

Region 6 Annual Whole Community Meeting (Virtual)

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Start Time: 9:15pm

Meeting Leader: Craig Thibaudeau, Region 6 Chairman

Meeting Agenda and details

1. 2023-2024 Competitions

a. Local Competitions

- ALL Region 6 club hosted local and invitational competitions are on the Events Calendar as well as on the separate 2023-2024 Competitions page (competition flyers are included if the meet has one)
- Support our regions' competitions the best we can. There are still openings in many of the competitions for this season.

b. Elite Team Process

- Events are underway!
- Separate page on the website for the Elite Team, including 2023-2024 elite team events, bylaws, and meeting minutes
- Springfield camp and qualification to US Championships happened over the summer and were the first points awarded for the ETC process 2024.
- 4-skill sequence workshop occurred on Sunday Nov. 12th
- Camp (3%), US Championships (10%), 4-skill sequence workshop (17%), 6-skill D-score evaluation (27%), routine scoring at Bay State Invitational (43%).
- Top 3 athletes based on the total points make the squad. The next 5 are determined based on the statistics from the season and the team's needs.
- 2024 Elite Team Cup will be held in Louisville, KY (6 compete, 2 alternates)

c. Regional Championships

- April 12, 13, 14 2024
- Springfield College
- Go back to an allotment system for qualification to regionals for compulsory athletes
- Subcommittees to help with scheduling, budgeting, food/entertainment, scoring, etc.
- **Tentative schedule:**
 - **Friday April 12th**- Level 3 both divisions (1 session), Level 4 both divisions (2 sessions), technical sequence (1 session)
 - **Saturday April 13th**- Level 5 and 6 both divisions (1 session), Level 7 (1 session), Level 8 and Platinum (1 session)
 - **Sunday April 14th**- Level 9 (1 session), Level 10 (1 session)

d. Eastern Championships

- April 26-28th 2024
- Location: Cleveland, Ohio
- **IMPORTANT:** Easterns 2024 is ONLY two weeks after Region 6 championships. Please let parents know ASAP about the short turnaround time for making travel arrangements. There will be a Monday 4/15 @ 5pm deadline for Easterns intent.
- This is not ideal for travel, but it is ideal for holding a combined region 6 championships at Springfield College and saving money for the region with only one venue rental.

e. National Championships

- May 9-12, 2024
- Location: Daytona Beach, Florida
- Check the USA Gymnastics website for host hotel information. Rates will be very high outside of the host system, as there are several events being held at the same time in Daytona Beach.

2. Website and Social Media Updates

a. Posting Information

- If you have information to post on the Region 6 website, please let me know.
- The website has pages devoted to events, athletes, judging, education and more.
- When received, updated information will be added to the championship events pages (regionals, easterns, nationals, etc.)
- If you have information for a social media post, please let me and Debbie know.

b. Changes desired

- If there are things you would like to see on the website let me know.
- Right now, most state pages are not running.
- I will be adding a state club page to the website, with information about each member club in our region for contact purposes (will be completed by the end of 2023).

3. Professional Membership and current status

- Date of membership renewal
IMPORTANT: if you renewed your membership prior to August 1st, your membership will expire at the end of December. Make sure that you look at the dates of your membership so you are current for the entire 2023-2024 competition season.
- Background check timeline- these have been taking several weeks so make sure to complete well ahead of your first competition.

4. Meet Directors Information

a. Sanction information

- Please make sure ALL sanction information is accurate
- Well ahead of your competition, read through the sanction packet and make sure you are prepared (e.g., safesport signage and changing/bathroom monitoring policies).
- Steps to close your sanction guidelines are listed at the bottom of the first page of the packet. You have 72 hours to turn in completed forms.

b. Checking memberships

- ALL memberships need to be verified ahead of your event.
- If you add people to your event on site (and not through reservation), you are still responsible for checking their status. You can do this by checking the QR code on the membership card.

5. Judges Updates and Discussion (Sean Monaco, NEGJA report)

- The National Recertification Course October 29, 2023. 20+ participated.
- Some technical updates to this season judging: including deep landings (-.5), Layout Tkatchev must show stretched body position fully over the bar, HB mount with a coaches push will count as one of the counted movements (3 for Level 10, 5 for other optional levels).

- Sean mentioned that many invitationals and NCAA meets will be assigned soon. Any questions regarding assignments should be sent to Bill Calahan.
- Rich E: Many new judges this season and a mentor program have been established and will be paid by the NEGJA at many meets.
- Frank V: September application deadline to host competitions was too soon for gym owners. Sean will follow-up with Billy about this. Sean added that many invitationals are scheduled on an early timeline (e.g., August).

6. Reorganization Updates

a. Timeline

- State and regional chairs are currently meeting every 2 weeks. All meeting minutes are posted on the website for you to review (Region 6 Board → Bylaws and Minutes)
- February 12th is the deadline to submit your regional chair intent to Jason and Lisa.
- Region 6 championships 2024 is when the state chairs from Region and 7 will vote in the new regional chair. Conducted through USA Gymnastics.
- Regional accounts need to be realigned by end of June 2024.
- All 2024-2025 competition season events will occur under the auspices of the new combined region (Region 6 Northeast)

b. Mandated roles

- Regional chair, state chairs, treasurer, athlete representatives
- Other roles can be created, but do not have to be voting positions.

c. Discussion of events for the Region 6 Northeast

- Ongoing discussions in our every two-week meetings (regional championships, elite team events, regional teams, etc.)
- Members would like to see a new regional chair first so that we have the new leader in the role for helping to guide the process.

d. Regional chair nominations and timeline

- If you or someone you know is interested in putting their nomination in for regional chair, send me your intent by December 1st if you would like to engage in a virtual meeting with the state and regional chairs. This is not a requirement, only recommendation.
- Chair guidelines are posted on the website for you to review (Region 6 Board → Bylaws and Minutes).
- You have until February 12th to send your nomination to Jason and Lisa.

7. Discussion and Questions

- Dave E: asked about the cost of Regional Meet athletes fees.
- Craig: Still working on the budget and will have an answer later. The (tentative) cost of regionals is already listed on the Region 6 website, and it is less expensive than last year.
- Dave E: Any hotel information for National meet in Cleveland?
- Craig: USAG office has not sent out that information yet.
- Frank V: Parents and athletes were disappointed in the Regional T-Shirt verbiage from 2023.
- Craig: Will pass that concern along to the national office. Craig also communicated other concerns that have been shared about 2023 Eastern Nationals, including no athlete gift, dismal awards ceremony, and facility that felt like a warehouse without being dressed up for a championship-type event.

- Dave E: Questioned the quota system to the Regional 6 championships. Tom Greet and Craig will be working on that and will get final approval from the Region 6 board. Quota system will only be used for compulsory levels. Level 7 – 10 athletes will be able to attend regionals as long as they meet standard requirements and/or approved petitions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Craig Thibaudeau

Notes support submitted by,

Rich Ellis