

# May Association Meeting Agenda

May 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm, Lake Park East Campus

Agenda

Virtual Link: <https://meet.google.com/fty-vqyy-hjd>



## Call To Order: 7:02

### Attendance

In person: Christian Lunsford, Alex Pajor, Scott Phillips, Blase Blasko, Frank Novakowski, Luke Badger, Jeff Wronkiewicz, Adrian Batista, Keith Mukai, CJ Patton, Greg Gebhardt

Virtual: Tony Ciezadlo, Andy Isaacson, Dylan Gnat, Ryan Brown, Sam Zeman, Bill Cordts, Jason Brandenburg, Howard Rubin, Daniel Bajek, Jesus Bahena, Tom Huml, William Norris, CJ Johnson, Edna Lundeen, Ryan Dul, John Piltaver, Carlos Fuentes, Dennis Wellman

### Finances

#### Balance

- Current Balance: \$11,241.87
- Balance at this time last year: \$10,845.26

#### Association Dues:

- Yes, I attended the Winter Clinic - **\$100.00**
- No, I did NOT attend the Winter Clinic - **\$35.00** (Head Coaches) & **\$30.00** (Judges/Asst. Coaches)

#### HOW TO PAY:

- Check (make Payable to IHSGCA & put name of School on Memo Line):  
Adrian Batista at Niles West High School  
5701 Oakton St, Skokie, IL 60077
- Cash - Give to any Executive Board Member
- Zelle : [treasurer@ihsgca.org](mailto:treasurer@ihsgca.org)

**Attendance requirement to be eligible for voting** - If attending in person, must be present for 2 total meetings. If no meetings were attended in-person, there must be at least 3 virtually attended meetings. Or 1 in person +2 virtual. Along with all dues paid (if not in HOF).

## **VOTING FOR COMMITTEES**

- EXEC BOARD, STEERING, RULES, HOF COMMITTEES
- OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR, COACH OF THE YEAR, PRESS COVERAGE AWARD, ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITION

BALLOT WILL BE EMAILED TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS' EMAILS:

Coach of the Year - 2 at-large candidates (who did not win the Conference Coach of the Year) may be added to the Ballot.


- At large candidates:
  - Greg Gebhardt (Nominated: Frank & Seconded: Blase),
  - Tony Ciezadlo (Nominated: Sam & Seconded: Frank)
- *Voting Results*
  - *Secretary - Dylan Gnat*
  - *Treasurer - Ryan Dul*
  - *Vice President - Christian Lunsford*
  - *President - Adrian Batista (not voted - just information to know)*
  - *Steering Committee - CJ Patton, Tony Ciezadlo, Frank Novakowski, Carlos Fuentes, Chris Stanicek*
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  - *Hall of Fame Committee - Frank Novakowski and Steve Kafka*

## **Sectional Qualifying Results:**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STATE QUALIFIERS AND SECTIONAL PARTICIPANTS!

SEE THE RESULTS HERE: [2025 State Qualifying Results](#)

**STATE FINALS** - Saturday, May 17, 2025 (Week 45) @ HOFFMAN ESTATES HS

- DOORS OPEN AT **8:30 AM** - MARCH-IN STARTS AT 12:05 - PLEASE BRING YOUR WHOLE TEAM TO SPECTATE
  - *Doors will be locked beforehand*
- TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:  2025 IHSGCA Boys State Final Gymnastics Schedule

