

2021 GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Sectional - District - State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on December 2020.

The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

A. GENERAL

1. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Regulations of the OHSAA.
- (b) Schools must be represented by the head coach, assistant coach or athletic administrator at one of the OHSAA conducted girls gymnastics rules interpretation meetings.
- (c) After a gymnast has become a member of a high school squad (that is she participates in an interscholastic contest), the gymnast shall not take part in a contest on a non-interscholastic team, or as an individual, in gymnastics until after she has competed in her last interscholastic contest for her school. **Penalty is ineligibility in that sport for the remainder of season.** (Sports Regulation 7.2.2) A high school gymnast who has been a member of a non-interscholastic team and who participates in a non-interscholastic gymnastics meet or contest on or after January 18, 2021 **is INELIGIBLE to represent her high school in the OHSAA sponsored Girls Gymnastics Tournaments**
- (d) Only girls shall be eligible to participate in the OHSAA sponsored Girls Gymnastics Tournaments.
- (e) To be eligible for the team event competition in the OHSAA Girls Gymnastics Tournament **a school** shall compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests prior to the OHSAA Tournament.
- (f) A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

2. DIVISION

There will be one division in the District and State Tournaments. That division shall be Division I.

3. ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS

Teams are assigned to a tournament site by their respective District Athletic Boards. Teams must compete where assigned.

4. MANAGEMENT

The District Athletic Boards shall manage and supervise the Sectional and District Tournaments subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Admission shall not exceed \$6.00 per session.

5. ENTRIES

Eligible schools must submit the OHSAA Entry form **ONLINE** as well as their verification of completion of the Official OHSAA Eligibility Certificate. Gymnastics entry information must be sent to the sectional/district tournament manager using the official entry process for that purpose not later than one week prior to the date of the tournament. Competition for Sectionals and Districts will be limited to six per event. No late entries accepted.

Coaches may add students (up to the limitation of six per event) substitute or withdraw students at the Sectional, District and State Tournaments.

6. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee has been waived for 2021.

7. RULES

The USAG Jr. Olympic Code of Points (2018-2022) and modified USAG Level 9-10 shall be used in all tournaments.

Rules interpretations shall be the decision of the OHSAA State Rules Interpreter(s).

There shall be **no** repeating of a routine for score in any OHSAA Sectional, District or State gymnastics tournaments.

EXCEPTION – In the event of defects in the apparatus or an event which occurs through no fault of the gymnast, the Chief Judge of the event will make the decision regarding the repeat of the exercise. If a repeat is authorized, the gymnast may repeat the entire exercise and the score of the repeated routine must count or she may chose to repeat from the point of interruption. In this case the judges will use their judging up to the point of interruption and then continue with judging of the repeated portion to determine the score.

JURY OF APPEALS

In the event of an appeal, in accordance with USAG Rules, the Tournament Referee may convene a **Jury of Appeals**. The Jury consists of the Referee, the Tournament Manager, the OHSAA Representative, the Chief Event Judge and the next highest-ranking judge. All decisions of the Jury are final.

8. COMPETITION

The events for competition shall be:

- a. Vault
- b. Uneven Parallel Bars
- c. Balance Beam
- d. Floor Exercise
- e. All-Around
- f. Team

The manager shall furnish all competing schools with a copy of the instructions and a time schedule prior to the tournament.

9. SCORING

Scoring shall be conducted in accordance with the USAG JO Code of Points. The sum of the top four scores in each event shall be used to compute the team score.

10. UNIFORM

The required uniform for competition is a one-piece leotard with no bare midriff. The leg cut of the leotard must be below the pelvis/hip bone. Sleeveless leotards are permissible.

11. OFFICIALS

Officials for the District Girls Gymnastics Tournaments are selected as directed by the respective District Athletic Boards. The decisions and interpretation of rules by officials are final.

12. AWARDS

Team trophies and medals for team participants will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams in the District Tournaments. **Individuals:** Medals will be awarded for each state qualifier in each event. No awards are permitted at the site of District or State Tournaments except those furnished and/or approved by the OHSAA.

13. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the District or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing board who is present throughout the tournament and on the floor to assist the athlete. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative will be disqualified. (See Bylaw 3-2-1).

Coaching is not permitted by anyone other than the school's assigned gymnastics coach. The name of the coach, or coaches (all board approved), who will be permitted on the floor with the gymnast during the tournament, will be printed in the official program. **(No other coaches will be permitted on the floor with the gymnast.)**

14. VAULT

Vault numbers will be flashed at all OHSAA District and State Tournaments. It is recommended that vault numbers be flashed at Sectional Tournaments.

