



2006 USA Gymnastics Wisconsin Winter Newsletter (Salto 12/17/05)

Submitted by Judy Schalk - WI USAG Secretary



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State Web Site

www.WisconsinWomensGymnastics.com

Combined Level 4, 5 & 6 State Meet – 1st weekend of December, 2006. Bids are being accepted for a combined Compulsory State Meet to be held at an off-site facility. **Bids are due by March 1.**

- The State will contribute \$5,000 toward the expense of running the competition.
- Entry fee – \$65
- Admission charge – maximum \$10/day

The issue of possibly running an off-site Optional State Meet will be revisited at the March meeting.

Request for Compulsory Meet Dates Due March 1

Email your requests to Rick Nelson including:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of possible dates (Last qualifier – 1 week before Thanksgiving)
- Which levels are being offered
- Facility/site
- Any other pertinent info

Final Compulsory State Meet Qualifier – 2 weeks before State Meet (1 week before Thanksgiving)

Age Group Split for Awards at State Meet

In age groups with more than 45 gymnasts, split the group for awards.

Optional Drop-Back Date Changed (~~Feb. 1~~)

Optional gymnasts may now drop back one level up until 3 weeks before State Meet

Level 3 Program

- Winter season this year but after State Meet we'll decide whether to move it to the fall season for the future.

- This level is for the recreational level only, NOT team gymnasts.
- NO scores will be given or flashed.
- Ribbons will not have scores on them.
- Meet director's discretion to use certified judges or skill evaluators.
- R&P must be followed for this season. USAG will address issues of number of gymnasts allowed per session, warm-up procedures, etc. based on input from this season's experience. Submit recommendations to State Chairman.

Level 2 – No Wisconsin Level 2 State Meet this season, but gyms may conduct L-2 meets. Consideration of Level 2 for the “distant future” to be addressed after the L-3 season.

Prep Optional Survey – due by March 1

Prep Optional is an alternative optional level intended for “high school” gymnasts, i.e., somewhat older gymnasts (minimum age 10) with a limited time commitment and below Level 7 competitive experience.

Michigan has written Prep Optional rules adhering to the USAG guidelines for this level. (See attached pdf file.) Both Illinois and Michigan are already using Prep Opt and could provide neighboring competition for a Wisconsin program if we adopted the same rules they adhere to.

Wisconsin would run a Prep Opt season in the fall with State Meet conducted the last week of October allowing gymnasts to move directly into their High School season.

Survey:

- Are you interested in running a Prep Optional program in your club?
- How many participants would you expect to have?

Contact Rick Nelson, rgnelson36@aol.com, by **March 1** with your response.

Compulsory Training Camp

A proposal to run a Compulsory Training Camp to raise money for future off-site Compulsory State Meets was presented by Jay Murphy (Salto). He has volunteered to research the proposal and present his findings to the board. Send Jay or Rick your input.