



New Jersey

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USA Gymnastics-New Jersey
State Committee Meeting Zoom
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Brant Lutska (NJSACC) called meeting to order at 2033 hr.

I. ROLL CALL:

Committee members present:

Brant Lutska
Jeanne Devenney
Bonnie Ann Synol
Cheryl Gambuti
Zoey Blampey
Amy Middlekauff
Rachael Rosenthal
Barbara Kelly Sullivan
Leslie McPeek
Kelly Gaston

Committee member's position:

NJ SACC
Clinic Coordinator
Coaches & Judges Ed. Rep.
Meet Directors Representative.
North Club Owners Rep.
South Club Owners Rep.
North Coaches Representative
South Coaches Representative
North Xcel Program Representative
South Xcel Program Representative

Advisory:

William Psiuk
Patty Strickland

Secretary/Treasurer
Competition Chair

II. WELCOME INTRODUCTION:

The meeting was called to order at 20:33hr by SACC Brant Lutska. He welcomed everyone, congratulated all who ran for office, and extended a special welcome to the new committee member, Zoey Blampey, who will serve as the North Club Owners Representative.

a. It was noted as a reminder, per USA-G R & P, the SACC must abstain from voting on all issues. The SACC may only cast a vote in the event of a tie.

III. MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 20 , 2025.

Motion: Leslie McPeek
Second: Amy Middlekauff
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

IV. REAPPOINTMENTS:

SACC Brant Lutska has informed the committee that, per the new ruling, certain appointments must be voted on annually.

a. A motion has been made to have William Psiuk continue in his current role as Secretary / Treasurer. The proposed terms include an annual fee of \$3,000.00, payable semi-annually in payments of \$1,500.00, as well as the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses upon submission of receipts.

Motion: Amy Middlekauff
Second: Cheryl Gambuti
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

b. Accordingly, A motion has been made to retain Patricia Strickland in her role as Competition Chair. The proposed terms are a fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per session to organize the roster and rotation schedule for all State Meets, as well as the reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses upon submission of receipts.

Motion: Jeanne Devenney
Second: Bonnie Ann Synol
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

c. Accordingly, A motion has been made regarding R&P compensation, reimbursement of expenses for Brant Lutska the SACC reimbursement categories:

- i. - Travel Mileage: IRS rate
- ii. - Air / Hotel: Actual bill
- iii. - Per-diem: USA-G ruling
- iv. - Flat-rate pricing (Cell Phone/Internet): Based on the first bill provided in the new July-to-June calendar year. Also, reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses for any State function upon submission of receipts.

Motion: Jeanne Devenney
Second: Rachael Rosenthal
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

V. FINANCIL REPORT

The 2025/26 Competition Financial Summary has been reported to the committee. The State incurred a \$21,709.54 deficit between income received and actual expenses due to the increase in apparel costs and other economic issues related to the State Meets. The financial details for the 2025/26 competitive season are as follows:

Total income was	\$250,135.90
Total expenses	<u>\$271,845.44</u>
	\$21,709.54 deficit

Account Starting Balance as of	25.07.01	\$165,247.42
Account Ending Balance as of	26.06.30	\$143,537.88

Motion was made to approve the Treasurers financial report.

Motion: Kelly Gaston
Second: Barbara Kelly Sullivan
Abstain: Brant Lutska

VI. REGIONAL JUDGES RECOMMENDATION LIST

To ensure a balanced playing field, committee members who are also judging will not vote for themselves. A blank list of all qualifying judges has been emailed to all committee members for ranking. The committee's ranking will account for 75% of the total, with the remaining 25% based on seniority to determine the final tally.

Additionally, please note that Brant Lutska, the SACC, and Jeanne Devenney will be recusing themselves from judging Level 10 Regionals. After confirming the selection based on the committee's vote, the end result will be that everyone will move up one or possibly more positions.

