

GYMNASTICS 2008-09

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 six weeks (42 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 19, 2009.

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

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 10 of the General Sports Regulations.

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 only 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 10-3-2).

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 10-3-2 (participation with a non-interscholastic gymnastics squad while a member of the school's interscholastic gymnastics squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic gymnastics season or the ensuing gymnastics season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 7, 2008.
- 2) First contest — December 8, 2008.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA tournament — January 26, 2009.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — February 1, 2009.
- 5) Coaching and Season end with the State Tournament — March 7, 2009.
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 7) Regular season contests — 14 for team and individuals; no limit on number of opponents.

