

IHSGCA Constitution

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Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association, and will hereby be referred to as the Association.

Article II

Purpose and Objectives

The intent, desire, and effort of the Association are directed toward the following goals:

- A. To perpetuate and improve the sport of gymnastics in all aspects
- B. To stimulate the interest of the people, particularly the youth, in healthful sports participation through gymnastics
- C. To supervise a continuing gymnastics program for interscholastic age group for the purpose of stimulating interest, and developing athletes through careful preparation and planning, this program to utilize existing facilities, resources, and coaching.
- D. To unify and coordinate the efforts of all agencies interested in furthering gymnastics and allowing all interested parties to have a voice in the development of the sport.
- E. To promote and encourage national interscholastic competition under the highest possible standards. Competition to be limited to senior high school gymnastics eligible under respective state and national associations.
- F. To protect the interests of the State of Illinois and the athletes representing this state in national competition.

- G. To create and maintain research projects that will benefit all parties interested in gymnastics.
- H. To provide a clearing house and distribution center for the Association of all coaching aids, literature, films, and research material collected from sources both in the United States and abroad.
- I. To establish effective means of communication for transmission of useful ideas, whereby coaches and athletes will be informed of the latest development and techniques in gymnastics.
- J. To give prompt attention to valid suggestions of how to improve and conduct the administration of gymnastics in Illinois and throughout the nation.
- K. To establish an annual series of gymnastics clinics for the purpose of improving gymnastic coaching techniques.
- L. To maintain records and to disseminate information pertaining to all phases of gymnastics.
- M. To help train competent gymnastics officials.
- N. To finance improvement in the sport of gymnastics and to raise money for this purpose.
- O. To encourage and promote National and International competition within the State of Illinois.

Article III

Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons who are actively interested in advancing the sport of gymnastics.

The Association has three classes of membership:

A. Full Membership

1. All gymnastics coaches who are presently employed by an accredited high school in the state of Illinois are eligible for Full Membership
 - a. They will have a voice in all Association matters.
 - b. They will have a vote in all Association matters.
 - c. They will pay annual dues.
2. All Full members, and one guest per member, will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions.
3. The Association will supply each Full member with a membership card specifying "Full Membership".
4. If application for Full membership is made after the start of the second association meeting, a penalty of \$5.00 for late registration will be assessed.
5. A Full member must be present at three Association meetings prior to the voting at the March, April, and/or May meetings.
 - a. If a Full member misses four of the first five Association meetings, he will lose his voice privileges.
 - b. If a Full member misses four of the first five Association meetings, he will no longer receive any Association minutes.
 - c. Petitions in writing to the Steering Committee are required for this procedure to be waived.
 - d. A simple majority by the Steering Committee is needed for approval of the petition

6. A Full member can nominate himself either verbally or in writing for any office, committee, or any activity in which the member wants to participate.
 - a. Application is made only to the Secretary-Treasurer
 - b. A second is not necessary for self-nomination
7. Only a Full member can initiate a motion, proposal, resolution, amendment, rule change, or second the same.

B. Associate Membership

1. All persons who were once gymnastics coaches employed by an accredited high school in the State of Illinois are eligible for "Associate Membership".
 - a. They will have a voice in all Association matters
 - b. They will have no vote in any Association matters.
 - c. They will pay an annual dues; less than full membership dues
 - d. These Associate members may serve on Association Committees.
2. All Associate members and guest will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions.
3. The Association will supply each Associate member with a membership card specifying "Associate Membership".
4. If application for Associate Membership is made after start of the second Associated meeting:
 - a. No free admission will be allowed for the Associate member or their guest to any Association functions.
5. All candidates for Associate Membership must be sponsored by a Full member and accepted by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at such meeting.
 - a. Once accepted, no further membership acceptance is required as long as membership is continually received.
 - b. An Associate member whose membership is not continually renewed must again be sponsored by a Full member and accepted by a majority vote of the Association membership present at such a meeting.

