

Games Committee November 29th, 2016

9:00 pm Conference Call 800-444-2801 905 95 16

Mark Sherman (President) – Present
Eric Briley (Men’s Vice President) – Present
Becky Shaw (Women’s Vice President) – Present
Brandi Pettus (Secretary) – Present
Cameron Sweny (Treasurer) – Absent
Rome Milan (Historian) – Present
C.J Jackson (Parliamentarian) – Present
Jared Whiles (Web Master) – Present
Todd Vesely – Present
Kevin Muenz (Region 1) – present
Stephanie Tyson (Region 1) – Absent
J.T. Fletcher (Region 2) – Present
Cali Currie (Region 2) – Present
Christopher Soto (Region 3) – Present
Kristen Schumacher (Region 3) – Absent
Travis Coulbourne (Region 4) – Present
Jeff Garmon (Region 4) – Present

I. Rules Violation

- Coach Pam Gunn competed two gymnasts who were academically ineligible. *Upon discovering her mistake, she self-reported the rules violation to her Principal, Athletic Director, Regional Chair and President of the THSGCA.*
 - *The Games Committee decided to take **the minimum action, similar to UIL:***
Athletes will be removed from the Competition, awards and score averaging.

II. PROCESS:

- Self-Report: Follow the UIL since it is not addressed in our Constitution.
Report to Regional Chair who will then report to VP who will then report to the President
- If they are not happy with the decision they then can appeal and address it to a State Executive Committee.

Summer Meeting Topic: Create a State Executive committee – Appeal Body (Possibly using what we already have in place for Foreign Exchange students, etc)

- Minimum Penalties stated (Forfeit the competition, remove scores, remove awards and make the other teams (who were in the competition) aware of what happened
- Coach will Inform Principal and Athletic Director and they handle it locally at that time

Constitutes the Games Rules committee/Constitutes the Executive Committee

III. UIL Superintendent Survey

- Please discuss with your principal, superintendent and athletic director the topics that are in the document that Mark Sherman will be emailing out to hopefully help impact them in a positive way.

This is the document sent to all coaches
Talking Points Below:

GYMNASTICS AND THE UIL

The addition of gymnastics as a UIL sport will be placed on a survey of all of the superintendent's in Class 5A and 6A. The superintendents will be asked whether they wish to have gymnastics added as a UIL sport. It's important that we standardize our talking points and try to reach as many superintendents around the state as we can.

The most critical point to be made is regarding the safety of our gymnasts. This is always the primary concern. **Gymnastics should be a UIL sport to mandate that all safety protocols and coaches trainings are followed** as they would be in any other sport.

Adding gymnastics as a UIL sport would **mandate that all aspects of gymnastics follow all UIL rules and policies.**

The goal is not to add additional programs but to **validate our current programs most of which have taxpayer build facilities on campus** and to **protect students that currently enjoy Varsity status.**

We wish to **ensure the longevity of the current programs that provide a unique opportunity normally outside the reach of most students.**

Gymnastics is the number one Olympic spectator sport. Texas fields the highest number of Olympic gymnasts and has the highest number of participants of any state. The Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association has been around for 51 years the same length of time as the Super Bowl. They have managed with financial stability to run the State Championships and field the strongest High School gymnastics program in the country.