

# February 2024 Association Meeting

February 12th, 2024 @ 7pm Agenda/Minutes



Virtual Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/rak-nvjp-vca>

Call To Order: 7:05PM

## Attendance:

### In Person:

Vic	Avigliano	Chris	Lunsford
Adrian	Batista	Frank	Novakowski
Blaise	Blasko	CJ	Patton
Abi	Diaz		

### Virtual:

Luke	Badger	Andy	Isaacson
Daniel	Bajek	Paul	Kim
Jason	Brandenburg	Keith	Mukai
Ryan	Dul	Christopher	Patton
steve	foerch	Howard	Rubin
Andrew	Foerch	Christian	Stanicek
Doug	Foerch	Brandon	Tucker
Juan	Fuentes	John	Wronkiewicz
Greg	Gebhardt	Sam	Zeman
Tom	Huml		

## Balance

- Current Balance: \$9,339.67
- Balance at this time last year: \$10,394.84

# Finances

## Tax & Non-Profit Status

- We are approved and up to date

### Association Dues:

#### Clinic Fees (includes membership dues):

Head Coaches:	\$100 (\$35 w/o clinic)
Asst. Coaches:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Judges:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Assoc. Member	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
<b>HOF member</b>	<b>No fee</b>

### Methods of Payment (receipts upon request)

#### Receipts upon request

- Check (make Payable out to IHSGCA)  
% Adrian Batista at Niles West  
5701 Oakton St  
Skokie, IL  
60077
- Zelle Payment (treasurer@ihsgca.org)
- Cash

# State of Gymnastics

## Fundraising

- [GoFundMe](#)
- Purposes of raising funds:
  - Scholarships for gymnasts
  - Assisting with invite fees for high school club programs
  - Awards/trophies for state series
  - **Emergency funds if we need to pay for a future State Meet site.**
- **Keith M. – Does GoFundMe have a way to add our nonprofit status? Can donors get credit as a tax deductible donation?**

## Upcoming season

- Season begins Monday, February 12th
- IHSA has voted to eliminate our Season Limitation by-laws, meaning we have a bit more control of our calendar going forward
- Make sure all your certifications are cleared, competing under IHSA by-laws still require a bit of maintenance (CPR/AED, concussion, hate speech etc). Check with your ADs since they're the ones paying you
- As a safety precaution, if you have at least 3 members competing, ask your AD to register your program as an emerging sport. If your school is okay with you not being registered and is fine with you competing, we won't argue, but my official stance is **register**. The more numbers we have, the longer we stay in conversation

## Sectionals

**\$275 per school / \$55 per individual**

- ALL STATE QUALIFIERS ARE AT-LARGE
- Top 10 Team Scores make it to State
- Top 50 Individuals on each event make it to State
- Scoring system: Meetscorer
- **Keith M – An early version of the pricing was in the 2024 handbook we put together to share with ADs.**

### **Sectional Week - April 29 - May 4**

#### **Sectional 1: Glenbard West (Tuesday April 30th)**

*Wheaton Co-Op*  
*Willowbrook*  
*York*  
*Addison Trail*  
*Leyden*  
*Glenbard East*  
*Glenbard South*  
*Glenbard North*

#### **Sectional 3: Lake Park (Friday May 3rd)**

*Stevenson*  
*Palatine*  
*Conant*  
*Hoffman Estates*  
*Schaumburg*  
*Fremd*  
*Carbondale*  
 <Cary Grove>

#### **Sectional 2: Lyons Township (Thursday May 2nd)**

*Downers Grove North*  
*Downers Grove South*  
*Naperville North*  
*Naperville Central*  
*Hinsdale South*  
*Hinsdale Central*  
*Andrew*  
*Kaneland*

#### **Sectional 4: Glenbrook South (Saturday May 4th)**

*Niles North*  
*Niles West*  
*Glenbrook North*  
*Evanston*  
*Deerfield*  
*Highland Park*  
*Libertyville*  
*Maine East*

If you hear of any individuals or high school clubs that want to participate in our sectionals, let's see if they can fit into Lake Park first.

