

# GAT Amendment Proposals

2015 - 2016

## Constitutional Proposal (3/4 vote)

1. Increase the Full Membership Coaches fee from \$14 to \$40 . **PASSED**

## By laws proposals (2/3 vote)

### Proposal 1 - PASSED

(Page 6-7):II-3- Gymnast must present themselves at the start and at the end of the exercise. Jewelry shall not be worn, with no exception. Jewelry is considered improper attire. The only jewelry acceptable is small stud earrings -**one earring is in the lower lobe**. -(one per ear) **for females only**. The deduction for improper attire will be a one-time .5 deduction on the first event after following USAG guidelines (GAT 04). The exposed bra, **tattoo and facial hair** deduction will be taken each time (.1 per event). Tongue pierced jewelry of any kind cannot be worn. Hair devices that are safe and reasonably secured may be worn to keep hair away from the gymnasts' eyes and face.

### Proposal 2 - FAIL

(Page 8):III-4-A.DEADLINE – Each high school **and junior high** must register their gymnastics team and coach with the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSGCA) by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to compete in the current high school gymnastics season.

(Page 9):III-5-Q-3.**Middle school rules and compulsory routines will be determined by the Middle school committee and adopted with the men's rules.**

(Men's – **Eric Briley Chair Committee**, Women's – **Becky Shaw Chairs committee**)

### Proposal 3 - ELIMINATE

(Page 8):III-4-C. Each high school will pay a predetermined fee, as set by the Association. The current registration fee is **one hundred eighty five dollars \$185 (\$20 of it goes to scholarship), TGC Conference scholarship, \$1,000 per athlete one boy and one girl**

- **Money will go to the University they have been accepted to**
- **Scholarship criteria: athlete must work out, academically eligible, continuing gymnastics, competing, etc)**

(Volunteers for scholarship rules: Ad Hock Committee – **Sean Sims, Cameron Sweny and Kern Arrott**  
**(Must be ready to go by GAT)**

### Proposal 4 - PASSED

(Page 8):III-4-A. Individual Athlete Registration fee will be seventy five dollars \$75 (Once you reach three kids then it becomes the full amount)

## Proposal 5 - PASSED

(Page 26):II-12-D.Academic All State – to be nominated for Academic All State, a student must be:

1. An athlete, student trainer or manager in good standing with the THSGCA, school team
  2. Of good moral character
  3. A Senior
  4. Have an overall grade point average of 92/3.7 or above (including courses from grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12). Weighted GPA's accepted. Go off of a 4.0 GPA.
- RC'S, after 1<sup>st</sup> semester GPA cut off
  - State meet host will be responsible for certificates

# Manuel of Rules Proposals (simple majority)

## Proposal 1 - PASSED

(Page 26):II-12-E.COACH OF THE YEAR-Only **Head coaches of women vote for women and men for men**

## Proposal 1A NEW - FAIL

**COACH OF THE YEAR**-Coach of the Year award will be determined by the State Championship Team. No voting. The State Champion Team **Head Coach** will be the "Coach of the Year".

## Proposal 2 - PASSED

(Page 12 [Boys] & 14 [Girls]): I-2.Before the meet begins, one boy must be **designated** as an All Around contestant. It also reads: If the **designated** all around boy fails to compete in any event, he may not be replaced. **The word Designate needs to be taken out.**

## Proposal 3 - PASSED

(Page 23):I-8-B-5. The State Meet Host shall be allowed automatic bids to the state championships. This rule applies if the host does not qualify either a boy or girl team to the State Championships. The host team then can enter **both** a boys **and** a girls team. **If only one team qualifies the other team will be allowed to enter the team into the meet.** Both host teams and individuals will be eligible to place at state and the team will be attached to the smallest squad at the meet, **or a seventh rotation for the boys and/or 5<sup>th</sup> rotation for the girls in the A flight**, as determined by the State Meet Host.

### Current Rule:

5) The State Meet Host shall be allowed automatic bids to the State Championships. This rule applies if the host does not qualify either a boy or girl team to the State Championships. The host team then has the option to enter either a boy or a girl team at their discretion. Both host teams and individuals will be eligible to place at state and the team will be attached to the smallest squad at the meet as determined by the State Meet host.

### Proposed Changes:

5) The State Meet Host shall be allowed automatic bids to the State Championships. This rule applies if the host does not qualify ~~either~~ **BOTH** a boy ~~or~~ **AND** a girl team to the State Championships.

