

MIAA Gymnastics Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2025

- 1) Committee Leadership Elections and Minutes
 - Chair – K. Ostberg (S. Cudworth, A. Paulsen) 8-0-0
 - Vice-Chair – S. Cudworth (K. Ostberg, J. Winders) 8-0-0
 - Sec – A. Paulsen (K. Ostberg, C. Conefrey) 8-0-0

- 2) Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2025
 - Move to approve (J. Winders, S. Fogerty)8-0-0

- 3) 2025-26 Gymnastic Tournament Format – Update/Discussion
 - Amelia previous Tournament Director has resigned and S. Cudworth and Bill Kane will be co-tournament directors
 - Algonquin for Sectional + States
 - Excellent venue with (2) gyms: warmup gym, and main gym
 - This past year had 2 (USAG) sets of equipment in the front gym which is a huge improvement from a safety perspective and the meet did run more efficiently
 - Challenges, USAG needs to provide the equipment again this year, MIAA has factored this into the budget (3k per event with some possibility of discount)

Qualifying for tournaments based on score, not location.

 - Stephen suggests changing the qualification format to prioritize top four scores instead of teams qualifying based on location.
 - Discussion around how to clarify the qualification process for teams, with a focus on average score.
 - States - top 4 and bottom 4 in different sets of equipment
 - Discussion about seeding (12 etc.) for future

- 4) New England/CNESSPA tournament discussion
 - New Hampshire passed a law prohibiting boys from competing in girls' sports.
 - New England Gymnastics Competition will be held in Massachusetts this upcoming year (March 2026) due to New Hampshire's loss of hosting privileges.
 - New England Council provides financial support for New England tournaments.

- 5) 2026-27 Format – Discussion/Action
 - Discussion about future format and structure; Hybrid sports such as gymnastics, swimming/diving, track
 - Tournament formats are approved for the full year, with deadlines for submission to the Tournament Management Committee.
 - R. Pearson discusses consideration and need for discussion for MIAA hybrid sports tournament structure from sectional to statewide.
 - Recommendation to put all ideas on the table, including history, and allowing time for feedback and discussion before moving forward.
 - Suggestion to create a subcommittee to discuss and plan for a hybrid sports format, potentially including division one and division two for state championships.
 - Develop subcommittee: S. Cudworth to chair subcommittee (S. Fogerty, J. Winders, A. Paulsen, S. Hutchinson) 11/5 10:00 a.m. virtual,
 - Additional committee meeting, 12/17, 10:00 am virtual full committee (will include format draft and anything else)

- 6) Officials Topics
 - Recommended Tri-Meet pay increase (from previous meeting) for officials pay
 - GOC approved for 2026-27 - \$168
 - Ideal all districts/schools to hopefully follow suit

- 7) Coaches Topics
 - 2025 Senior Nationals Update - Massachusetts took 1st in the Nation!
 - Look into recognizing the accomplishment via the MIAA Gymnastics page although this meet is not sanctioned through MIAA it is still an incredible opportunity
 - Save the Date - 2/16/2026- State Individuals will be held at Tewksbury HS

- 8) Other
 - Spring meeting, April 28, 2026 - *Virtual or In-Person*
 - Rules discussion – K. Ostberg - next meeting
 - Officials and coach’s rules review, Nov. 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m. virtual link coming
 - Website - What does the committee want regarding our website especially with reporting scores
 - R. Pearson to follow-up with J. Clark to help develop approach and getting information posted on the website
 - Gymnastics is very similar to Golf as we need the ADs to enter the scores weekly
 - Possible - weekly posted to the website with all 81 teams ranked from the highest to lowest scores
 - Tech Company, ScoreFlippers reached out regarding digital scoring
 - R. Pearson suggests our committee does some work on what digital scoring looks like for our coaches and our leagues
 - J. Winders will bring it up to her league meeting with the gymnastics coaches
 - K. Ostberg believes it’s not a budget issue, it’s more getting everyone to use it, it will take some time
 - Another digital/scoring company ProScore is the ultimate in gymnastics meet management and scoring software on the market today. ProScore will keep track of all meet information. ProScore allows you to set up your session schedules by identifying session dates, warm-up times, and march-in times. You can even record the judges that are assigned to the meet and which events they are judging. You can assign groups of gymnasts to particular sessions/squads to help you balance your rotations and session sizes.

Move to adjourn (C. Conefrey, J. Winders) 8-0-0

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Coaches & Officials Rules Review Meeting - Run by Kathy & Stephen
- Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. - Virtual
- Wednesday, April 28, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. virtual or in-person?