

## STATE MEET AWARD GUIDELINES

### LEVEL 5 & 6 STATE MEETS

A minimum of **40%** of each age division will receive awards in each event and all-around regardless of the number of gymnasts in the division. **If there are 10 or fewer gymnasts in an age division the division will be combined with an age division as allowed by USAG guidelines.** The age divisions are

1. 7 & 8 year olds
2. 9 year olds
3. 10 year olds
4. 11 years olds
5. 12 & over (if more than 50 gymnasts are in this age group the division must be split by age.

### LEVEL 7, 8, 9 & 10 STATE MEETS

A minimum of **40%** of each age division will receive awards in each event and all-around regardless of the number of gymnasts in the division. The age divisions are as printed in the USAG National Rules and Policies, Technique magazine or found at [www.usa-gymnastics.org](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org).

### EVENT AWARDS

All state meet event awards will be purchased from the MI-USAG. Contact Augusta Lipsey at (269)345-2456 or [J2caugusta@aol.com](mailto:J2caugusta@aol.com) to purchase the awards. Order your awards early so that mailing costs can be lowered. The awards will be distributed rather than mailed whenever possible.

### TEAM AWARDS

The first, second and third place state meet team awards must be a banner **for all levels**. The banners will be purchased from the MI-USAG. Contact Augusta Lipsey at (269)345-2456 or [J2caugusta@aol.com](mailto:J2caugusta@aol.com) to purchase the banners.

## AGE DETERMINING DATE

The gymnast's age for the competitive season is determined by the date of the final day of competition at the culminating championship meet for that level.

The gymnast must compete in USAG meets in the SAME AGE DIVISION for the entire season. It is the COACHES RESPONSIBILITY to indicate the athlete's birth date and correct age for the season on the entry form. A gymnast must compete with the age division as designated, OR her scores are invalid for that meet; however, the score achieved may be used for level mobility.

Based on the above statements, the following dates must be used to determine the age division of Michigan gymnasts.

Level 5 & 6 1st season gymnasts	- November 24, 2002
Level 5 2nd season gymnasts	- May 4, 2003
Level 6 2nd season gymnasts	- April 27, 2003
Level 7 gymnasts	- March 30, 2003
Level 8 gymnasts	- May 11, 2003
Level 9 gymnasts	- Refer to the Technique Magazine
Level 10 gymnasts	- Refer to the Technique Magazine

## MICHIGAN COMPETITION RULES

### LEVEL 5/6

Level 5 or 6 gymnasts must have a qualifying score from a Michigan state qualifier meet in the season in which she is competing at the State Meet.

To qualify for a Level 5 second season State Meet a gymnast must score a **30.00** or higher at a state qualifier during the second season. **A gymnast MUST enter the Gold State Meet if a score of 33.50 or higher is achieved twice in second season state qualifiers. In order to qualify to the Level 5 Silver State Meet**

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**gymnast must compete in two state qualifying meets in the second season.**

### LEVEL 5/6

State qualifier competitions in which two sites have been awarded on the same weekend, a maximum number of **280** gymnasts will be allowed at one site on a first come first serve basis. Meet directors are required to accept all entries **that are postmarked 10 days or more prior to the meet date** up to the maximum allowable amount.

### OPTIONAL LEVELS 7/8/9/10

There WILL NOT be state qualifying meets for any optional level during the 2002-2003 competitive season. State Meet qualifying scores may be obtained at any USAG sanctioned invitational meet *IN STATE or OUT OF STATE!* For Out of State meets clubs and coaches are responsible for sending the results and a copy of the sanction to the appropriate Level Representative and the State Chairman.

When gymnasts move to another club during the season, both organizations must notify the level representative **in writing** of the change. The gymnast's scores *WILL NOT COUNT* for team score until the gymnast has been with the NEW club for 30 days or more.