## **DRAWING THE TEAM ROTATIONS FOR STATE MEET**

### **Team Names for Rotation Schedule:**

T1 - Lyons Township

T2 - Addison Trail/Willowbrook Co-op

T3 - Wheaton Co-op

T4 - Naperville North

T5 - Downers Grove Co-op

T6 - Fremd

T7 - Glenbard West

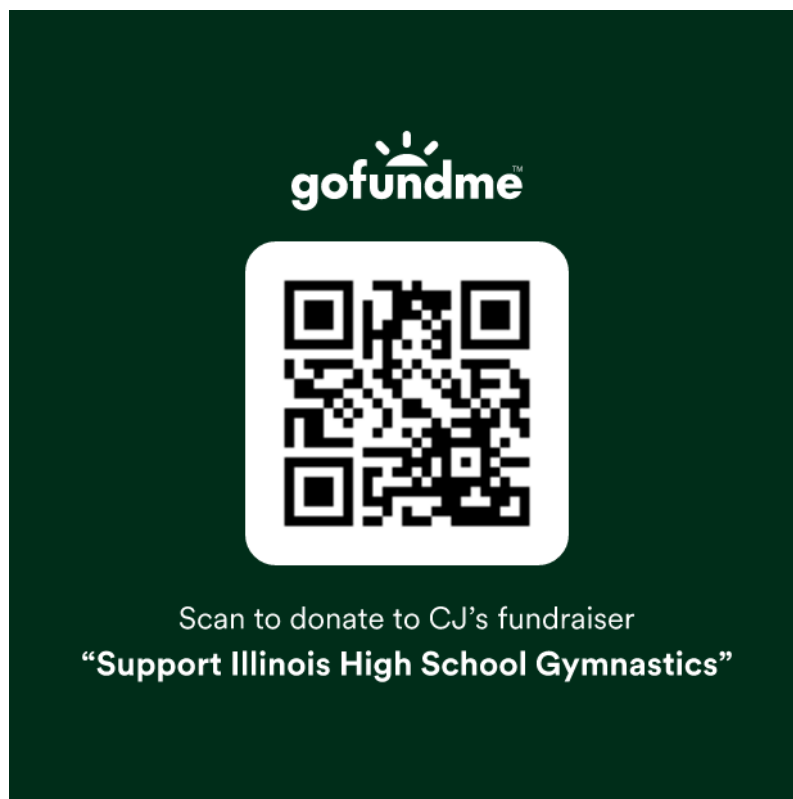
T8 - Evanston

T9 - Glenbard North

T10 - Niles Co-op

## **FUNDRAISING LINK:**

**GoFundMe:** <https://gofund.me/edec6ec0> Copy and share the link to donate!



## **HALL OF FAME BANQUET AND GOLF OUTING:**

**GOLF** - Monday, May 19 starting @ 12:30pm-3:00pm OLD ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB

- 700 W Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect, IL
- Form on the website to register your team of 4 [www.ihsgca.org](http://www.ihsgca.org)

**BANQUET** @ Gary Morava Center - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### 3 new inductees to the Hall OF Fame!

- Paul Blasko
  - Chad Downie
  - Bruce Beiersdorf
    - Chad and Bruce will be getting inducted at this year's banquet on May 19th.
- Please RSVP TO the HOF Banquet using this form:

### HOF BANQUET RSVP

*Make sure to banquet rsvp out! Helps determine the amount of food ordered.*

### Scholarships RESULTS ANNOUNCED AT STATE MEET:

- IHSGCA - (at least 1x \$1,000) [IHSGCA Form](#)
- John Brinkworth (\$500 funded by Brinkworth Committee) [JOHN BRINKWORTH 2025](#)
- Senior Gymnast of the Year- (Scholarship Amount:) [SGOY](#)
- Ryan McDonough - (at least 1x \$1,000) - True four year High School gymnast. Non USAG gymnast

### Updates/News:

- Bill Stone has reported that District 204 (Waubonsie, Metea, and Neuqua Valleys) has decided to cut the girls gymnastics team following the '26-'27 school year. If you would like to help, please email Assistant Superintendent Dr Nicole Howard voicing support for the program.  
[Nicole\\_howard@ipsd.org](mailto:Nicole_howard@ipsd.org)
- *Email sent from head coach*
- *Have equipment but won't have gym space*
- *3 schools = about 40 girls on team currently*

### Open Coaching Positions

#### Head Coach Positions: 2026

- **HINSDALE CENTRAL** Will be looking for a new coach as CJ Johnson will be retiring. Open teaching position as well, though not sure what subject. Reach out to CJ Johnson or Neil Krupika for more information.
  - *4 Full Time Positions: Business, English, Sped, PE*
- **Hoffman Estates High School** as Ryan Brown will be stepping away from coaching. Also means it may be time to look for a **new State meet site**.
  - *It would be very hard to host the meet next year if it was hosted at Hoffman (strongly suggest to move locations)*
    - *If this is the last year THEN THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING! YOU HAVE PUT ON AN AMAZING STATE MEET!*
  - *AD is retiring next year*
  - *AD secretary retired this year*

- *2 Potential Future Locations*
  - *Determining state of boys gymnastics next year before looking at options*
- Hoffman Estates will also be looking for a Girls Team head coach. There may be a teaching position available at HE, any interested parties should reach out to the AD Steve Lacni < [slacni@d211.org](mailto:slacni@d211.org) >
- Willowbrook/AT Co-op - Andy Isaacson has one more year

#### **Assistant Coach Positions:**

- **Hoffman Estates** - **Dave Calish** will be retiring. Also, may further indicate our need for a new State Meet site as Dave was also the State Finals Meet director.

