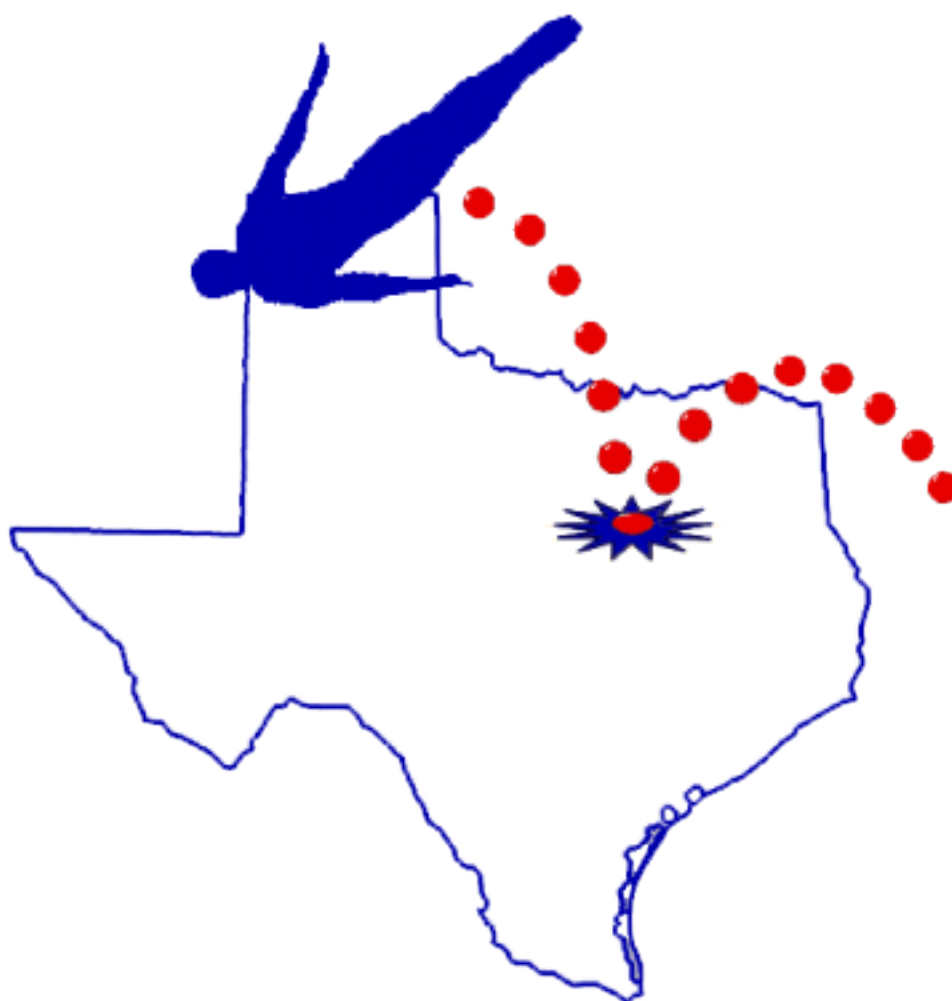


# North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling

2005-2006 Rules & Policies  
Program Handbook



NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING  
Rules and Policies

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THIS IS THE PROGRAM HANDBOOK OF NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE  
AND TUMBLING.

All coaches of NTXTT are to hold concurrent membership with USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling and North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling.

NTXTT follows the USAG Trampoline and Tumbling rules for trampoline and tumbling; however, NTXTT has made certain adaptations and exceptions in order to support its philosophy that safe progressions are important. The USAGTT Code of Points gives the complete rule definitions and pass requirements for competition. Any rules not specifically written in this handbook will be found in the USAGTT Rules and Policies. NTXTT follows the National By-Laws as stated in the USAGTT Rules and Policies, Section IV, State Association Guidelines

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# RULES AND POLICIES OF NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING

## ARTICLE I

### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

#### SECTION I: ANNUAL MEETINGS

An annual meeting of the members of NTXTT shall be held on the day determined by the State Chairman and approved by the board. An annual meeting is held for the purpose of electing officers and the members of the Board of Directors, bi-annually on odd number years, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

#### SECTION II: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the members may be called by the State Chairman, the Board of Directors, or not less than one-fourth of the members having voting rights. (Special meetings may not be called for competition rule changes.)

#### SECTION III: PLACE OF MEETINGS

The Board of Directors may designate any place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting. It should be a place central to all voting members.