C. Guest Membership

1. All persons interested in Illinois high school gymnastics including registered gymnastics officials, college coaches, club owners, etc., are eligible for "Guest Membership".
 - a. They will have no voice in Association matters
 - b. They will have no vote in Association matters
 - c. They will pay annual dues less than Associate membership dues.
2. All candidates for Guest Membership must be sponsored by a Full member and must be accepted by a majority vote of the membership present at such a meeting.
 - a. Once accepted, no further membership acceptance is required as long as membership is continually received.
 - b. A Guest member whose membership is not continually renewed must again be sponsored by a Full member and accepted by a majority vote of the Association membership present at such a meeting.
3. The Association will supply each Guest member with a membership card specifying "Guest Membership".

4. Guest members and their guests are not entitled to free admission to any Association sponsored functions.
- D. All Association members will receive :
1. Minutes of all Association meetings.
 2. All Association publicity.
 3. The Association's handbook.
- E. Last year's members, who have not paid this year's dues before the November meeting, will not receive further monthly Association minutes, and additional publicity, the Association handbook or other.
- F. Any non-member or any member who does not have voice privileges at Association meetings, may talk before the Association if requested to do so by a Full member, with that Full member stating his reasons for such a request and if such a request is accepted by the President of the Association.

Article IV

Organization

The Association is hereby empowered to establish and direct the general policy of gymnastics, as it relates to the Association, and dual meet competition, as it relates to the Illinois High School Association.

- A. The Association shall have one meeting per month from October through May.
 1. Specific monthly dates will be the third Wednesday of the month
 2. The location will be a centrally located site as determined by the Steering Committee
 3. The eighth monthly meeting (May) will be held at the site of the annual Associations dinner-golf outing.
- B. Members of the Executive Body shall be elected by the full members as defined in Article III (Membership).
 1. Each Full member of the Association eligible to vote is entitled to one vote.
 2. Proxy votes are acceptable provided that they are received by the Secretary-Treasurer before the May Association meeting.
- C. A three-fourths vote of those members of the Association present, eligible for, and voting are needed to increase or alter membership of the Association or Executive Body or amend any portion of the Constitution.
- D. The Association shall have the authority to establish or eliminate any and all committees deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the association.
- E. An open door policy shall be maintained to any interested person(s), allowing them to visit Association meetings provided that they make their presents known to the President and that they abide by all Association rules.
- F. Any non-member or any member who does not have voice privileges at Association meetings, may talk before the Association if requested to do so by a Full member, with that Full member stating his reasons for such a request and the President of the Association accepting the request or is the President of the Association requests voice privileges for the non-member or non-voice privilege member.

Article V

Officers

The Association shall have three elected officers hereby called the “Executive Body”, consisting of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

- A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected from the Full membership for a term of one year.
 1. The Secretary-Treasurer’s duties are that he:
 - a. Shall keep all Association records
 - b. Shall record all information conducted at Association meeting and Steering Committee meetings pertinent to the purposes and objectives and rules of the Association.
 - c. Shall conduct all financial business transactions of the Association.
 - d. Shall have charge of all funds of the Association.
 - e. Shall submit an annual detailed report of all receipts and disbursements to the membership of the Association.
 - f. Shall report to the membership monthly with minutes of the preceding monthly meeting.
 - g. Shall provide each member of the Association with a composite dual meet schedule, if possible.
 - h. Shall make a special report to the entire membership, in writing, of all amendments, rule changes, resolutions, and proposals that have been passed and will take effect after the May association meeting and/or before the October association meeting.
 - i. Shall collect dues and monies for the Association and expend the same.
 2. At the conclusion of the term of office, the Secretary-Treasurer shall succeed to the office of the Vice-President.
- B. The Vice-President, after serving a term of one year, shall succeed to the office of the President.
 1. The Vice-President shall take the President’s place and perform his duties if the President is absent.
 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties whenever requested and necessary.
- C. The President shall serve a term of office for one year after having served as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President for a period of one year respectively, unless Section D is pertinent to the above situation.
 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Steering Committee.
 2. The President is empowered to call any special meeting(s) of the Association’s membership, as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.
 3. The President is empowered to call any special meeting(s) of the Steering Committee on his own authority, or cancel any regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting.
 4. The President shall enforce all articles, sections, paragraphs, and points of this Constitution to his utmost ability.
 5. The President can expel for any Association meeting, any person attending an Association meeting, for actions and/or conduct that interferes with the smooth running of such a meeting.

