

Men's Rules Committee - Duties

The Rules Committee is responsible for researching and adapting the current artistic gymnastics rules into the High School gymnastics program. They are also empowered to develop new, or modify the current, compulsory routines used by the THSGCA program. In addition, the committee will research and develop the proper standards for gymnastics equipment and matting used at all competitions. The committee would make recommendations to the THSGCA membership to be voted on each year at the THSGCA Business Meeting. The committee must be very knowledgeable with the current judging systems, gymnastics technique, and equipment/matting standards.

Duties:

- Select Judging Liaison
- Make recommendations for the compulsory routines and their evaluation system for vote at the THSGCA Business Meeting
- Make recommendations for the optional competition rules for vote at the THSGCA Business Meeting
- Make recommendations for the proper equipment standards at meets
- Make recommendations for the proper matting standards at meets
- Post all rules on the THSGCA website
- Keep an open line of communication with the coaching community and the Executive Body
- Selection of Judges for the THSGCA State Meet
- Selection of Judges for the Regional Meets with the assistance of the Regional Meet Directors
- Equipment and matting inspection at Regional and State Meets for compliance and safety

Duties after the THSGCA Business Meeting:

- Interpret updates to the rules as they come out and make adaptations for the THSGCA - Committee vote
- Interpret new skills and make adaptations for the THSGCA - Committee vote

Committee Members:

President:		(voice - no vote)
Vice President:	Chairman	(voice - vote on ties)
1 Judging Liaison:	Member	(voice - vote)
4 Regional Chairpersons:	Members	(voice - vote)
4 Regional Representatives:	Members	(voice - vote)

Men's Rules Committee - Selection and Meeting Protocol**Committee Selection:**

Selection of the President, Vice President, and Regional Chairs, their terms in office and replacement protocol would follow normal THSGCA procedures. The Regional Representatives will be selected by their respective regions and will serve a one year term. Selection should take place at the THSGCA Business Meeting. In the event a Regional Representative can not finish their term the Regional Chair and Vice President will select their replacement. The selection of the Judging Liaison would be by **majority vote** of the Rules Committee. There will be no limits on the number of years a person is on the committee.

Judging Liaison:

The **vote** for Judging Liaison (JL) will occur at the GAT THSGCA business meeting after all Men's Regional Chairpersons and Regional Representatives have been selected. In the event the JL can not fulfill their term then the President, Men's Vice-President (**with the approval of the Men's Rules committee**) will select a replacement. The JL will serve a one year term and will be expected to judge at the State Meet.

JL Requirements:

- JL must be a TGJA member in good standing
- JL must have a current NGJA **National or higher certification**
- JL is willing and able to carry out all responsibilities required of position
- JL must be able to communicate and work positively and effectively with the Men's Rules Committee, State Meet Hosts, the Men's State Judges

Meeting Protocol:

- The VP (or President in their absence) will call all meetings and chair all meetings
- One committee member will be assigned as secretary to take notes

- The committee will meet at the THSGCA Business Meeting, at the Summer Coaches Meeting and by conference call as needed
- All meetings will follow Roberts Rules of Order
- Members must be present to vote
- A simple majority of votes will pass all motions with ties being broken by the Committee Chairman (VP or President)

Last Date for Changes to the Rules:

All quadrennial changes (major FIG/USAG-JO changes) which normally occur every four years and sometimes the year after the quadrennial must be voted on by the THSGCA membership. In order to make that happen, any committee changes to the new rules must be ready for vote by the THSGCA Business Meeting. If there are extraordinary circumstances such as motions tabled, FIG delays, USAG-JO delays, then the vote would have to be delayed and pushed into the school year. The delayed vote would have to follow a mail-in protocol. Under these circumstances all rule changes must be approved and posted on the THSGCA website by:

Major Compulsory Changes:	November 30th
Major Optional Changes:	January 15th

Interpretations, updates, and or skill value changes can happen at any time during the competitive season. The committee will review the merit of each change as they occur and decide what is in the best interest of the THSGCA. The last possible date to change anything is:

Interpretation/Updates/Skill Changes:	February 28th
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