#### SECTION IV: NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Written notice stating the place, date, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at such meetings not less than seven or more than forty days before the date of the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these bylaws, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of NTXTT, with postage thereon prepaid.

#### SECTION V: INFORMAL ACTION BY MEMBERS

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the members of NTXTT, or any other action, which may be taken at a meeting of members, may be taken without a meeting by means of e-mail or a mail-in-vote. Each voting member must receive a written explanation of the matter and be given ten days to respond to the Secretary. The majority will rule. Rule changes are not allowed as write-in-votes. The Secretary will notify the membership within ten days of the outcome. The power to alter, amend, or repeal these bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the membership unless otherwise provided. This action may be taken at a regular or special meeting for which written notice or the purpose shall be given.

#### SECTION VI: QUORUM

The members holding one-half of the votes, which may be cast at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting at any time without further notice. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting; withdrawal of members from any meeting shall not cause failure of a duly constituted quorum at that meeting.

#### SECTION VII: PROPOSALS

All proposals must be sent to the Board no later than 10 days before a scheduled meeting.

## ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION I: GENERAL POWERS

The affairs of NTXTT shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

### SECTION II: TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS

In order to hold an office in NTXTT one must have been an active member of NTXTT for at least one year. Each director shall hold office for a term of 2 years until his successor has been elected and qualified at the end of a term determined by the membership. Each member of the Board of Directors must be a member in good standing of NTXTT and USAG.

### SECTION III: CLASSES OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following classes of members: Voting, Appointed and Advisory.

### SECTION IV: VOTING MEMBERS

These officers of NTXTT shall be voting members: State Chairman, Technical Representative, Coaching Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Mobility/Eligibility Director, and one or two Athlete Representatives (athlete reps. get one combined vote).

### SECTION V: APPOINTED MEMBERS

The State Chairman may appoint a Public Relations Chairman. He may not vote.

### SECTION VI: ADVISORY MEMBERS

The membership of the Board of Directors may appoint as many others as necessary to serve as advisors to the Board of Directors.

### SECTION VII: VACANCIES

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors or any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. A director that is appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

### SECTION VIII: COMPENSATION

Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services; but, by resolution of the Board of Directors, expenses of NTXTT (phone calls, postage, etc.), if any, may be allowed provided adequate receipts are submitted.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS

### SECTION I: OFFICERS

The officers of NTXTT shall be: State Director, Technical Representative, Coaching Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Mobility/Eligibility Director, and one or two Athlete Representatives. Another Athlete Representative may be added under the discretion of the board. Officers whose authority and duties are not prescribed in these bylaws shall have the authority and perform their duties by the Board of Directors. In order to hold an office, one must have been an active member of NTXTT for at least two years.

### SECTION II: REMOVAL

Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors or membership may be removed by the Board of Directors or membership whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of NTXTT would be served. The

Regional Chair will remove the State Chairman. The Regional Chair will appoint an interim State Chair at the time of removal in accordance with USAGTT R&P section IV, IV D5

#### SECTION III: STATE CHAIRMAN

See USAGTT R&P section IV

#### SECTION IV: COACHING REPRESENTATIVE

USAGTT R&P section IV

#### SECTION V: SECRETARY

USAGTT R&P section IV

#### SECTION VI: TREASURER

USAGTT R&P section IV. On an annual basis, at or near the first week of June, the Treasurer shall turn over books and records of accounts for NTX to a CPA for audit, to be paid for by the State.

#### SECTION VII: TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE

USAGTT R&P section IV

#### SECTION VIII: ELIGIBILITY/MOBILITY DIRECTOR

The Eligibility/Mobility Director will be provided with a competition calendar prior to meet season. They will be responsible for tracking athlete eligibility/mobility for USAGTT and NTXTT.

#### SECTION IX: ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

USAGTT R&P section IV

### ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

#### SECTION I: COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, may designate one or more committees, which shall consist of two or more directors. These committees shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of NTXTT.

#### SECTION II: OTHER COMMITTEES

Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of each committee shall be members of NTXTT. The State Chairman of NTXTT shall appoint each member.

#### SECTION III: TERM OF OFFICE

Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Members of NTXTT or until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

#### SECTION IV: CHAIRMAN

One member of each committee shall be appointed Chairman.

## SECTION V: VACANCIES

Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

## SECTION VI: QUORUM

Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a Committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum. The act of the Majority of the members present at a meeting shall be the act of the committee.