- a. Any person after being officially warned, and then continuing such disruptions, shall be expelled from such meeting.
 - b. Any member being expelled, will lose his privilege of voice and/or vote, as determined by the Steering Committee, for the remainder of the Association's calendar year (through May) but may continue to attend further Association meetings, unless a second occurrence takes place at another Association meeting.
6. The President can appoint qualified Association members to fill vacancies in any committee, where it is specifically mentioned elsewhere in this Constitution.
- D. If a member of the Executive Body becomes ineligible to hold office or if he resigns from his office, a replacement may have to be voted into the Executive Body.
1. If the President vacates his office:
 - a. Before the January Association meeting, an election must be held at the next Association meeting, to elect a Full member to assume the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Secretary-Treasurer assuming the office of the Presidency.
 - b. On or after the January Association meeting, the Vice-President will assume the President's duties besides his own with no elections being held and the Vice-President will retain his normal term as President of the following year.
 2. If the Vice-President vacates his office at any time during the Association's calendar year, an election must be held at the next Association meeting, to elect a Full member to assume the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Secretary-Treasurer succeeding to the office of the Vice-President, with both officers succeeding to the next respective higher office for the following Association year.
 3. If the Secretary-Treasurer vacates his office at any time during the Association calendar year, an election must be held at the next Association meeting to elect a Full member to assume the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and succeeding to the office of the office of the Vice-President for the following year.
 4. Nominations will take place at the Association meeting that the Executive member renounced his office or such fact is made known by another member of the Executive Body or Association member.
- E. The tenure of office for a member of the Executive Body will be no longer than three consecutive years.
- F. Any Association member qualified to hold office in the Executive Body of the Association may do so a maximum of two times.
1. There must be at least one year of non-Executive Body membership before a candidate can again become an Executive Body member.
 2. He must start both times as the Secretary-Treasurer, succeeding through the Vice-Presidency to the office of the Presidency.
- G. Elections of the Executive Body will take place at the May Association meeting following the same procedures as described in Article VI, Section C, Paragraph 1, concerning nominations.

Article VI

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is empowered to act for the membership between Association meetings providing they are keeping within purposes, objectives, and policies of the Association and its membership.

- A. The Steering Committee shall:
 1. Transact all necessary business of the Association.
 2. Administer the affairs of the Association.
 3. Screen, pass, reject, or modify, with the consent of the proposer, all motions made by the membership of the membership of the Association as it considers correct.
- B. The Steering Committee shall be composed of nine members, specifically being:
 1. The Executive Body consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer.
 2. The immediate past President of the Association.
 3. Five Full members elected, at large, by the Association.
- C. The procedures for election to the Steering Committee will be that:
 1. Nominations by Full members will be accepted from the floor with a second by a Full member for any qualified member, at the April Association meeting.
 - a. The nominated member must accept his nomination to then have his name placed on the ballot.
 - b. Self-Nominations will be provided by the Secretary-Treasurer, with no seconds required.
 2. The election will take place at the May Association meeting with five Full members receiving the highest total votes being elected to the “At-Large” positions.
 3. The Steering Committee members elected by the Association, except the Executive Body, will hold office for one year unless re-elected.
- D. The Steering Committee shall meet the second Wednesday prior to the regular Association meeting, unless called on a different day of that week by the President of the Association.
 1. A quorum of five Steering Committee members must be present at all Steering Committee meetings to conduct any and all business as stated in Article VI, Section A.
 2. All nine members of the Steering Committee present must vote pro or con whenever a vote is taken (no abstentions allowed).
 3. A future Steering Committee meeting may be missed if, in the President’s opinion, no work is needed to be done.
 4. Any member of the Steering Committee who misses two Steering Committee meetings will be dropped from the Steering Committee and will be replaced with a Full member of the Association elected at the previous May meeting (that member receiving the next highest tally).
 5. The Steering Committee member who has lost his membership on the committee can petition the Steering Committee at their next meeting only, in person, stating the reasons(s) for his absences, if he wishes to retain his membership on the Steering Committee.
 - a. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of those Steering Committee members present are needed to accept the petitions with the vote being done in private (excluding the petitioning “X” Steering Committee member).
 - b. If a Steering Committee member misses a third Steering Committee meeting, he will be dropped from the Steering

