

2026 Illinois Trampoline & Tumbling Rules and Policies

1. State Board

- a. The following people will serve on the USA Gymnastics State Advisory Board for the 2025-2026 Season:
 - i. **State Director:** Lacey Rienbolt
 - ii. **State Technical Chair:** Julie Morgan
 - iii. **State Secretary:** Cari Winter
 - iv. **State Coaches Representative:** Stephanie McDorman
 - v. **State Athlete Representative:** Finley Merker

2. Voting Procedures

(USA Gymnastics State By-Laws) all of the advisors on the USA Gymnastics Illinois State Advisory Board are allowed one vote only. Clubs are allowed one vote only. No person may have more than one vote. The state director has a non-voting position. If a matter needs to be voted on during the season, the state advisory board will be called upon to decide on the matter. Nonaffiliated professional members allowed one vote.

3. Procedure at Meets: Per USA Gymnastic Requirements

- a. All competitions must be communicated with the state board and approved.
- b. **Awards:** Medals or its equivalent will be presented for places 1-10. State Championships are required to award the USA Gymnastics medal for 1st through 3rd places. The official supplier for USA Gymnastics awards is A-1 in Indianapolis, IN...# (800) 444-9569.
- c. **Meet Results:** Copies of meet results must be given to teams by the host club at any sanctioned meet. A complete copy must be sent to the State Director for each sanctioned meet in Illinois or co-sanctioned meet by Illinois.
- d. **All eligibility/invitational/mobility meets must follow state guidelines:** This includes, but is not limited to the result reporting, athlete fund payments, as well as state fees, regardless of whether or not the host gym is Illinois based.

4. Fees:

- a. **Illinois Judge's Fee:** Each club attending a meet is encouraged to supply a judge for the meet. It should be noted that judges will be compensated at USAG hourly rate, and .65 per mile for travel. Judges traveling 25 miles or over 30 minutes one way will be reimbursed up to \$100.00 per night based on double occupancy toward hotel room. If out of state judges are needed to make up appropriate panels for any meet per USAG R&P for mobility reimbursement can either be made as per 4a or negotiated fair reimbursement. Clarification 1/14/2025.
- b. **Illinois State Club Fees:** All USA Gymnastics Illinois teams will pay a \$50.00 fee to the USA Gymnastics Illinois State Treasurer/Director

by October 31, 2025. This fee will be \$75.00 after November 1, 2025 for all current clubs. This late fee will not be applicable to new clubs joining USA Gymnastics after November 1, 2026. Clubs that have not paid the Illinois state fee and sent in the contact form, will not be eligible to compete at the Illinois State Championships or host a meet.

- a. **Illinois Athlete's Fee:** At all Illinois sanctioned meets, the host club will pay a fee of \$1.50 per athlete attending the meet to the Illinois USA Gymnastics State Fund. Please make these payments to the USA Gymnastics Illinois State Fund. Please mail these payments to the Illinois State Director.
 - i. Meet hosts that do not pay this fee will make their gym ineligible to compete at the state championships or host any further meets in the state of Illinois. They will also be reported to the national office if payment is not made by the end of season.

5. **Coaches:** Per USA Gymnastics Requirements

6. **Judges:** Per USA Gymnastics Requirements

a. Annual Judge Pro Membership Reimbursement

- i. Each Illinois State Judge who judges 2 or more competitions per season (Aug 31 to Aug 31) will receive partial to full reimbursement from the state for the cost of their Professional USA Gymnastics membership at the end of the season pending availability of remaining allocated funds available in the given year by the state.
- ii. The Technical State Representative will assign judges based on distance, need, and meet requirements. Each Club is required to provide a judge per team. Meaning if the Judge is a coach they cannot be currently coaching during the session they are scheduled to judge.
 1. Each club must have a judge available for 2 meets during the season. This is not in correlation with whether the technical chair places them, but rather availability for the meets.
 - a. If a judge does not have availability to judge the gym will be fined \$100 per meet, maxing out at \$200.
 - b. Exclusions can be approved by the technical chair and meet director.

7. **State Meet:** Per USA Gymnastics Requirements

- a. To be eligible for the Illinois State championships each athlete must compete at two invitationals, one of which must be an Illinois based competition.

- i. Nationally hosted events do not count as Illinois based meets (Winter Classic), but do count as an invitational.
- b. A hotel room will be provided for the State technical Chair.
- c. Pay 8.00 per athlete to Illinois state fund
- d. State director will plan and organize state championships, in return they will receive 15% of the profits running the state meet.
- e. All clubs are STRONGLY encouraged to supply a minimum of one raffle basket
- f. All clubs with 9 athletes and less will give \$100.00 and 1 volunteer.
- g. Clubs with 10 athletes and more will give \$200.00 and 2 volunteers.

8. World Age Group Championships Funding

- a. \$500 for each WAGC athlete reimbursement
- b. \$250 for each coach, 1 per gym, attending 2025 WAGC Reimbursement
- c. Athletes must have volunteered at 2024 AND 2025 State Championships
 - i. Petitions available for special circumstances.
- d. Athletes over the age of 13 must volunteer for their own funding unless circumstances allow a volunteer for them.
- e. For 2026 WAGC Funding, Coaches and Athletes requesting funding must volunteer at the 2026 State Championships to be eligible for funding.
 - i. Volunteering may be done in place of someone else for coaches.

9. Equipment: Per USA Gymnastics Requirements