# ARTICLE V CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

## SECTION I: CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of NTXTT, shall be signed by officers of NTXTT. These items shall be signed by the Treasurer and State Chairman.

## SECTION II: DEPOSITS

All fees including athlete's fees are to be deposited. The treasurer, however, must keep a detail record of each item deposited into the NTXTT account.

## SECTION III: GIFTS

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of NTXTT any contribution, gifts or bequests.

## SECTION IV: MONIES

All monies paid to NTXTT or for NTXTT sanctioned events must be paid by business check, money order, or certified check. Other means of payment are not acceptable and will result in disqualification for the event. Athlete funds are available for International travel to event sanctioned by USAGTT and in which athletes are representing NTXTT on a yearly basis. This will be determined by a majority vote of the membership. Payment will be made on by reimbursement to the athlete upon their return from said event.

## SECTION V: LOANS

NTXTT, as an organization, will make no loans to anyone for any purpose.

# ARTICLE VI FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of NTXTT shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The NTXTT calendar year runs August to August.

# ARTICLE VII DUES

## SECTION I: ANNUAL DUES

The Board of Directors and general membership will determine the amount of annual dues payable to NTXTT each club. Dues in place are \$25.00 per club.

## SECTION II: PAYMENT OF DUES

The NTXTT calendar year runs August to August. Team membership dues to NTXTT shall be payable on or before October 15 each year. No refunds will be made. Dues paid after October 15 will incur a \$75 late fee. Official NTXTT forms must be used when paying dues. See official NTXTT forms at end of Rules & Policies.

**SECTION III: ATHLETE FUND**

See Article IX section XI

**SECTION IV: DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues, his membership will be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by the National by-laws and these rules and policies. New members may compete or participate in any NTXTT event provided proof of membership (business check, money order or certified check receipt) is received by the Treasurer.

**ARTICLE VIII  
COMPETITION GENERAL RULES**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All disciplines will be judged according to the USAGTT/FIG guidelines. Difficulty values will also apply unless otherwise specified. See FIG difficulty ratings.
2. Special requirements are meant to ensure proper athletic progression from level to level.

North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling (NTXTT) follows the USAG Trampoline and Tumbling (USAGTT) Code of Points. The following rules are adaptations and exceptions that NTXTT follows in order to support our philosophy that safe progressions are important. Any rules or procedures that do not appear under General Rules or Developmental Level Rules will be found in the USAGTT/FIG Trampoline and Tumbling Code of Points.

**SECTION II: INTRODUCTORY LEVELS**

TUMBLING	TRAMPOLINE	DOUBLE MINI
Level 1	Level 1	Level 1 (with a panel mat)
Level 2	Level 2	Level 2 (may use wedge)
Level 3	Level 3	Level 3 (may use wedge)
Level 4	Level 4	Level 4 (may use wedge)

**SECTION III: INTRODUCTORY AGE GROUPS**

Determined by age as of December 31st of the current year. Introductory athletes must also register with USAG. A special rate is offered through USAG for all introductory athletes. Introductory athletes may not qualify to the USAGTT National Championship.

3-4 (and potty trained)
5-6
7-8
9-10
11 and Over

**SECTION IV: COMPETITIVE LEVELS**

TUMBLING	TRAMPOLINE	DOUBLE MINI
Level 5	Level 5	Level 5
Level 6	Level 6	Level 6
Level 7	Level 7	Level 7
Level 8	Level 8	Level 8

Level 9	Level 9	Level 9
Level 10	Level 10	Level 10
Junior Elite	Junior Elite	Junior Elite
Senior Elite	Senior Elite	Senior Elite

#### SECTION V: COMPETITIVE AGE GROUPS

Determined by age as of December 31st of current year.

Levels 5-9	Level 10
6 & Under	10 & Under
7-8	11-12
9-10	13-14
11-12	15-16
13-14	17 & Over
15 & Over	

#### SECTION VI: DECLARATION OF STATUS

Competitors must declare their competitive levels by event before their first meets. A competitor may participate in Introductory and Competitive simultaneously. All Introductory and Competitive athletes must register with USAGTT. (Fee to be set by USAG).

