

Texas High School Gymnastics Association

GAT AGENDA & MINUTES

I. Officer Terms

President – Mark Sherman (2012 – 2015)

Vice President Men's – Eric Briley (term is up)

Vice President Women's – Denise Hedges (2013 – 2015)

Secretary – Brandi Pettus (2013 - 2015)

Treasurer – Cameron Sweny (2013 – 2015)

Historian – Jimmy Averitte (2013 - 2015) – **Stepped down and Rome Milan appointed**

Parliamentarian – CJ Jackson (2013 – 2015)

Webmaster – Jared Whiles (term is up)

VOTE: VP for Men and Webmaster

Officer Nominations:

VP Men's – there were no nominations

Webmaster – there were no nominations

VOTE: Jared Whiles and Eric Briley will continue their positions for another two years. (2014 – 2016)

II. Number of Meets to Qualify to Post Season *If passes no need for 3 & 4

Proposal: Vote (2/3) - FAILED

"All gymnasts on the district, regional or state team must have competed in at least three (3) high school meets." There are no exceptions and no waivers.

III. Change 3 meet eligibility rule: If 3 passes skip 4

Rule as written:

"All gymnasts on the district, regional or state team must have competed in at least three (3) school meets. Exceptions are: legal Move-ins to the district, injured gymnasts, junior varsity gymnasts or academically ineligible gymnasts."

Proposal: Vote (2/3): PASSED

"All gymnasts on the district, regional or state team must have competed in at least three (3) high school meets. Exceptions are: legal Move-ins to the district, injured gymnasts, junior varsity gymnasts or ~~academically~~ ineligible gymnasts." *For each meet which the gymnast has a documented exception, that meet shall count as 1 of the 3 required meets. Gymnasts who do not meet the 3 meet requirements after exceptions are applied may submit an eligibility waiver request citing special circumstances – all such waivers will be reviewed and ruled on by the Games Committee prior to the District Championships."*

IV. Change in wording in constitution about ineligibility.

Proposal:

Delete the word “academic” ineligible and just keep the word “ineligible” as is applies to individual district/school policies. The purpose is to reduce confusion among “behavioral ineligibility.”

V. Judging fee/Meet referee fee

Proposal: not a voting issue

Remove the “head judging fee/meet referee” and pay everyone a flat fee

VI. Increase Pay for Regional Judges

Proposal: not a voting issue

Increase the pay for Regional judges

VII. Middle school athletes are NOT allowed to train with varsity athletes per UIL rules.

Proposal: Vote (2/3) - PASSED

Allow middle school athletes to train with the (amend: high school, VOTE - PASSED) varsity team for a maximum of six hours per week with District approval.

Will read:

***Allow middle school athletes to train with the high school varsity team for a maximum of six hours per week with District approval.**

VIII. Raise annual team registration

Proposal: Vote (2/3) - FAILED

Increase team dues from \$160 to \$200. This will allow us to increase moneys for scholarships, judge’s fees and marketing. (2014 – 2015)

IX. District Competition

Proposal: Vote (Majority) - PASSED

Make it mandatory for every team/school to compete at the District Championships in order to qualify for Regionals. Qualifying scores TBA. (The idea is not to eliminate athletes/teams, it is to help with costs for hosts of regional meets, along with giving the system “legitimacy” that principals and athletic directors can see and understand.)

Should #8 Fail, due to lack of definition of qualifying scores,

Propose:

Make it mandatory for every team/school to compete at the District Championships in order to qualify for Regionals. Qualifying scores to be 40% of Regional Score Requirement to Advance to State.

X. Warm Up – Men’s Rules Committee

Vote to accept the Men’s Rules Committee changes. (PASSED)

Proposal:

For men only: meets using capital cup or modified capital cup format will have a minimum of “no grip warm up.” The athletes may get on the equipment without grips in order to warm up. Examples include but not limited to, swing handstands on parallel bars, circles on pommel horse, handstand on rings etc.

XI. Number of Meets

Proposal:

Athletes may only compete in two high school competitions per week.

Amendment: Athletes may only compete in two high school competitions during **school** week.

Vote: (PASSED)

Amendment: Athletes may only compete in two high school **gymnastics** competitions during school week. **Vote (PASSED)**

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Vote: (PASSED)

Will read:

***Athletes may only compete in two high school gymnastics competitions during school week.**

XII. Transfer Students

Proposal: (ask CJ about wording) **Vote (Simple Majority) - PASSED**

“Transfer students shall be eligible to compete during their first season at a new school provided that their previous school and/or district do not offer gymnastics AND the school they transferred to is the closest school to their residence that offers gymnastics. This rule does not override district policies and only applies in situations where the UIL DEC will not rule on PAPFs for eligibility in gymnastics.”

XIII. Counting four (4) scores towards team score.

Proposal: Vote (Simple Majority) - FAILED

Counting four (4) scores instead of three (3) towards team score.

- XIV. Nonprofit status– vote to be placed in constitution **Vote: (PASSED)**

Purpose Clause:

Charitable Activities

The association will perform charitable activities within the meaning of IRS Code 501[c][3] and Texas Tax Code 11.18c.

Dissolution Clause:

Remaining Assets/Dissolution

Upon dissolution, remaining assets will be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable or educational purposes, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Allocation of remaining assets shall be overseen and recorded by the president / CEO of THSGCA. That record shall be entered into the final minutes of the closing meeting of THSGCA.

- XV. Equipment

Both Speith Anderson and AAI spoke to the organization about what each would provide.

Vote: Spieth Anderson – 23, AAI – 17

- XVI. AT&T Event

Cheryl Jarrett spoke to organization about recognizing any state champions during the event on the big screen. (State 2014)

- XVII. State Meet

Chisholm Trail May 1st & 2nd, **VOTE: PASSED**