

8. GYMNASTICS – GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

To be eligible for the team event competition in the OHSAA tournament in girls gymnastics, a school shall compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests as a team (3 or more athletes in each of the four events) prior to the OHSAA Tournament.

1.1) Contest Limitations –

A team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall be removed from the OHSAA tournament.

1.2) Scoring during the regular season—

In regular season meets in which team entrants are unlimited, it is not permissible to designate which four gymnasts shall be eligible to have their scores added to produce a team score. Any of the eligible competitors shall be able to score for the team.

1.3) Individuals who coach multiple teams—

Coaches are permitted to serve as the coach for more than one school as long as they are properly credentialed and are Board-approved by each respective district/school. Should this transpire, it is up to the districts/schools involved to determine compensation, scheduling logistics and any other matters pertaining to the arrangement. The athletes from different schools may practice together under the direction of the coach but must always represent the school they attend in any competition

1.4) School Representative—

No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams or individuals unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present throughout the contest.

2) Non-Interscholastic Participation

2.1) A member of an interscholastic gymnastics squad (any student who has participated in a regular season/tournament contest sponsored by the Board of Education) **shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest as an individual or member of a team in the sport of gymnastics during the school's season** (Sports Regulation 7.2.2).

2.2) Interscholastic gymnastics coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

2.3) Gymnasts Who Have Not Competed for Their School This Season:

A sports regulation identified as the **Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date** stipulates that a gymnastics athlete who has not participated for the school in gymnastics that season must cease non-interscholastic gymnastics competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the state tournament in gymnastics in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in gymnastics who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in gymnastics shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in gymnastics in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed

Date: Monday, January 17, 2022 – Non-interscholastic competition NOT permitted on or after this date

3) Penalties

The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2.2 (participation with a non-interscholastic gymnastics squad while a member of the school's interscholastic gymnastics squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad, EXCEPT a senior, is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic gymnastics season or the ensuing gymnastics season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

4) Transfer Bylaw

While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, information regarding the transfer bylaw can be found on the OHSAA website at this link, [OHSAA.org/Eligibility/Transfer](https://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer). Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to the transfer bylaw, and who participated in high school gymnastics within 12 months immediately preceding the transfer date, are ineligible for all regular season contests and the OHSAA postseason tournament beginning with varsity regular season contest #8.

5) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For information on Ejection for Unsporting Conduct See *Ejection Policies for Coaches and Players* under Section 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations on the Gymnastics Page at OHSAA.org. For information on Out of State Travel regulations see Bylaw 9-2 in the Bylaws on the Eligibility Page at OHSAA.org

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — **November 5, 2021.**
- 2) First contest — **December 6, 2021.**
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA tournament — **January 31, 2022.**
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — **February 6, 2022 for tournaments starting at sectional level**
February 12, 2022 for tournaments starting at district level
- 5) Coaching and Season end with the State Tournament — **March 5, 2022.**
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 7) Regular season contests — **14 for team and individuals; no limit on number of opponents.**
- 8) Rules — U.S.A. Gymnastics.
- 9) Officials
 - 9.1) Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 judge required. It is strongly recommended that two Class 1 judges officiate each meet. Class 2 judges may be utilized, but it is highly recommended that a Class 2 official judge with a Class 1 official.
 - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 2 judge recommended.
 - 9.3) Freshman — OHSAA Class 1 or 2 or non-registered level 8 JCI or higher recommended.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 7 & 8

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — **November 5, 2021.**
- 2) First contest — **December 6, 2021.**
- 3) Coaching and Season end with the State Tournament — **March 5, 2022.**
- 4) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests — **12 for team and individuals; no limit on number of opponents**
- 6) Rules — U.S.A. Gymnastics.
- 7) Officials — **Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 2 or non-registered level 8 JCI or higher recommended.**

| Gymnastics | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
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| Coaching and Tryouts Begin | 11/5 | 11/4 | 11/3 |
| Season Begins | 12/6 | 12/5 | 12/4 |
| Non-Interscholastic Date | 1/17 | 1/16 | 1/15 |
| Sectional & District | 2/14-2/26 | 2/13-2/25 | 2/12-2/24 |
| State | 3/4-3/5 | 3/3-3/4 | 2/29-3/1 |
| Season Ends | 3/5 | 3/4 | 3/1 |
| Easter | 4/17 | 4/9 | 4/12 |