

**Alabama State Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by Mike Holdefer at 10:30 AM, August 15.

Mike Holdefer reminded everyone of the Confidentiality Agreement.

Attending:

Mike Holdefer
Meg Henry
Erin Kightlinger
Sandi McGee
Benjo Morrow
Helen Nabors
Jessica Sedgwick
Stephanie Kuhlmann
Christie Leigh McHugh

Not Attending:

Jessica Earnest
Sarah Smith
JR Zeringue

Helen Nabors made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Meg Henry seconded the motion.
Approved.

ALABAMA HUGS PROGRAM

Christie Leigh McHugh was appointed to the State Committee as a non-voting member, as our HUGS representative.

Christie Leigh McHugh and the Alabama HUGS sub-committee have worked hard to implement and adjust the requirements for the Alabama Pilot program. Check out Alabama HUGS on the Alabama USAG website for requirements for all three levels. The changes for the Alabama Pilot Program are highlighted in green. If you have any further questions, reach out to Christie Leigh.

Sanctions for meets will have HUGS levels added to them. Discussion of possible HUGS clinic for additional information.

ALABAMA USAG WEBSITE MEMBERS ONLY AREA

Benjo and Mike are working on a member only area. Once up and running, all current members will have a password. This area will contain information and reports that are for professional member use only. This was emphasized by the USA Gymnastics national office at National Congress this June.

CLARIFICATION OF REGIONAL JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS

A rotation of judges is set up by the Regional Technical Chair and by the State Judging Directors. This rotation is submitted to the Regional Committee. The Regional Committee selects and replaces judges for all states in Region 8 at their discretion. In addition to the selection from each state, the Regional Committee asked each state to supply two alternates for the Regionals.

**SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT FOR STATE COMMITTEE CRITERIA FOR STATE MEET
JUDGE SELECTIONS**

ALABAMA USA GYMNASTICS 2024-2025 RULES AND POLICIES WILL BE EMAILED AND POSTED BY 9/1/24.

ALABAMA USA GYMNASTICS ONLINE APPAREL STORE NOW OPEN

Alabama USA Gymnastics gear now available! The apparel store will open on August 21 and close September 15. It will open again in the middle of November for Holiday orders. The website is: https://store.perfectfitz.com/usa_gymnastics_alabama/shop/home

EDUCATION SURVEY RESPONSES

There were only 19 responses out of 260 Alabama professional members. It was discussed and decided that the board members will be reaching out to all the clubs to evaluate the needs of all our programs.

ATHLETE REGISTRATION FEE REMINDER:

-Athlete registration fee for level 1-5 is \$20 and due by September 1. MeetMaker will automatically apply a \$5 late fee each month the fee is unpaid and this fee cannot be waived if you register after the deadline.

-Athlete registration fee for Xcel and Optional gymnasts is due prior to January 1.

TOPS:

-New rules and skills are on the National and State website.

-TOPS testing will be done virtually.

Helen Nabors made a motion to adjourn at 12:25pm. Jessica Sedgwick seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Henry

ALABAMA STATE COMMITTEE CRITERIA FOR JUDGE SELECTION FOR STATE MEETS

Judge must adhere to all USA Gymnastics and Alabama Rules and Policies at all sanctioned competitions

Judge must be an Alabama USA Gymnastics member for at least 2 years NAWGJ Alabama membership will be required if Alabama NAWGJ is the assigning organization.

Judge must have actively judged in Alabama for a minimum of 2 years

National and Regional assigned judges will be assigned to state meets at their assigned levels at State Meet when possible

Location of State Meet site will be considered (expense to Meet host for travel)

Consider clinics attended & in gym time

Other considerations to include:

Availability form for state meets submitted by deadline date

Chief Judge requirements

Rating and experience

Volunteer work

Efficiency and consistency at competitions

Professionalism at competitions including cooperation with meet host, meet referee, other judges and coaches/athletes.