equally divided between Division 1 and Division 2 with the largest 50% in Division 1 and the smallest in Division 2. If there is an uneven number that school would be in Division 1.

a. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to April 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

a. Schools are assigned to:

Divisions 1 and 2 – One of five sectionals on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, February 25, 26 and 27.

b. State Tournament

The first two teams in Division 1 sectionals (ten in all) and the first two teams in Division 2 sectionals (ten in all) along with the first five individuals in the four individual events and the first five individuals in all-around in both Divisions 1 and 2 sectionals will participate in the State Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 5-6 at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

Note: A cooperative team is eligible for the WIAA team tournament series if it consists of a maximum of two schools or the combined enrollment of the cooperative team is less than the previous year's published enrollment of the largest stand-alone school in each respective division. Individuals from an ineligible cooperative team are only eligible for the WIAA individual tournament competition.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 12 - 14) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

a. 15-b (2) under National Federation Allowed Adaptations does not apply, nor do a. (1) b, d, e, or i under State Association Regulations.

ADDITIONS

a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets during the regular season.

b. A school must participate in a minimum of four meets in order to be eligible for tournament assignment and competition.

c. A tournament team will be defined to allow a school to enter a maximum of five individuals per event of which any number may be all-around performers. Team scoring will be determined by adding the top four scores from each individual event.

d. An individual entry may score in as many as three events, and an all-around performer may score in all four events, as well as be eligible for all-around.

e. The Friday session of the State Tournament will determine the team champions and final positions of all other teams (Divisions 1 and 2).

f. The State Tournament will be conducted using the Olympic Rotation for the draw.

g. The State Tournament will use the Modified Capital Cup warm-up format.

h. The Saturday session of the State Tournament will determine the champions and final positions of all other qualifiers in the four individual events, as well as all-around. In order to participate as an individual performer, an individual must have finished among the:

First five individuals in individual events at the sectionals (Divisions 1 and 2).

In order to be eligible as an all-around performer, an individual must have finished among the:

First five individuals in all-around at the sectionals (Divisions 1 and 2).

i. A school which qualifies a team for State may make substitutions in its entries.

j. There is a provision permitting the replacement of a gymnast who has qualified for the individual State Tournament but is unable to compete.

(1) This provision is granted to the sixth place qualifier.

(2) There is no provision for moving up any other gymnasts if the sixth place qualifier is not available.

(3) Notification shall be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. The deadline for notification is the start (check-in) of the specific event.

k. Sectional hosts must set up their meets on the designated WIAA online platform at least one week before the meet. Schools must complete their online entries, including gymnasts and alternates, at least five (5) days before the tournament. Teams qualifying for the state meet must verify their entries, order, and alternates by 10 a.m. on the Monday before the meet.

l. Competing order for individuals at the state meet will be randomly drawn, with participants from the same team grouped together in a predetermined random order.

m. Teams must be attired in school approved warm-ups and/or leotards during the State Tournament.

n. Sectional competition shall be conducted with all four events running simultaneously, unless the WIAA office has approved an exception because of facility concerns.

o. Schools are NOT permitted to practice at sites of tournament competition.

p. Meet management must provide result sheets after data entry to judge and coaches after each round for verification of scores. Clerical errors may only be corrected within 24 hours of the end of the meet. (Rule 3-4-4)

q. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.

r. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website < http://www.wiaawi.org >.

b. Hosting Tournament

(1) Sectional hosts are required to use the WIAA alpha order draw for rotations.

(2) Sectional hosts must use the Olympic Rotation for the draw.

(3) The official equipment for all competition will be provided by the host school. If the host school cannot provide official equipment, the visiting schools must be notified and allowed to bring official equipment, if possible.

*Vault Table - full allowable range, manufactured, non-conversion table, and a safety zone mat.

*Beam - reflex with full allowable range.

*Floor - spring floor with carpet.

*Bars - maximum dual lock range to accommodate all gymnasts.

(4) Sectional sites must use Modified Capital Cup format.

(5) Sectional hosts should provide two qualified personnel line judges for floor exercise.

c. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract eight officials, including four chief judges and a meet referee with judging responsibilities.

(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.

(2) Officiating fee: $145 meet referee and $125 all other judges.

(3) **Officials shall travel together when practical.**

(4) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

d. Awards

(1) Plaques to championship teams.

(2) Plaques to runner-up teams.

(3) Medals to members of championship and runner-up teams (actual numbers) and first five places in individual events and first five places in all-around.

(4) Athletes must be attired in school approved leotards.

e. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report on forms provided by the WIAA office shall be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) Host School - $520, including the manager's fee of $135.

(c) If a balance remains after payments are made as stipulated above, the WIAA and the host school shall share (50-50) in this amount.

(d) If there are insufficient receipts for a school to realize the $520 indicated in b. above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.

(2) Participating Schools Allowance

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

(a) Child/Student/Adult - $7

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided for:

(a) A party of 15 including gymnasts, alternates, coaches, managers, etc.

(b) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Schedule of Competition (Times Are Approximated)

Friday, March 5 – Team Competition (Division 1 and 2)

10:30 a.m.	Building opens
10:45 a.m.	Judges meeting

11-11:30 a.m.	General stretching and bar settings
11 a.m.	Facility opens for spectators
11:30-11:45 a.m.	All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation
11:45 a.m.	March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).
12:00 p.m.	Competition begins

Saturday, March 6 – Individual Competition (Division 1 and 2)

8:30 a.m.	Building opens
9 -9:30 a.m.	General stretching and bar setting
9 a.m.	Facility opens for spectators
9:15 a.m.	All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation
9:30 a.m.	March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).
10 a.m.	Competition begins

b. Officials
   (1) The WIAA office will contract 24 judges (three per event), and a nonjudging meet referee, to officiate at the State Meet.
   (2) Officials will be paid:
      (a) Officiating Fee - $225
      (b) Meet Referee - $280
      (c) **Officials shall travel together when practical.**
      (d) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
      (e) Necessary meals and lodging.

c. Awards
   (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
   (2) Medals to members (actual number) of championship and runner-up teams and first six individuals in each event.
   (3) Athletes must be attired in school approved leotards.

d. Finances
   (1) Participating Schools Allowance

   Schools will receive an allowance for their State Meet expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:
      (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of 70¢ per mile.
         Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.
      (b) An allowance of $60 for each actual participant, plus one other person.
   (2) Host School Allowance
      (a) The host school shall receive reimbursement in full for approved fixed expenses in connection with the meet.
      (b) The WIAA will pay the fees and expenses of the judges, including the meet referee.
   (3) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult

   Single Session Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket..... $9*

   *On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
   (4) Admission Policies

   Free admissions will be provided for:
      (a) Team competition – a party of 15 including gymnasts, alternates, coaches, managers, etc.
      (b) Individual competition – actual competitors, plus three coaches.
      (c) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders or administrators.

6. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)