

Illinois USA Gymnastics – Trampoline & Tumbling

Official State Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2025

Time: Call opened 3:57 PM – Meeting officially started 4:00 PM – Adjourned 5:33 PM

Location: Via Zoom, CST

Attendance (Corrected – 19 representatives)

- Lacey Rienbolt – State Director
- Julie Morgan – Technical Chair
- Cari Winter – State Secretary
- Stephanie McDorman – Coaches Representative
- Finley Merker – Athlete Representative
- Ben Zuccarelli
- Laura Becker
- Rachel Arthur
- Andrea Walker
- Cindy Bessert
- D.S. Briggs (Pride of Illinois)
- Kari Sturtevant (Flip Tops) – to confirm
- Katlynn Landis
- Laurie Cav
- Lisa Merker
- Guy Merker
- Marquis Williams
- Megan Gearhart
- Stacey Wall (Flight Club) – to confirm

Call to Order

Call opened at 3:57 PM. At 4:00 PM, State Director Lacey Rienbolt welcomed all representatives and officially began the meeting.

Part 1 – Updates & Scheduling

Approximately 4:10 PM – Julie joined the meeting.

Region 4 Championship: April 17–19, 2026.

Athlete Representative: Clarified as Finley.

Schedule: Lacey will distribute the full finalized version of the Illinois invitational competition schedule for the season.

Midwest Meet: Laurie clarified it is not scheduled on Super Bowl weekend.

Emphasis on including as many meets as possible due to the new quad.

Part 2 – Rules, Policies & Voting

Voting Procedures: Robert's Rules (Cliff Notes) followed. One vote per board member; one vote per club; no person may hold more than one vote. The State Director is non-voting. Nonaffiliated professional members

allowed one vote.

Motions & Approvals

- 1) General Motion – Motion Julie, Second Ben Z → Approved
- 2) Judging Requirements – Motion Finley, Second Ben Z → Approved
- 3) Club Fees – Proposal: \$1.50 per athlete. Motion Cari, Second Julie → Approved
- 4) Additional Motion – Motion Ben, Second Finley → Approved
- 5) SafeSport / Judge Requirement – Gyms must provide a judge, who cannot coach during the same session; judges required for at least 2 meets; fines: \$100 per missed meet (max \$200). Motion Julie, Second Mary → Approved

Discussion (4:26 PM)

- Judge Shortage: Julie noted the need to recruit/train new judges (Category 2 → superior).
- Clarifications: Judges may coach one session and judge another, but cannot swap mid-session; each club must provide one judge who is not actively coaching.
- Policy Authority: Policies clarified and approved by State Board annually.
- Concerns: Megan requested clearer wording around coach/judge restrictions; David suggested language improvements; Guy asked how unwritten practices become policy (Julie explained prior-season approvals).
- Final Clarification: Clubs must provide a judge; ideally not a coach at the same meet.

Motions – Roberts Rules Followed

- Athlete Fees – Passed
- Non-compliance = Ineligible – Passed
- Judge Requirement (2 meets) – Passed
- 15% Profit Allocation – Passed
- Volunteer Requirement (raffle basket, volunteers) – Passed
- World Funding – Passed (Athletes: \$500 reimbursement; Coaches: \$250 reimbursement, 1 per gym)
- Athletes Must Volunteer – Passed

New Business

Judge Education Reimbursements: Proposal to support judges' course costs beyond USAG membership. Julie outlined current costs (\$50 per course + \$15 study materials per event). Lacey agreed to revisit once funds are clearer. Proposal tabled.

Upcoming: May cleanup clinic & judge training.

Flyer Update: Assigned to Julie & David.

Respectfully submitted,

Cari Winter

Illinois USAG State Secretary – Trampoline & Tumbling

Approved by:



Lacey Rienbolt, State Director