15. INQUIRIES

An inquiry procedure will be in effect. Inquiries may be initiated only in cases involving: a) unusual falls, b) application of neutral deductions (i.e. overtime, under time, line violations, inappropriate attire, etc.), or c) value parts. Inquiries must be filed within 5 minutes of the conclusion of each event rotation.

16. QUALIFIERS FROM DISTRICT TO STATE TOURNAMENT

- (a) **The requirements for qualification in any event apply throughout the entire progression of tournaments.** The District and State Tournaments are both team and individual competitions. A gymnast may qualify to the next level of tournament competition in only three ways:
- 1) As an individual in the individual event/all around competition.
 - 2) As a member of a team that qualifies to the next level of competition.
 - 3) As an individual in individual event/all-around competition and as a member of a qualifying team.
- (b) **All-Around and Individual Events** – Each District may send no more than the maximum number of competitors permitted for individual events for each District as determined by the representation ratio.

This placement is determined by: 1. Achievement of the highest score for each individual event: vault, uneven parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercise; 2. The highest score totals of the four individual events: All-Around.

DISTRICT	TEAMS QUAL.	INDIV. QUAL.
Central + Southeast and East	3	8
Northeast + East	6	17
Northwest	1	5
Southwest	2	6
	12	36

- (c) **Team Qualifiers from District Tournaments** – The maximum number of gymnasts permitted per event is six.

Any girl whose name appears on the school's current eligibility certificate shall be eligible to compete for her team at the State Tournament.

The official entry form shall provide a roster of likely entrants into that tournament. These students could be substituted for at the registration table upon arrival. The coach shall indicate any events on which it is likely that six gymnastics will not be competing.

- (d) **Alternates**

An alternate gymnast may compete in the individual competition of the State Tournament if a qualifying gymnast cannot compete due to illness, injury, flagrant misconduct or ineligibility. The alternate shall be the next highest individual qualifier in that event from that District Tournament.

Replacement of these athletes or the team may be made up to the time that the competition begins in that event at the State Tournament. The athlete and her coach or the next qualified team must report to Senior Director Deborah Moore for verification. If the replacement can be made prior to Tuesday of the week of the state tournament by 4:00 PM, the name of the competitor(s) shall be placed into the official program.

- (e) **Additions, Withdrawal and Substitution**

1. A competitor may be added (provided the limit of six per event is not exceeded), withdrawn or substituted with another eligible gymnast at the coaches meeting before competition.

2. Competitors on a team do not have to be the same individuals who competed in the prior Tournament.
 3. A coach may replace an eligible gymnast for a competitor who is injured or becomes ill during warm-ups or competition. The substitute gymnast will receive warm-up time equal to that of other gymnasts on the event, or events, at the directive of the tournament manager. The injured/ill gymnast thus replaced may be permitted to reenter the competition for any other event for which she was entered, provided she is authorized to do so by coaching staff/medical personnel.
 4. A coach may choose to “scratch” an injured gymnast from an event in which she is entered rather than replace her. The gymnast will receive a “score of zero” by presenting herself for the event in her rotation and touching the apparatus.
- (f) **Representation of Team:** In order to count as a team for the following year, a school must have a **minimum** of three gymnasts competing in each of the four events.

- (g) **Ties** – All ties for the last qualifying place must be broken in District Tournaments; however the gymnasts’ scores shall not change, and all competitors shall receive awards when appropriate. Scores will be calculated to the thousandths. Coaches should be informed of the tabulations of each participant involved in order to allow them an opportunity to recheck the procedure. The following procedure shall be followed:

Individual event competition

1. Score sheet entries will be double checked by the tournament manager and tournament referee, including:
 - a. Each separate judge’s judging formula addition not including execution.
 - b. The striking of the high and low scores and the average of the middle two scores.
2. If the procedure outlined in 1 does not break the tie, a “base score” shall be determined for each gymnast’s score, and the higher score will then be the higher place winner. The “base score” is the addition of the score of the chief judge to the gymnast’s score on the event. This number is then divided by two for an average designated as “base score.”
3. If there is still a tie, the following shall apply:
 - a. In ties for an individual event, if both/all gymnasts competed in the all-around competition, the gymnast with the highest all-around score shall advance.
 - b. If any tied athlete(s) did not compete in the All-Around, all athletes shall repeat their exercise or if both/all agree, they may choose to flip a coin.