- Committee, and the next highest Full member on the tally at the previous May meeting shall fulfill the vacancy.
- c. If a Steering Committee member missed two Steering Committee meetings and his petition is not upheld or misses a third meeting or if he becomes ineligible to hold office or if he resigns from the Committee after the January Association meeting, the President of the Association will appoint an Association member qualified from the May vote tally to serve the remaining term of the dropped member.
 - d. Any Association member dropped from the Steering Committee cannot become a member of the Steering Committee again for the remainder of that Association year that he was dropped and the following Association year.
- E. All decisions and vetoes by the membership shall be reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- 1. With a majority vote by the Steering Committee needed to approve all votes and decisions of the membership
 - 2. With a 2/3 vote by the Steering Committee needed to reverse all votes and decisions of the membership
- F. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the entire Full membership eligible to vote, is required to override decisions made by the Steering Committee, with proxy votes being accepted.
- G. The Steering Committee shall interpret this Constitution whenever any questions, debates, or challenges come up concerning the Constitution.

Article VII

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee shall be responsible for investigating and answering all questions concerning Illinois High School dual meet competitive rules.

- A. The Rules Committee is not to be a rule making body, but concerned with:
 - 1. Compilation of rules concerning Illinois dual meet competition, produced at the beginning of the season for Association members.
 - 2. Making emergency interpretations when requested by Association members.
 - 3. Publishing as soon as possible, such interpretations to be made available to Association members.
 - 4. Sponsor one or more rule interpretation meetings.
- B. The Rules Committee shall have their phone numbers published for emergency use by the Association.
- C. Any emergency decision by the Rules Committee will remain unofficial until published.
- D. The Rules Committee shall have six members:
 - 1. One of the members shall be elected from the Rules Committee by the Rules Committee each year at the May Association meeting, as the Chairman with the primary responsibility for Section A.
- E. To be eligible for the election to the Rules Committee, a person shall meet all of the following minimum qualifications:
 - 1. Be a member in good standing with the Association.

2. Must have been certified as an Illinois High School Association gymnastics official currently or in the past.
- F. If a member of the Rules Committee becomes ineligible to hold office or if he resigns from his office, a replacement may be appointed by the President to fulfill the remaining term of the vacated member, as long as the replacement meets all requirements as stated in Section E.
- G. The procedures for election to the Rules Committee will be that:
 1. Nominations by Full members will be accepted from the floor with a second by a Full member for any qualified member at the April Association meeting.
 - a. The nominated member must accept his nomination to then have his name placed on the ballot.
 - b. Self-nominations will be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer with no seconds necessary.
 2. The election will take place at the May Association meeting with the:
 - a. Six members receiving the highest total votes being elected on the odd calendar years.

Article VIII

Duties and Powers

The membership, in addition to the powers elsewhere provided in the Constitution, is authorized to undertake the following duties and may exercise the necessary authority to complete said duties.

- A. The membership may by a majority vote of the Full members present and voting at a meeting:
 1. Impose and enforce penalties for any violations of the Constitution of the Association.
 2. Remove any suspensions or remit any penalty pertaining to individuals within the Association.
 3. Promote and approve national interscholastic competitions between the state of Illinois and other states that are not otherwise restricted by state associations.
 4. Enact those necessary and reasonable provisions to carry forward the purpose and objectives of the Association.
- B. Shall conduct an annual clinic.
- C. Allow any company affiliated with gymnastics and has "Guest Membership" status in the Association, to set up a booth and be allowed a block of time for their business purposes, if requested in writing to the President, at least 30 days before the requested Association meetings.

Article IX

Amendments and Rule Changes

The Constitution may be amended or a Rule Change proposed in keeping with the purposes and objectives of the Association.