The host ~~team~~ then has the option to enter ~~either~~:

- **A Boys TEAM IF THEY DID NOT QUALIFY A BOYS TEAM AS A 13<sup>th</sup> AT-LARGE** team at their discretion.
- **A Girls TEAM IF THEY DID NOT QUALIFY A GIRLS TEAM AS A 13<sup>th</sup> AT-LARGE** team at their discretion.

**Both AT-LARGE** host teams and individuals will be eligible to place at state and the team will be attached to the smallest squad at the meet as determined by the State Meet host.

**New Rule if changed:**

5) The State Meet Host shall be allowed automatic bids to the State Championships. This rule applies if the host does not qualify both a boy and a girl team to the State Championships. The host then has the option to enter:

- A Boys team if they did not qualify a boys team as a 13<sup>th</sup> at-large team at their discretion.
- A Girls team if they did not qualify a girls team as a 13<sup>th</sup> at-large team at their discretion.

AT-LARGE host teams and individuals will be eligible to place at state and the team will be attached to the smallest squad at the meet as determined by the State Meet host.

**Proposal to define “STATE MEET HOST” for the purpose of the automatic bid rule:**

- 1) If a **SCHOOL** is designated as the “**State Meet Host**”, that school shall be considered the “**STATE MEET HOST**”.
- 2) If a **DISTRICT** is designated as the “**State Meet Host**”, the district has a responsibility, prior to post-season (District Championships), to designate the school which will be considered the “**STATE MEET HOST**”.

**Proposal 4 - PASSED**

(Page 25):II-2-B. REGIONAL ROTATION – The state meet shall be rotated by regions in the order of Regions 3, 1, 2, 4; beginning in the year 2017. A region must host the meet in their turn. If no school from the region, during the regions turn in the rotation, bids for the meet, the bid becomes open to any other region for the meet. The following year the meet will go to the next Region in the aforementioned order.

**Proposal 5 - PASSED**

(Page 24):I- 12-B. ATTIRE TO RECEIVE AWARDS: To receive awards or participate in the march in at the Regional or State meet, gymnasts must be in a **team warm-up**. It is suggested that these guidelines be used in all gymnastic meet settings.

**Proposal 6 - PASSED**

(Page 14):I-10. **Meet host must offer warm up or one touch on all competition equipment, prior to competition. The exception is if a warm up gym is offered with identical equipment.**

**Proposal 7 - PASSED**

(Page 6):II-**Coaches attire with penalties will follow USAG attire and penalties.**

## Proposal 8 - FAIL

(Page 25):II-1.SANCTIONS – There shall be one (1) Texas High School Gymnastics Championship Meet. **The Vote on the State meet bids will be held at the State Championships, This includes the date for when the meet will be held.** The deadline for choosing the site for the State Meet will be the fall GAT Meeting

## Proposal 9 - PASSED

(Page 22):I-4-C.All six (6) competitors from a team will compete in succession on each apparatus. **An athlete can compete out of order due to participating in another UIL event or school function. (Must communicate with the meet host prior to the start of the meet)**

# New Business

- **Outsource Marketing Committee**, to help out with marketing and website – responsibilities of the new committees.
- **New GAT Meeting Schedule (Jeff Garmon proposed)**
  - Friday Night: Discussion, go through Agenda
  - Saturday: Vote on Agenda Proposals, Vote by proxy – coach is required to attend THSGCA meeting to vote (Coach will receive an ID# once they have paid their registration fee), coaches will have a one hour window to vote using an AP– AMMEND CONSTITUTION

# New Committees

- **New Coaches Committee (1 member from each region)**
  - Develop a Welcome packet with tips, rules and important dates
  - Initial contact with new coaches before school starts and provide GAT info
  - Help with issues and any questions the coaches might have
  - Follow up communication throughout the year
  - Petition THSGCA for funding to be used for travel to Summer Meeting, GAT, and State when needed
  - \* **Region 1: ?, Region 2: Scott McDonald, Region 3: Brandon Cooke/Chris Soto, Region4: Sean Sims**
- **Marketing Committee (Call Craig Vogl to see if he would like to help out) Andrew Atchison (TGC)**
  - New High School Programs
    - Develop a H.S. gymnastics program persuasion packet
    - Initial contact with Districts proposing and planning construction of new H.S.
    - Contact current H.S. with criteria for possible starting new program
    - Follow up communication throughout the year
    - Solicit equipment and other needs for new programs
  - New College/University Search
    - Develop a College gymnastics program persuasion packet
    - Initial contact with Colleges proposing and planning to add gymnastics program
    - Contact colleges with criteria for possible starting new program
    - Follow up communication throughout the year
    - Solicit equipment and other needs for new programs