



2026 - 27

# Girls Gymnastics Information

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# 2026 -27 Gymnastics Tournament Format

## Qualifying Information

1. Each Qualifier meet will include **twelve (12) teams from the top 24** as entered in the MIAA Arbiter platform. Qualifier Meet 1A will include teams ranked 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,19,21,23 and Qualifier Meet 1B will include teams ranked 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24. Only 24 teams will qualify for the Qualifier Meet(s). In the case of a tie with the 24<sup>th</sup> team(s), the Tiebreaking Procedure for Qualifier Meets (below) will be utilized.
2. Teams will be seeded based on the average of their top four (4) scores throughout the year as entered in the MIAA Arbiter platform. Please note the following when submitting scores:
  - a. Dual meet scores may be submitted and counted once.
  - b. Tri-meet scores may be submitted and counted once.
  - c. League championship meet scores may be submitted and counted once.
  - d. League championship meet scores may only be submitted if a traditional "team score" was received (i.e. No more than two all-around competitors are allowed. All other gymnasts may enter no more than three events).
  - e. Individual scores may not be added to calculate a "team score" for league championship meets that do not provide a traditional "team score" as mentioned above.
  - f. Scores that were earned on one specific date against multiple opponents may not be submitted multiple times.
3. Tiebreaker Procedure for Qualifier Meets  
If teams finish the regular season with the same Top 4 Team Average, the following tie-breaking procedures will be utilized to determine placement into the Qualifier Meet(s).
  - 1st Tiebreaker
    - The Top 4 scores submitted will be used.
    - Each team's highest and lowest submitted scores will be dropped.
    - The average of the remaining two middle scores will be calculated.
    - The team with the higher middle-two average will earn the higher placement into the Qualifier Meet(s).
  - 2nd Tiebreaker (If teams remain tied after the 1<sup>st</sup> Tiebreaker)
    - From the Top 4 submitted scores, the top three scores will be discarded.
    - The lowest remaining score will be used.
    - The team with the higher bottom score will earn the higher placement into the MIAA State Qualifier.
4. Qualifying information and roster must be submitted to the Girls' Tournament Director by February 11, 2027, at 12:00 PM or sooner.
5. A seeding meeting with the MIAA Liaison, Tournament Director and league representatives will take place on February 11, 2027, at 1:00 PM at the MIAA Office. Following the meeting, the 24 qualifying teams will be posted on the MIAA website. Phone calls will not be made.
6. No competitor or team will be allowed to compete without wearing the team uniform that has the school's name and/or insignia and/or colors.

## Qualifier Meet Information

**Saturday February 20, 2027**

Qualifier 1A - 9am check in; Meet starts at 10am

Qualifier 1B - 2pm check in; Meet starts at 3pm

1. Each team may enter six gymnasts in each event, not more than two of whom may be all-around performers.
2. A team may compete 0, 1, or 2 all-arounds which must be designated on the entry form.



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3. **Warm Up** - Each team will be allotted a 12-minute warm up for each event. Two minutes per athlete. Modified capital cup format will be used with two sets of equipment in the main gym. See additional Sectional Warm Up information on MIAA website.

### **State Team Meet Information & Qualifiers**

**Saturday, February 27, 2027**

1pm check in; Meet starts at 2pm

1. The top 8 team scores from both Qualifier meets will advance to the state tournament. Only 8 total teams will advance.
2. Tiebreaker Procedure for State Team Meet  
If teams have the same team score following the Qualifier Meet or at the end of the State Team Meet, the following tie-breaking procedures will be used:  
1st Tiebreaker
  - The team with the single highest event score on any one of the four events will earn the higher rank.  
Ex. – at the end of the Qualifier Meet, if two teams are tied at 8<sup>th</sup> place, this tiebreaker will establish the 8<sup>th</sup> team participating in the State Team Meet.2nd Tiebreaker
  - If teams remain tied:  
The team with the highest bottom event score (on any of the four events) will earn the higher rank.  
Ex. – at the end of the Qualifier Meet, if two teams are tied at 8<sup>th</sup> place, this tiebreaker will establish the 8<sup>th</sup> team participating in the State Team Meet.
3. All teams must check in by 1pm. Meet starts at 2pm.
4. Warm Up - Each team will be allotted a 12-minute warm up for each event. Two minutes per athlete. A modified capital cup format will be used.

### **Medical Coverage**

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at the Sectional Meets and the State Meet.