

## Ohio USA Gymnastics State Championships Covid Rules

1. **Admission will be different than normal this year.**
  - a. **Gymnasts and coaches will enter on the left side of the building** where we will check them in and do the temperature check.
  - b. **Parents will enter the building through the middle of the gym as normal.**
2. **Parents may start entering 10 minutes before timed warm-ups** as long as the previous awards session is complete. Please don't line up earlier. We will do our best to get everyone in as quickly as possible.
3. **Admission is \$15/person for ALL State Championships as designated by USA Gymnastics.** Please have payment ready – cash only and exact change will be helpful. We know it is a lot, but they made the athlete entry fees substantially cheaper than regular meets so it will balance out. Keep in mind that covid rules have made it much more expensive to run a meet.
4. **Each Athlete can have up to 2 spectators enter the facility to watch.** Seating will be in groups of two. Please do not move the chairs as they will be strategically placed to meet all the requirements of state and local officials.
5. **Every spectator will be required to wear a mask.** Please bring one. We will have an EXTREMELY limited supply of extra masks at a cost of \$2. We hope this will help you remember to bring one.
6. **We will temperature check every spectator, athlete, and coach.** If you or your child is sick or showing symptoms, please don't take a chance of infecting everyone. We know that the State Championship is a big deal, but it isn't worth potentially infecting others.
7. **There will be no food vendors this year.** Our facility usually has a vendor that prepares excellent food. This year, with local regulations, it was pretty much impossible to get someone to run the concessions. Most sessions will be quick, but a couple could last about 3 hours. Please feel free to bring your own snacks as needed. We will also have limited vending machines – supplies may be limited by the time your child competes.
8. **Awards.** When preparing for the meet, we were originally told that we were to have no awards on site. We were to box up each team's awards and mail them to the gym. We were told by the USA Gymnastics and the facility that awards is a time of "super spreading" and nobody wanted to take that chance. We fought hard for awards for our meet as well as other State Championships this year. We were give the opportunity to do awards, but we need your help.
  - a. Awards will be broken up into two awards areas by age groups to minimize contact. Please consult your program book to find out which awards area your child will be in.
  - b. We will line up each age group with awards already provided. We will announce athletes for each event and all around. The first age group will take a few minutes to prepare, but after that, everything should be quick.
  - c. We are **REQUIRED** to have awards complete, and everyone exit the building BEFORE the next group can enter. We had originally planned for 45 minutes between each session. Since that plan, we had 5 teams enter the meet late. This has reduced the time we have between sessions. We still have plenty of time, but PLEASE be aware of our limitations and exit the building expeditiously after the awards presentation. We want every group to have their time and don't want to be forced to change our awards presentation in later sessions because of a few parents. **We promise, we will do everything we can to make awards special.**
9. **T-shirt and good luck gram vendors will be available** – The vendors know that they must be quick so lines will be minimal. If the line is long, please stop by at another time. As for T-shirts, they will be located at the right side of the facility. If you are planning on buying a T-shirt, it is best to get them during the meet. If you wait until the end, you may not have time. Also, please scout out your purchases in advance and have money ready.
10. **End of meet preparation.** Once awards are over and everyone exits, we will have staff sanitizing everything. After you move to awards, you cannot go back into the gym area. Please doublecheck your seats to make sure you have everything.

**Our goal is to make this event special for the gymnasts. The above is not meant to be a hassle, but rather a hope that everyone can work together to make this event great!**