- A. The May meeting of the Association will be the only regular meeting concerned with any rule change.
 1. The President of the Association can call a special meeting for rule changes.
 2. Only Full members can submit a rule change proposal.
 3. The Secretary-Treasurer only can accept a proposal:
 - a. In written form
 - b. Under the proposer's name
 4. A proposer will read and explain his proposal(s) and answer questions only for clarification.
 5. No debate shall be allowed on any proposal at this meeting.
 6. A proposed rule change must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for debate; otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration.
- B. The November meeting of the Association will be for discussion and changes if necessary, by the proposer.
 1. The Steering Committee may rework (reword) all seconded proposed rule changes from the May meeting and have them ready to vote on at the December meeting.
 2. The Steering Committee must have the permission of the proposer before submitting reworked items for a vote by the Full membership.
- C. A copy of all rule changes shall be mailed to all members of the Association before the November discussion meeting and the December voting meeting, or made available.
- D. The December meeting will consist of a short review discussion (one pro and one con statement) of all new proposals just before a vote is taken on that proposal with proxy votes being accepted.
 1. The Steering Committee takes the results from the voting meeting and either:
 - a. Accepts the proposal
 - b. Rejects the proposal
 2. It takes a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the entire Full membership eligible to vote to override a rejection or acceptance of the Steering Committee.
 3. If a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is requested, a simple majority of those members present at an Association meeting must demand such an override vote.
 4. Only full members in "good standing" can call a vote on overriding the Steering Committee and all proxy votes will be accepted.
- E. The Steering Committee will develop pros and cons for all rule changes. Prior to the February Association Meeting the Executive Board will meet with some members of the IHSA Gymnastics Advisory Board to review all rule proposals. These Advisory Board members will request new rules to be placed on the IHSA Advisory Board agenda for their next scheduled meeting.
- F. The Constitution may be amended at any regular Association meeting or at a special meeting called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution.
 1. Only Full members can submit a proposed Constitutional amendment(s).
 2. The Secretary-Treasurer can only accept the written proposal under the proposer's name.
 3. A proposed amendment must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for a vote, otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration, but in either case, no discussing of the proposal will be allowed at this time, only questions for the purpose of clarification.
 4. The proposed amendment shall be mailed or made available to all members of the Association before a vote is taken on the proposal.

5. At the next Association meeting, a debate on the proposal will take place.
 6. At the next Association meeting (after paragraph 5) one pro and one con opinion will be allowed before voting takes place.
 7. It takes a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the voting members present and eligible to vote and pass any amendment.
 8. For the actions of the Steering Committee and any reactions available by the membership towards the Steering Committee concerning amendments, see Article IX, Section D, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- G. A proposed amendment to the Constitution may be amended at the meeting where it proposed, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the Constitution provision to be amended or any new idea not covered in the Constitution.
- H. An eligible voter may submit a written proxy to the meeting valid for voting to take place, at a designated meeting, unless specifically denied elsewhere in the Constitution.
- I. Unless mentioned in the Constitution to the contrary, a simple majority of the Full members are needed to pass or reject any proposal, motion, or resolution.

Article X

Resolutions

Legislation may be enacted through resolution not inconsistent with the Constitution provided the legislation proposed is of a temporary character effective only for the time specified in the resolution itself.

- A. A resolution may be proposed at any regular Association meeting or at a special meeting called by the President.
- B. To pass a resolution a majority vote of the Full membership present at voting is needed at such a meeting.

Article XI

Finances

The finances of the Association shall be in keeping with the purpose and objectives as stated in the Constitution.

- A. Income for the Association shall come from:
 1. Assessments levied by the membership upon the constituent members.
 2. Events conducted and sponsored by the Association.
 3. Any other sources determined by the membership.
- B. Expenditures of the Association shall be:
 1. Sending the President, and Vice-President (and the President, Vice-President, or the Secretary-Treasurer of the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association, if he is a member of our Association) to the annual National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association meeting, if funds are available and to what extend the funds will cover.
 2. Paying for the President's dinner at the annual dinner-golf meeting.

3. Cover all expenses that incur from Article XIII (Awards, Honors, and Gifts).
4. All expenses incurred towards the smooth and efficient running of the Association.
5. Any and all expenses directed to be allocated by the membership.

Article XII

Awards, Honors, and Gifts

The Association is empowered to recognize any and all individuals or groups whose contribution to the Association or to the sport of gymnastics is considered “outstanding”.

