

March 22, 2017

Dear Coach,

State Site: **Ola High School Friday, April 21, 2017**

Time and Place:

The State Preliminary Meet will be held at Dunwoody High School on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Sessions:

Saturday, April 15, 2017 **1st Session: 10:00 A.M.**
Gym opens at 8:45 A.M.
Timed warm-ups at 9:45 A.M.

2nd Session: Approximately 1:00 P.M.
Gym opens 60 minutes following Session 1
Timed Warm-ups 12:45 P.M.

Results:

The results of the Preliminary Meet will be posted on the DeKalb website after the meet on Saturday.

Optional:

Only optional exercises will be used to qualify individuals, all-arounds and teams for the State Finals.

Judges:

Preliminary and State Meets: There will be two judges per event, and one additional judge will serve as a meet referee in the preliminary meet. All events will run simultaneously. In the state finals, all four events will be run simultaneously with four judges per event if possible and one additional judge per event serving as meet referee.

Team Scoring:

Team scores will be determined by **Rule 4, Section 2, Article 2, 3 & 4** in the National Federation Rule book. The top three individual scores will be totaled to determine a team's event score.

Order of Events: The order of events shall be determined by draw for the teams.

Order of Competition: The order of competition will be determined by block style in the Preliminary Meet and in the finals. After the entry form has been received, the sessions will be determined by random draw.

Number of Entries: Each team that qualified may enter four gymnasts per event, which will include all-arounds. More than one all-around may be entered. **Only the top three scores will be totaled to determine a team's event score.**

Gymnasts:

All teams and gymnasts must (except when prevented by injury) participate in a minimum of three (3) GHSA sanctioned varsity meets during the regular season to be eligible to participate in the state preliminary meet. If an injury occurs, **a doctor's signed statement with the dates of the type of injury and the release date to participate** must be presented prior to the Preliminary Meet to the meet Administrator.
(GHSA By-Law, page 77, D-6}

Warm-ups:

The meet director will send a schedule to you. The warm-ups will be organized by teams with each team having equal time on the competitive apparatus.
Only competitors and officials may be permitted on the floor during competition coaches and/or gymnasts may be present to spot or assist. **(Rule 5-1-1).**

Coaches Meeting:

A coaches' meeting will not be necessary. Scratches should be made prior to the start of the meet. If needed, a judges' meeting will be held prior to the competitions.

Substitutions:**Preliminary Meet:**

Only teams are permitted two (2) substitutes. A substitute listed on the entry form will replace the slot the original team member drew. Individuals that have met the minimum score are not permitted a substitute. Any team member or individual that does not compete in the Preliminary Meet may not compete in the State Meet.

State Meet:

Once the Preliminary Meet is concluded, no substitutions may be made for any individual on a team with one exception. In case of injury at the State Meet during warm ups only a team substitute listed on the entry form is permitted.

Individuals and team members must meet all other requirements including substitutes.

Team Roster: A team roster form is included in addition to your entry form and must be sent to the meet director. The names appearing on the roster will be the only ones admitted at the pass gate.

**Schools that enter the Preliminary Meet, but do not attend, will be fined by the GHSA.
(GHSA By-Law, page 78, I)**

**Schools that drop out of competition after qualifying at the Preliminary Meet may be penalized with fines or probation.
(GHSA By-Law page 33, 2.29 [b])**

Tie Breaker: The top twelve individuals, all-around and the top six teams advance to the State Finals. In the event of a tie, the place below that tie shall be eliminated. If the tie occurs for the twelfth place, after application of the tie breaking rule, all gymnasts tied will advance to the State Finals. The tie breaker will be:
1) Average all judges scores 2) If a tie remains, use the superior judge's score 3). If a tie remains, the tie stands. This tie breaker will also be used at the State Finals.

Pass Gate: Only gymnasts that are competing will be permitted entry at the pass gate including two (2) substitutes. All others will enter through the admission gate. **Certified trainers will be on site for the Preliminary and State Meets.**

Admission:

At the preliminary meet and state finals, only state passes are honored. ADMISSION FOR PRELIMINARY and STATE MEETS AT THE GATE are \$7.00. PRE-SALE \$7.00 ADULTS, \$5.00 STUDENTS (Georgia High School Association Constitution and By-Law, page 76, Section A-1)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 770-279-0653.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lucia B. Norwood
State Administrator

C. Mr. Gary Phillips