Level 10

- 1 Synol Bonnie Ann
- 2 **Mc Peek Leslie** (Will be assigned to National Championships as well).
- 3 Gaston Kelly
- 4 Milchanowski Mary

Level 9

- 5 Porter Liz
- 6 Strickland Patty
- 7 Peters Mary
- 8 **Andrews Angela** (Will be assigned to Eastern Championships as well)

Level 8

- 9 Gambuti Cheryl
- 10 Gardin Pam
- 11 Sheldon Eileen
- 12 Luciano Joanne

Level 7

- 13 Clemente Lynn
- 14 Ellis Shawn
- 15 Huston Wendy
- 16 Veit-Harmening Terry

A motion has been made to approve the Judges Regional Recommendation list, which was calculated using the committee's input and presented by the Secretary. Upon approval, this list will be forwarded to the Regional Chair.

Motion: Rachael Rosenthal
Second: Amy Middlekauff
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

VII. STATE MEET DATES

Xcel Bronze States Championships	February 19 to 21, 2027
Xcel Silver States Championships	February 26 to 28, 2027
Level 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 States Championships	March 5 to 7, 2027
Level 7, 8, 9, 10 States Championships	March 19 to 21, 2027
Xcel Platinum States Championships	April 16 to 18, 2027

Xcel Diamond, Sapphire States ChampionshipsApril 23 to 25, 2027

Gold States ChampionshipsApril 30 to May 2, 2027

Motion: Rachael Rosenthal

Second: Amy Middlekauff

Abstain: Brant Lutska

Approved

VIII. STATE MEET SITES

A list of all State Meet sites, along with the clubs that submitted bids to host, has been presented to the committee. All State Meet rosters and rotations will be organized by Patty Strickland. Once these rotations and times are approved by the SACC, they will be emailed to the meet hosts to download and distribute for competition.

Xcel Bronze States @ Atlantic Christian School. (Blakes)

Xcel Silver States @ Atlantic Christian School. (Blakes)

DP Levels 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 States @ RWJ Barnabas Arena. (Freehold Elite)

DP Levels 7, 8, 9, 10 States @ Indigo

Xcel Platinum States. @ Star Bound

Xcel Diamond, Sapphire States. @ Star Bound

Xcel Gold States @Spartan

Motion to approve State Meet sites as presented by the assigned committee.

Motion: Kelly Gaston

Second: Jeanne Devenney

Abstain: Brant Lutska

Approved

IX. STATE ENTRY SCORE

DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM MEET QUALIFYING SCORE REQUIREMENTS

Level	To States	To Regionals	I.E.S. to Regionals	To Nationals
2 to 6	32	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	32	35.00	N/A	N/A
8	33	35.00 / 36.00	N/A	N/A
9 / 10	33	34.00 / 35.00	9.0 / 9.25	Top 7 per age division with a 34 Min

Level 9, 10 injury petitions will be accepted per petitioning procedures in R & P at a 35.00

XCEL PROGRAM MEET QUALIFYING SCORE REQUIREMENTS

Xcel Division	To States	To Regionals	I.E.S. to Regionals	To Nationals
BRONZE, SILVER	32	N/A	N/A	N/A
GOLD	32	36	N/A	N/A
PLATINUM	32	35.00 / 36.00	9.25 / 9.45	N/A
DIAMOND	32	34.00 / 35.00	9.25 / 9.45	N/A
SAPPHIRE	32 / 8.75 IES	33.00 / 34.00	9.25 / 9.45	N/A

IES's at each Xcel Level may qualify with a 9.25 or higher at States to Regional OR by petitioning with a 9.45. Please see R&P for petitioning procedures.

Motion to approve State Meet entry scores as presented by the SACC.

Motion: Leslie McPeck
Second: Jeanne Devenney
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

X. ENTRY FEES TO STATES

There has been recent discussion regarding the entry fees for State Meets. In anticipation of rising costs for utilities, equipment, labor, and other expenses associated with hosting a State Meet in an inside or outside rented facility, the State Chair recommended an increase to the State entry fees.

An across-the-board increase was discussed to help offset these growing expenses.

A discussion ensued regarding whether the meet fee increase should be distributed or remain entirely with the meet host. It was decided that five dollars of the increase will go to the State for inside facilities, while the full fee increase for outside facilities will remain with the meet host.

	Entry Fee
Level 2 Xcel Bronze / Silver States	\$120.00
Level 3 - 5 States	\$130.00
Level 6-7 Xcel Gold / Plat / Dia / Sapphire States	\$140.00
Level 8 - 10	\$160.00

Motion to approve State Meet entry fee's along with the distribution.

