

XII. TeamGym Awards

NOTE: The GFA Committee is in the process of researching making some changes in this area. Our experience, especially since the switch to a 10-Level TG program, is that the Award scheme below is confusing, difficult to fulfill, expensive and perhaps just "too much." If you have suggestions as to how to improve the Award scheme as it applies in local, invitational, and national competitions, please email them to Steve Whitlock at swhitlock@usa-gymnastics.org by Friday, September 18, 2009.

Until officially posted on the USAG web site, the guidelines listed below are official and remain in effect for the 2009-10 season.

A. General

1. For all TeamGym competitions, each **squad** entered shall receive a recognition award for participation such as plaques, trophies or banners.
2. For all TeamGym competitions, each **athlete** entered shall receive some kind of an individual memento such as a certificate, ribbon, trophy, t-shirt, etc.

While not required, host Meet Directors may provide some kind of special recognition to each **club** with one or more competition squads attending a TeamGym competition.

3. **Levels 1 and 2** – These ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS are designed for the development of skills, style, and cooperation. Therefore, awards are presented to each **athlete** based on their squad's final Team Score. For Levels 1 and 2, awards MUST include Achievement Ribbons (or medallions) for each athlete member of the squad. These **achievement awards** should NOT indicate placement in the printed matter on the **award**.

For Levels 1 and 2, the following table is valid for determining award ribbons (or medallions) based upon Final Team Score:

Avg. Event Score	Total Range	Ribbon Color	Medallion
9.0	18-20	Blue	Gold medallion
8.5	17-17.99	Red	Silver medallion
8.0	16-16.99	White	Bronze medallion
7.5	15-15.99	Yellow	
7.0	14-14.99	Green	
Below 7.0	Below 14	Purple	

While not required, host meet Directors may provide some kind of special recognition such as a plaque or trophy to each **Squad** achieving Final Team Scores according to the Table above.

4. **Levels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**
For all TeamGym competitions, Levels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, placement awards (based on Final Team Score) shall be presented to a *minimum* of 50% of the **squads** entered in the competition such as plaques or trophies.

B. Tie-Breaking Procedures for Presentation of Awards - Ties in Team Scores

- A. The team with the highest team score on a single event receives the award for the tied place.
- B. If still tied, then the flip of a coin in the presence of both coaches will break the tie for the award.
- C. In case of a tie for last awarded place, both teams are to receive awards. Use the tie breaking procedures to determine which team receives the award that day and send duplicate awards to the members of the other team.

XIII. TeamGym Invitational and Championships competitions

NOTE: The terminology "TeamGym National Championships" or "TeamGym Nationals" may only be used for the official competition conducted by and/or authorized by USA Gymnastics.

TeamGym competitions, Invitational's, and Championship competitions MUST be sanctioned with USA Gymnastics in order for the scores to be recognized to qualify for the USA Gymnastics TeamGym Nationals.

XIV. Hosting a Competition

A. Meet Information Packet:

Include the following information and send to all eligible teams

1. Name of meet, level(s) of competition and date
2. Entry fee (individual and/or team) and to whom it is payable.
3. Spectator admission fees.
4. Site - address, phone and map.
5. Equipment description: Meet directors must list all available equipment.
6. Competitive Levels and Divisions.
7. Type of awards and number to be awarded. Also include the expected day/time of the award ceremonies.
8. Local hotel and transportation information, if necessary.
9. Competition schedule
 - a) If the number of competitive squads is a known quantity, then specify schedule.
 - b) If the number of squads and divisions is unknown, indicate that a schedule will be sent after all entries have been received. Meet Directors of invitationals are advised to accept only a predetermined number of athletes to avoid the necessity of conducting competitions during the weekdays, which would require that the athletes miss school.
 - c) Consideration should be given to avoid conflicts with major religious holidays or school when scheduling competitions.
10. Pre-Meet information for Invitational meets must indicate the "type" of invitational and regulations regarding team competition.

B. Medical Personnel

1. For Invitational, State and Regional meets, it is strongly recommended that qualified medical personnel (physician, trainer, physical therapist, nurse, etc.) be available at all times during warm-ups and competition.
2. At the National Championships, medical personnel must be present for all training and competition sessions
3. The Meet Director must supply USA Gymnastics Accident Report forms to the medical personnel, who must complete the form and give it to the coach or parent of the injured athlete. An Accident Report Form is included in the Sanction packet and should be duplicated for use at the competition. Additional forms are available through Member Services.

C. Audience/Spectator Regulations

1. Spectators are not allowed to enter the "field of play" competitive area. They must use only the area designated for the public.
2. Spectators are not allowed to use flash photography during the pre-meet warm-ups or competition, as this may endanger the performing athletes. Also see D below regarding commercial use of photography.
3. Spectators shall not disturb the order of the competition, its competitors and its officials. Individuals causing violations shall be asked to leave the competition site.
4. The spectators shall not carry food or drinks into the spectators' area, if so directed
5. Children (offspring) of coaches and/or judges should not be on the competition floor unless performing a specific duty, such as "runner" or "flasher".

D. Commercial Properties

1. All broadcast and still photography rights associated with USA Gymnastics GFA sanctioned events and revenues generated therefrom are owned by USA Gymnastics. No segment of the Event may be photographed, video-taped, filmed or otherwise recorded for the purpose of rebroadcast, retransmission, duplication or sale without the advance written consent of USAG. The Meet Host and/or LOC shall take all reasonable measures necessary to assist in the protection of USAG's broadcast rights during the Event.