- A. The Association shall have the following annual awards, honors, and gifts presented to worthy individuals at the IHSGCA State Meet Awards Ceremony, or the Golf Outing:
 1. Trophies to the coaches who are members of the Association of the top three teams from that year’s Illinois High School Association’s State Gymnastics Championship will be presented at the Golf Outing.
 2. A Trophy for Senior Gymnast of the Year will be presented at the IHSGCA State Meet Awards Ceremony.
 - a. Voting will take place at the sectional sites with all full members being allowed to vote.
 - b. The Gymnast will receive an individual trophy and an additional trophy that will be displayed at the winner’s school for a full year.
 - c. Coaches will submit candidates at the April Meeting that meet the following criteria.
 1. 1 nomination per school. The gymnast must have 3 consecutive years of participation in IHSA gymnastics.
 2. The gymnast must demonstrate leadership, citizenship, good moral and ethical behavior, and loyalty to Illinois high school gymnastics.
 3. Gymnast must compete in the entire state series (unless they do not advance due to not making the cut or injury)
 4. Gymnast must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, or be in the top 1/3 of their class.
 3. Outstanding Member Coach of the Year, as voted by the Full members at the May Association Meeting will be presented at the IHSGCA State Awards Ceremony.
 4. Outstanding Press Coverage Award.
 - a. Nominations will be made by Full members at the April meeting.
 - b. Each nominator will speak on behalf of his candidate at the April meeting.
 - c. Voting will be at the May meeting with no proxy votes being accepted.
 5. Retiring Associations President’s Gift
- B. The Association shall have the following non-annual awards, trophies, and gifts to present to any worthy person(s) whenever the need should be deemed necessary by the Membership or Steering Committee.
 1. Frameable certificates of merit or trophies presented to those individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the sport of gymnastics or the Association.

2. Service awards presented to those members of the association who make a significant contribution to the Association.
3. Gifts presented to all the wives of Association members who answer phones to accept all dual meet results.

Article XIII

Hall of Fame

Guidelines for the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Associations Hall of Fame.

- A. Location – Gary Morava Center
- B. Purpose – To recognize the achievement of those people who have contributed to the promotion of Illinois High School Gymnastics.
- C. Categories – Competitors, coaches, judges, and contributors.
- D. Criteria
 1. Any member of the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association will be eligible to submit nominees.
 2. Any member making a nomination will be responsible for writing a resume of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to Illinois High School Gymnastics.
 3. All nominees in the coach, judge, or contributor category must have a minimum of five years active participation in the Illinois High School Gymnastics system.
 4. All nominees in the competitor category must have competed at least one year in the Illinois High School Gymnastics system.
 5. All resumes will be submitted to the Selection Committee in January for screening, with a majority vote by the Selection Committee needed to approve the nominees of the membership.
 6. A 2/3 vote by the Selection Committee is needed to reject any nominee of the membership.
 7. The Selection committee will present the nominees to the entire Association for voting purposes at the February meeting. A 3/4 majority is necessary to be introduced to the Selection Committee once again for final approval. Announcements of inductees will be made in conjunction with our annual banquet at the May meeting.
 8. The number of inductees shall be of a number not to exceed three in any year.
- E. The Selection Committee will be composed of six members to serve a term of three years. A chairman will be selected by the committee with a simple majority vote.

Article XIV

National Team

The NHSM Team Selection Committee is empowered to act for the membership in determining the National High School Team from the list of nominated gymnasts provided by Association members during the April meeting of each season.

- A. The NHSM Team Selection Committee shall

1. Select the gymnasts for the National High School Meet from the list generated by nominations during the April Association meeting.
 2. Determine how many gymnasts shall comprise the National High School Team.
- B. The NHSM Team Selection Committee shall be composed of 8 members (one from each conference). A minimum of 5 committee members must be present at the selection meeting.
- C. The procedure for election to the NHSM Team Selection Committee will be that:
1. Nominations by Full members will be accepted from the floor with a second by a Full member for any qualified member at the February Association meeting.
 - a) The nominated member must accept his nomination to then have his name placed on the ballot.
 - b) self-nominations will be provided by the Secretary-Treasurer, with no seconds required.
 2. Election of NHSM Team Selection Committee members will take place at the February meeting with the member from each conference receiving the highest total votes being elected to the Committee.
 3. The members elected to the NHSM Team Selection Committee will hold their position until the end of the current season.
- D. The lead coach for the National Team will be selected by the Selection Committee
- E. The following criteria will used by the NHSM Team Selection Committee to select the national team.
1. Gymnasts must compete in the entire state series (unless they do not advance due to not making the cut or injury)
 2. Gymnast should possess good ethics, character and sportsmanship.
 3. Gymnast must have competed 3 years of participation in IHSA gymnastics (not consecutively).