All-Around competition

1. In ties for the all-around competition check all mathematics and judging formulas. The gymnast with the highest score on a single event shall advance.
 - a. In the remote possibility that all of the all-around events are tied, each separate event shall be base scored to produce a new all-around score.
 - b. If the new base scored All-Around is tied, the highest single event base score will advance.
2. In the event that all tie breaker procedures have been followed and a tie still exists, a coin will be flipped to determine advancement.

- (h) **Team Competition** – Ties for the last qualifying place will be broken by:

1. Application of #1 above. Check all mathematics and judging formulas.
2. A “base score” as described in #2 above, will be determined by the chief judge and tournament manager for all scores in all events for the athletes comprising each tied team (maximum number of gymnasts permitted is six).

3. The sum of the top four "base" scores in each event shall be added to determine the new team score, which will be used to break the tie for advancing to the next round of tournament competition.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Flash pictures of the competitors are not permitted during the progress of the competition. Media photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the tournament manager. The number of photographers and their locations shall be determined by the tournament manager.

18. VIDEOTAPE REGULATIONS

a) Videotaping or filming by participating schools.

Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

b) Videotaping or filming by spectators.

1. Shall be for personal use.
2. Shall not be used for scouting or coaching.
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator's equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

19. REPORTS BY MANAGERS

A complete report listing competing schools and number of girls from each school that participated must be sent to the OHSAA by the tournament manager immediately following the tournament. All results from District Tournaments must be submitted to Deborah Moore, sport administrator and Carol Eskay, State Tournament Manager, by **9:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 27, 2021**, via electronic transfer to dmoore@ohsaa.org.

20. SIGNS AND BANNERS

The use of balloons, pennants, shakers and noisemakers is not permitted. Signs and banners may be affixed to walls subject to the approval of the Tournament Manager.

21. COACHES AND COMPETITORS

All coaches, paid and volunteer, must be listed on the school's Emergency Contact Form. This form represents that each coach is board-approved and possesses all the credentials required by the OHSAA and the state of Ohio to be authorized to coach an interscholastic team. Competing teams and coaches must stay within the designated areas on the competition floor for each event during the competition.

22. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for contests the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in gymnastics until the next two regular season/tournament contests have been played.

Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it. Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

It is unacceptable and shall be considered **unsporting conduct** (subject to ejection) if a student-athlete removes her leotard in any area within the view of the public. This includes but is not restricted to the competition and warm-up areas.

All facilities make locker rooms available to student-athletes, and it is in this environment that the gymnast shall make any changes of uniform.

PENALTY: Ejection from the contest for unsporting conduct. This requires that the gymnast be ineligible for the next two gymnastics contests.

23. PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the administrative heads of the competing schools.

24. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State Girls Gymnastics Tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for District Tournaments or of the OHSAA Executive Director for the State Tournament. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournaments for resale purposes is prohibited without permission.

25. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

26. RAFFLES PROHIBITED

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of gymnastics tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

27. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

28. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

Shirts/appropriate attire shall be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.

29. HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

All participants, coaches, spectators and tournament personnel are expected to adhere to all state mandated guidelines relating to exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The OHSAA has published general and gymnastics specific guidance on this issue here <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondence> Specific gymnastics mandates are found here <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Gymnastics/2020-21/GymnasticsRequirements.pdf>

30. ADMISSIONS

Spectators – All sectional and district tournament tickets shall be sold online at \$8.00 for each session. Capacity limitations shall be a maximum of 300 spectators.

**2021 49th ANNUAL GIRLS STATE
GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT**
March 5-6, 2021 – HILLIARD BRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL – HILLIARD, OHIO
Carol Eskay, Tournament Manager

1. REGULATIONS

The same regulations and administration for the OHSAA Girls District Gymnastics Tournaments shall apply to the Girls State Gymnastics Tournament in addition to those listed below.

2. DATE

March 5-6, 2021

3. LOCATION

Hilliard Bradley High School, 2800 Walker Rd., Hilliard, 43026. The tournament is under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ohio High School Athletic Association with Hilliard City Schools cooperating.

