



## PETITION PROCEDURE TO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AS DEFINED IN THE 2020-2021 USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S PROGRAM RULES AND POLICIES

All petitions to the 2021 Xcel Regional Gymnastics Championships  
must be e-mailed or faxed to:

1. GIGI IAVARONE, Regional Technical Committee Chairman: [Gigi.RTC1@cox.net](mailto:Gigi.RTC1@cox.net)
2. SHANE MCINTYRE, Regional JO Committee Chairman: [agashane@outlook.com](mailto:agashane@outlook.com)
3. TAMMY PARSONS: [region1.petitions@gmail.com](mailto:region1.petitions@gmail.com)

**Please use the subject line:** Petition\_StateAbbreviation\_Level\_Athlete'sLastName  
(Example: Petition\_AZ\_10\_Smith)

State Abbreviations: AZ, NV, UT, SoCal, NorCal

Petitions must contain:

- 1) Completed, legible [Injury Petition Form](#)
- 2) Verification of qualifying score which must include:
  - a. Name of meet
  - b. Date of competition
  - c. Scores for all events
- 3) Licensed Medical Professional's note which must include:
  - a. Written verification of illness or injury
  - b. Date of release for return to gymnastics activity
  - c. Signature of medical professional

**WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE COACH AND OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE DUE BY**

**5:00 PM, MON, MARCH 15, 2021 - SOCAL ALL XCEL LEVELS**

**5:00 PM, MON, MARCH 29, 2021 - NV ALL XCEL LEVELS, UT PLATINUM & DIAMOND**

**5:00 PM, MON, APRIL 12, 2021 - AZ ALL XCEL LEVELS, UT SILVER & GOLD**

**ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS (PHYSICIAN'S NOTE) ARE DUE BY**

**5:00 PM, MON, MARCH 17, 2021 - SOCAL ALL XCEL LEVELS**

**5:00 PM, WED, MARCH 31, 2021 - NV ALL XCEL LEVELS, UT PLATINUM & DIAMOND**

**5:00 PM, WED, APRIL 14, 2021 - AZ ALL XCEL LEVELS, UT SILVER & GOLD**

## IV. General Procedures for Petitions for USA Gymnastics Xcel Competitions

- A. Petitions may be considered for the following reasons:
  - Injury, illness or family tragedy (e.g., death, natural disaster)
- B. If an athlete is injured prior to a qualifying meet, but is capable of competing in one, two or three events, she may compete in the qualifying meet without jeopardizing her right to petition to the next competition.
- C. The coach (or club administrator) is responsible for submitting all necessary documentation for the petition on behalf of the petitioning athlete.
- D. Entry fees for petitioned athletes should be submitted by the entry deadline. If the petition is denied, the Meet Director must refund the entry fee within three weeks.
- E. Injury Petition Forms are posted on the USA Gymnastics website under Women's Program – Forms –Petition Forms - <https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2019.pdf>.
- F. Specific procedures for State, Regional, Level 9 East/West Championships, Level 10 National Championships, are in the sections for those events.
- G. For 2021 State Championships, athletes will be allowed to use 2019-2020 State qualification scores, permitted they are competing at the same level as 2019-2020. Athletes moving to a new level, as well as athletes requesting to drop back a level, will continue to follow policies outlined in the Women's Program Rules and Policies. The Regional and/or National chair must approve any deviations to the existing Women's Program Rules and Policies proposed by State or Regional Administrative committees.

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### 10. Petitions to Regional Championships (See Above)

- a. There are NO petitions to Regional Championships if qualification is by a percentage or by *specific number*.
  - b. If a gymnast is unable to compete at the State Meet (or cannot compete in the All-Around at State Meet) due to injury or illness prior to or during the State Meet, her coach may petition the Regional Technical Committee Chairman (or Regional Technical Assistant, if so designated) to allow the athlete to directly enter the Regional Championships, if the following requirements are met and documentation is included with the petition form:
    - 1) A photocopy of at least one pre-state, sanctioned meet results from the current season (at the division to which they are petitioning) showing a score at least one point (1.00) greater than the regional qualifying score OR
      - a) If the gymnast competed in the same division in the previous year's **\*\*Xcel Regional Championships and her AA score was at least one point (1.00) greater than the current Regional qualifying score, she may submit her last year's Regional score as her pre-State meet score.**
  - \*\*DUE TO COVID-2020 Regional competitions were not held; Region 1 is allowing submission of any sanctioned meet results from 2020 (at the division to which they are petitioning) showing a score at least one point (1.00) greater than the Regional qualifying score.**
  - 2) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.
  - 3) Written request from the coach.
- c. If an athlete who is unable to compete at the State Championships (or cannot compete AA at State Meet) due to injury or illness is also lacking scores from both the current and last year's season due to injuries but has previously qualified to and competed in Xcel Regionals at the same division, an injury petition for the same division may be considered under special circumstances by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman and the Regional Xcel Committee Chairman. If necessary, the State Administrative Committee Chairman and the National Chairmen (Xcel and Technical Committee) will be consulted. The petition must include:
  - 1) A copy of the meet results must be included with the petition form. The scores from the previous Regional competition must be at least one point higher than the current Regional qualifying score for the division.
  - 2) A current video that is sent to both Regional officers.
  - 3) A Licensed Medical Professional's written verification of the illness or injury and date of release for return to gymnastics activity.

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\*\*\*\*If an athlete begins her fourth event, is injured during the routine and unable to complete her fourth event, she may petition to Regionals if her score from her first three (3) events is equal to or greater than 75% of the required petition score.

Example: Regional Qualifying Score = 34.00. Required petition score = 35.00. The athlete must achieve a three- event score totaling 26.25

Example: Regional Qualifying Score = 35.00. Required petition score = 36.00. The athlete must achieve a three- event score totaling 27.00

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