Motion: Amy Middlekauff
Second: Jeanne Devenney
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

XI. GATE FEES

The SACC has informed the committee that gate fees are governed by the National Office, and a request must be submitted to allow for any increase.

Please note that there will be no increase to gate fees for State Meets. However, local and invitational meets have total control over the situation or cost.

The maximum Gate Fee you can charge:

Adults	\$20.00
Seniors	\$15.00
Kids under-18	\$10.00
Infants - Not Walking – free	

You may only collect these Gate Fees once per day from any one person, regardless of the number of sessions being observed. Gymnasts competing shall not be charged a Gate Fee for any session of their State Meet weekend.

Motion to approve gate fee as presented by the State Chair.

Motion: Leslie McPeek
Second: Rachael Rosenthal
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

XII. AWARDS DISTRIBUTION AT STATE

Discussion ensued whether Level 5 and Xcel Gold should receive the same placement distribution as Levels 2–4 and Xcel Bronze and Silver.

Currently, the NJ USA-G awards distribution for Levels 2–4 and Xcel Bronze and Silver is 50% (rounded up) for individual events and all-around, with a maximum of 15 placements. The maximum number of competitors allowed per age group per session is 30 gymnasts. Please note that this exceeds the Rules and Policy recommendations.

Motion was made to present the awards at all State Meets as detailed below.

1. DEVELOPMENTAL LEVELS AND XCEL DIVISION

If only one gymnast is entered in any DP level or Xcel age division, she receives the 1st place all-around medal only.

a. Levels 2, 3, 4, 5 Xcel Bronze, Silver, Gold only: 50% (round-up) for event and all around with a maximum of 15 placements.

Maximum of 30 gymnast per age group. Maximum of 15 placements.

b. Levels 6 to 10 and Xcel Platinum, Diamond, Sapphire: 50% (round-up) for event and all around with a maximum of 10 placements.

Maximum of 30 gymnast per age group. Maximum of 10 placements.

N.J. USA-G does not break ties. All awards are duplicated. Gymnasts share the same spot on the podium.

Motion: Kelly Gaston
Second: Leslie McPeek
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

XIII. AGE GROUPS

Motion to continue with the same age groups as previously presented at the August 2024 meeting.

- Motion: Bonnie Ann Synol
- Second: Zoey Blampey
- Abstain: Brant Lutska
- Approved

XIV. GYMNAST STATE APPAREL

Due to the overall demand by gymnast to have Sweatshirts and Sweatpants. The committee decided to continue providing that for them.

Sweatshirt will be soft pink with Flip the gymnastics mascot. Sweatpants will be black with white lettering.

Motion to give all gymnasts that attend a State Competition the Sweatshirt and sweatpants.

- Motion: Bonnie Ann Synol
- Second: Barbara Kelly Sullivan
- Abstain: Brant Lutska
- Approved

XV. REGIONAL JACKETS

Brant Lutska, the SACC, left the room and recused himself from participating in any comments on this subject due to a potential conflict of interest.

To ensure fairness and maintain the prestige of earning a regional jacket through proper competition channels.

Regional jackets are provided to athletes who compete in the state competition and qualify for Regionals. Note that petitioned athletes must also register for and pay the state meet entry fee to be eligible to receive a jacket.

This year's jackets again will be provided by Plum Practice Wear, and the color will be Steel Gun Gray.

Motion to approve Plum Practice Wear to provide the Regional Jacket in Metal Gray for all State Meets.

- Motion: Cheryl Gambuti
- Second: Rachael Rosenthal
- Abstain: Brant Lutska
- Approved

XVI. SENIOR GIFTS

Due to overwhelming demand from our gymnasts, graduating seniors will receive the same necklace that was provided last year.

- Motion: Kelly Gaston
- Second: Amy Middlekauff
- Abstain: Brant Lutska
- Approved

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Rachael Rosenthal
Second: Kelly Gaston
Abstain: Brant Lutska
Approved

Meeting adjourned 2219 hr.

Respectfully submitted by William Psiuk
Committee Secretary / Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Psiuk', followed by a large, stylized flourish or loop.