**Geneva - managed to find 4 gymnasts. 2 of them want to compete at JO nationals. Josh Levin has asked if they would be allowed to exhibition at sectionals? (Compete for no score)**

- **Exhibitions at sectionals may make the meet look informal and takes away from the goal of making it to state.**

**MOTION (Blaise): Allow exhibition athletes at sectionals to receive a score of 1.0 (specify "exhibition" on sheet) and not receive a medal. Score would be communicated to the coach/athlete, but not marked within MeetScorer. The exhibition athletes will not exceed the five competing athletes for a team. (Second: Frank N.)**

**RESULTS: PASSED**

**10 YAY: (5 in person) (1 online) (4 in the poll)**

**7 NAY: (3 online) (4 in the poll)**

**4 Abstain: (1 in person) (3 in the poll)**

**If he tells the judge beforehand, maybe they can judge the routine and flash the score they would've gotten, but just write EXHIBITION on the score sheet, and we put a 1.00 in meetscorer**

## State Meet

- Location/Date:
  - Hoffman Estates High School
  - Saturday, May 11, 2023
  - Start Time: **12:00 PM**
- **Awards: 3 team**
- **Still looking for a banner with IHSGCA logo for state meet**

## Judging

- 1. AAU membership
- 2. NFHS Concussion education
- 3. Clinic Attendance
- To register for an AAU membership, click here: [AAU Membership](#) You will be registering for a Non-Athlete Membership, Extended Benefit Membership (AB). The cost for the extended benefit membership is \$57 for 1 year, or \$79 for 2 years, and is only an additional \$2 over the standard membership. Your membership will provide a background check for everyone, which ADs feel is an important part of the process. I did not receive an email when the process was completed, but I was able to log into my account after about a week and verify that the process was complete.
- To complete the free concussion training, click here: [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#) Select your state from the dropdown menu, and then click Order Course. The course is free, and you will be provided a certificate upon completion.
- There will no longer be an IHSA rules video. As such, clinic attendance is mandatory. Clinic details will be forthcoming shortly.
- **Meets can't run without at least one AAU certified official.**

## Judging Clinic

- Feb. 3, 2024 @ Lake Park High School (9am - 3pm)
  - Attendance: **22**
- Two-day session **Tuesday Feb. 20th** and Thursday **Feb 22nd** @ Lake Park HS East campus 5:30-8:30
- Google meet link for this session: [meet.google.com/ofk-ejeg-niv](https://meet.google.com/ofk-ejeg-niv)
- RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/NV9xSaJcdJJH6oRZ6>

**Total judges registered for this season: 28 Judges is the current estimate by Frank N.**

## Judging attire:

May 2023 Vote PASSED: "Allow for judges to wear polo-shirts instead of suit+tie for dual meets during the week"

Steering Committee will also be providing lanyards/badges

## Moving to Fall

**Possibility:** Organize and run a test trial meet in the fall to see how many club-kids/individuals attend.

**Things to consider:** If we ask our ADs to approve a move to fall, what happens when some say yes and some say no?

**Worries:** Will some programs even live to see another spring season?

## Future Meetings

### **Steering Committee Meetings -**

- Monday, March 6, 2023 -
- Monday, April 3, 2023
- Monday, May 1, 2023

### **Association Meetings-**

- Monday, February 12, 2024 (first day of season)
- Monday, March 11, 2024 **RULES PROPOSALS DUE**
- Monday, April 15, 2024
- Monday, May 6, 2024
- Monday, May 13, 2024 (HOF Banquet)

## Updates/News:

RULES PROPOSALS DUE BY MARCH MEETING - PLEASE SEND TO SECRETARY LUKE BADGER -  
[badger.luke24@gmail.com](mailto:badger.luke24@gmail.com)

**Niles West** – Frosh invite (3/8) and Varsity invite (3/9) is open to more teams; (Currently at about 10, but more could be welcomed).

**York** – If head-coaching position isn't filled, then the AD will likely drop the program

## Open Coaching Positions

**Head Coach Positions:** **York**

**Assistant Coach Positions:**

## Good of the Membership / New Business

### **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE THIS EVENING**

Try to make current schedules look as similar as possible to what they were last year. Talk in our district has been that future stipends might not exist if current/future schedules are lighter on competitions.

Encourage your gymnasts to push other athletes/students to join teams. Push AD's to register schools as emerging sports.

## **Meeting Adjourn**

8:47PM