4. TOURNAMENT MANAGER

Carol Eskay – Hilliard Bradley High School, 2800 Walker Rd., Hilliard, 43026. (C) 614-657-4327;
Email: ceskay@icloud.com

5. SCHEDULE – CAPITOL CUP FORMAT

The OHSAA will employ the Capitol Cup Format, as described in USAG rules, at the Girls State Gymnastics Tournament. This format is designed to shorten the length of the competition and is accomplished by utilizing two sets of identical equipment for uneven parallel bars, balance beam and vault and at least an identical spring tumbling strip and carpet for floor exercise. The facilities at Hilliard Bradley High School, which include an auxiliary gymnasium, permit this competition format.

Prior to competition on both days, bar settings shall be made on the competition equipment. There will be no formal warm-up on the competition equipment on either day. Warm-ups shall take place only in the warm-up gymnasium on the identical equipment. All warm-ups shall be timed. After athletes have proceeded to the competition floor and reported to the chief judge for their event, they shall be given a 30-second touch warm-up on that equipment. For the team competition, the time may be “blocked” with the maximum time being three minutes. Note: The 30 second touch on bars does not include the time needed to set the bars.

March 5 – Team Competition

2:00 P.M.	Registration – Competitors and Coaches, Bar Settings
3:00 P.M.	Coaches Meeting
3:30 P.M.	Parade of Competitors and Introduction of Officials
3:40 P.M.	Teams 1-4 – Warm-up First events in Warm-up Gymnasium Teams 5-12 – Bye
4:00 P.M.	Competition Begins – Teams 1-4 on Competition Floor Teams 5-8 Warm-up First Events in Warm-up Gymnasium Teams 9-12 – Bye

Teams continue to rotate from warm-up to competition to the bye round until all four events have been completed. At that time, the Parade of Competitors and Awards Ceremony will follow immediately. Estimated time of competition is 4 hours 45 minutes.

March 6– Individual Competition (Divided into Eight Squads)

10:00 A.M.	Registration – Competitors and Coaches, Bar Settings
10:45 A.M.	Coaches Meeting
11:30 A.M.	Parade of Champions and Introduction of Officials
11:40 A.M.	Squads 1-4 – Warm-up First Events in Warm-up Gymnasium Squads 5-8 – Bye
12:00 Noon	Competition Begins – Squads 1-4 on Competition Floor Squads 5-8 Warm-up First Events in Warm-up Gymnasium

Squads continue to rotate from warm-up to competition until all four events have been completed. At that time, the Parade of Competitors and Awards Ceremony will follow immediately. Estimated time of competition is 3 hours.

*Please note that all coaches and competitors are expected to participate in the Grand March and Awards ceremony.

6. ENTRIES

All teams and individuals who qualified at their respective District Gymnastics Tournaments will automatically be entered in the State Tournament.

The individuals on qualifying girls gymnastics teams from District Tournaments may be changed prior to the State Tournament as long as all rules regarding eligibility are followed and all participants are listed on the school eligibility certificate. Substitutions may not be made for individual qualifiers except as specified in Tournament Regulation 16d.

All results from District Tournaments, the school's official entry form and eligibility certificate, certified by the principal or official designee of the high school, must be submitted to the State Tournament Manager by the respective District Manager on Saturday prior to the State Tournament no later than 9:00 P.M.

7. AWARDS

Trophies and medals for team competitors will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be presented to the coach of the championship and runner-up teams and to the first six places in each individual and all-around event.

8. ADMISSIONS

Spectators – All state tournament tickets shall be sold online at \$10.00 for each session. Capacity limitations shall be a maximum of 300 spectators.

9. PASSES

Passes shall be provided to competitors and coaches according to the following schedule:

1-4 competitors: number of competitors plus 1

5 or more competitors: number of competitors plus 2

For Friday Team Competition: (Principal-2, Athletic Administrator-2, Superintendent-2).

10. DECISIONS OF REFEREE

The Tournament Referee is the official directly in charge of competition. The Tournament Referee shall decide questions which arise in conjunction with the events which are not specifically placed under the jurisdiction of other officials and **THE DECISIONS OF THE REFEREE ARE FINAL.**

11. OFFICIALS

Officials for the State Tournament will be selected and assigned from regulations established by the Board of Directors. Open scoring shall be used at the State Tournament.

12. PHYSICIAN AND TRAINER

A physician and athletic trainer will be present for the entire tournament.

13. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The fax number is (614) 267-1677. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Information Services. The deadline for submitting reservations is Noon on Tuesday **March 2, 2021**. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

14. EXPENSES FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

There shall be no expenses paid for individuals competing in the state tournament,

15. VIDEOTAPING

Spectators may videotape from the stands but must supply their own power. No tripods will be permitted in the stands. Contact Carol Eskay for all arrangements.