

8. GYMNASTICS – GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Individual non-interscholastic competition dates:

A gymnastics athlete who has not participated for the school in gymnastics that season must cease non-interscholastic gymnastics competition four weeks (28 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the state tournament in gymnastics in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition.

Date: January 29, 2007.

2) Interscholastic Participation

To be eligible for the team event competition in the OHSAA tournament in Girls Gymnastics, a school shall compete in a minimum of two interscholastic contests as a team (3 or more athletes in each of the four events) prior to the OHSAA Tournament.

3) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

3.1) Competitors

Any gymnast ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the gymnast shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in gymnastics until two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit in the team area, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the gymnastics season. A student who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

3.2) Coaches

Any gymnastics coach ejected or disqualified from an interscholastic gymnastics contest for unsporting conduct shall be suspended from coaching in all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching for all contests at all levels in gymnastics until two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection or disqualification. If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the coach shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in gymnastics during the following season in the next school year.

A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the gymnasts or to the individual who has been assigned to coach any time prior to or during the contest including any intermission. A suspended coach shall not travel with the squad to an away contest.

A coach who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time shall be suspended indefinitely and required to attend a mandatory conference with the Commissioner at the OHSAA headquarters. The principal of the school shall be required to attend this conference as well. Any penalty shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 12.

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4) Out of State Travel

A gymnastics team may travel out of state to compete in contests (as there are no scrimmages or previews permitted, this means any regular season competition) in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a gymnastics team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

A gymnastics team may not travel out of state to practice.

5) Non-Interscholastic Participation

5.1) A member of an interscholastic gymnastics squad (any student who has participated in a regular season/tournament contest sponsored by the Board of Education) shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest as an individual or a member of team in the sport of gymnastics during the school's season (Bylaw 10-3-1).

5.2) Interscholastic gymnastics coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

6) Penalties

The **maximum** penalty for violation of Bylaw 10-3-1, participation with a non-interscholastic gymnastics squad while a member of the school's interscholastic gymnastics squad, is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic gymnastics season.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 3, 2006.
- 2) First contest — December 4, 2006.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA tournament — November 10, 2006.
- 4) Coaching and Season end with the State Tournament — March 3, 2007.
- 5) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 6) Regular season contests — 14 for team and individuals; no limit on number of opponents.
- 7) Rules — U.S.A. Gymnastics.
- 8) Officials
 - 8.1) Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 judge required. It is strongly recommended that two Class 1 judges officiate each meet.
 - 8.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 2 judge recommended.
 - 8.3) Freshman — OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 recommended.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 3, 2006.
- 2) First contest — December 4, 2006.
- 3) Coaching and Season end with the State Tournament — March 3, 2007.
- 4) Scrimmages — none permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests — 12 for team and individuals.
- 6) Rules — U.S.A. Gymnastics.
- 7) Officials — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or 2 Girls Gymnastics Official recommended.

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Coaching Begins	11/3	11/2	11/7	11/6	11/5	11/4
Season Begins	12/4	12/3	12/8	12/7	12/6	12/5
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/29	1/28	1/27	1/26	10/25	1/30
District	2/12-2/24	2/11-2/23	2/16-2/28	2/15-2/27	2/14-2/26	2/13-2/25
State	3/2-3/3	2/29-3/1	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4
Season Ends	3/3	3/1	3/7	3/6	3/5	3/4
Easter	4/8	3/23	4/12	4/4	4/24	4/8