## **For the good of the Membership/New Business:**

### **Athletic Director Emerging Sport Sponsor**

- Brandon Murphy - Any updates on Brandon after his visit to watch the Sectional meet?
  - Would be great resource to have - organizing sectional and state fees. Being able to reach out to other AD's.
    - *Was happy about the Sectional meet*
    - *Could hopefully help with mainstreaming communication with rest of ADs.*
- **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:**
  - **Title:** *Requirement to Enter State Series*
  - **Written By:** Christian Lunsford
  - **Timeline:** 2026-2046
  - **Resolution Proposal:** All represented schools are required to compete in a minimum of two (2) competitions during the regular season in order to be eligible for the State series.
  - **Reasoning:** Under IHSA, previous rules stipulated a minimum of six (6) contests in order to participate in State series. Shortening the number of contents to two (2) acknowledges the lower number of schools with high school boys gymnastics by increasing the opportunity of more school representation within the State series. This resolution will make competing in Illinois High School Boys Gymnastics easier for new schools while still assisting in increasing the number of schools. The eligibility requirement will also bring a fair process for all current and new member schools, giving the same opportunity to all individuals and team competitors.
  - *Proposed at May Meeting, Discussed at November Meeting, 1 pro- con- and vote in December meeting*
  - *This would go in our IHSGCA State Handbook if passed*
  - *Now we have a better idea of how the State Series runs and have a more democratic process in creating a process for the State Meet.*

- **RULES PROPOSAL**- Author: Joon Yun -
  - Can this be voted on at Winter Clinic for the upcoming year?
  - The number of minimum skills will change from 6 to 8 skills (no repetition allowed). The scoring format will remain the same (2.2 diff, 2.0 EG, 5.8 execution), but instead of 1 point deduction from the executions for each missing skill, gymnasts will get 0.5 deductions each for the first two skills missing and then 1 point off for each missing skill thereafter.
  - Example: If a gymnast has all of the element groups, +1.0 in difficulty, and has 7 skills, the maximum score would be  $(5.8 - "0.5" + 2.0 + 1.0) = 8.3$
  - If a gymnast has all of the element groups, +1.0 in difficulty, and has 5 skills, the maximum score would be  $(5.8 - "2.0" + 2.0 + 1.0) = 6.8$  - With our current scoring system, this routine would have a maximum value of 7.8
  - Given how many non-diagram A skills we allow, this rule change will encourage gymnasts to pursue a wide variety of skills and coaches to create more diverse routines.
  - *Motion (Blase): Table until March 2026 meeting (Seconded: Frank)*
  - *Would not be taken into effect until the 2027 season if passed*

## **Reminders:**

- Call your local State Senator in support of the Right To Play Act (IL House Bill 3037) - Allows athletes to play both club and high school at the same time
  - For more information see below:
    - <https://ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3037&GAID=18&GA=104&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=161314&SessionID=104>
    - <https://news.wttw.com/2025/04/16/pared-back-right-play-bill-advances-general-assembly-awaits-senate-action>
    - <https://capitolnewsillinois.com/news/right-to-play-bill-that-would-affect-high-school-athletes-advances-in-house/amp>
    - <https://www.sj-r.com/story/news/state/2025/04/17/pared-back-right-to-play-bill-advances-in-illinois-legislature/83127340007/>
- **Garry Denk Memorial information:**
  - Friday, May 23, 2025
  - St. Norbert's Church - 1809 Walters Ave. Northbrook, IL 60062
  - Visitation from 12:00pm - 1:00pm
  - Mass/Service from 1:00pm-2:00pm
  - [Supporting the Family of Garry Denk](#)
  - *His name will remain in the program and throughout the State Meet out of respect for him, Glenbrook North, family, and team*
- *Note for 10 teams competing - Thursday 6 pm all Team line-ups are due. Contact Keith with any issues*
- *Individual Final will be on separate meet scorer link*
- *Voting Results*

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**Meeting Adjourn: 8:27**