#### SECTION VII: NTXTT MEET FEES

Meet directors are responsible for collect meet entry fees as set forth in the guidelines of Article IX. The Meet Director will forward these fees along with a listing of all teams competing in the meet to the Treasurer. Failure of the Meet Director to comply with this policy will result in a state fine. Failure of a team to comply with financial obligations set forth in NTX policies for meet entries (including meet fees, team judges fees and/or late fees) set forth in Article X, Will have the following results:

1. Clubs will not be eligible to receive athlete funds for National or International competitions.
2. Clubs will be removed from the NTXTT mailing list.
3. Teams will not be eligible to host meets.
4. Teams will not be allowed to compete in NTX sanctioned competitions, clinics or other activities until all fees have been paid. Teams not in compliance after the NTX State Championship will be reported to the Regional Chairman as a team in bad standing and will risk not being allowed to participate in the Region 3 Championships.

#### SECTION VIII: ELIGIBILITY MEETS

Competitors in tumbling and trampoline will compete in NTXTT age groups and ability levels in groups of approximately 10 athletes. Athletes must compete in two eligibility meets in order to be eligible to attend the Texas State Championship.

#### SECTION IX: STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in tumbling, trampoline and double mini trampoline will compete in groups of ten or less. Competitors must have competed in at least two USAGTT sanctioned meets before their scores at the State Championship meet can count for qualification to Nationals. Athletes, level 5 through Senior must attend two designated eligibility meets. A sanctioned qualifier **MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIGIBILITY!!**

Jr. and Sr. Elites may qualify to the National Championships as per USAG Rules.

ARTICLE IX  
COMPETITION PROCEDURE

SECTION I: COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Boys and girls will not compete against each other. Flights will have approximately 10 competitors, each event.

SECTION II: AWARDS- LOCAL COMPETITIONS

***Following Award is for All Levels, both competitive and recreational.***

Awards (Individual)

Flights for each event will be set up according to USAG age group, gender, and level specifications. Flights will have approximately 10 competitors. A flight award will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place (or as needed) in each flight for each event. Medals will be given for places 1-3 and ribbons for places 4-10 in each flight. This award requirement may be modified for invitational or special event meets, as long as all athletes receive an award of some kind. The meet director may use any vendor of choice for individual awards for meets up to the State Championship.

***The Following Awards are for competitive levels 5-Senior Elite. These awards are not intended for the recreational levels 1 – 4.***

Awards (Individual All-Around)

One award is given at each level beginning with **level 5** for the highest combined score (male or female) from all three events (individual trampoline, tumbling, and double mini). An athlete must compete in all three events at the same level to be eligible for this award. This award may be a small trophy or plaque. This award requirement is given at all NTX eligibility meets but does not apply to invitational meets or other special event meets as designated by NTX. This is a North Texas State recognition award that does not apply to competitions outside the NTX area.

Awards (Team)

This award will be given out for each event and level beginning with level 5. The top three scores (male or female) from each team entered in competition at each level and event from each team entered in competition shall be combined to determine high score for team awards. Team places 1-3 should be recognized with a trophy, plaque, award certificate or other award approved by the State Chairman. Teams from outside North Texas State are eligible to receive team awards at local meets.

SECTION III: AWARDS - STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

***Following Award is for All Levels, both competitive and recreational.***

Awards (Individual)

Flights for each event will be set up according to USAG age group, gender, and level specifications. Flights in each event should have approximately 10 competitors. All athletes in each flight should receive a ribbon or award indicating "place in flight" 1-10 (or as appropriate). The awarding of these flights ribbons or awards may take place at each event station at the conclusion of each flight. For State awards recognition, results from all flights of each event, age group, gender, and competition level will be combined and medals for places 1-3 will be given to the overall top finishers. Rosettes or state award ribbons for places 4-10 are recommended. The meet director may use a vendor of choice for "place in flight" awards and 4-10 place overall state award ribbons, but must use the approved USAG vendor for State Championship medal awards.

State Championship Awards are for athletes from North Texas State registered teams. Athletes from teams outside North Texas State who finish in the top 10 overall may receive a duplicate award but may not take a State placement away from a North Texas athlete.

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### SECTION IV: SANCTION

All NTX authorized invitational competitions must be sanctioned through USAG. Sanctions may be obtained online or by mail. Meet directors must verify sanctions by sending a copy to the Mobility/Eligibility Chairman two weeks prior to the meet.

### SECTION V: ENTRY FORMS

Meet directors should mail all meet information to member clubs six weeks prior to the meet date. The standardized NTX meet entry form available in this handbook should be used to ensure proper payment of Team Judges Fee. Meet information should contain all pertinent facts about equipment provided, facility dimensions (if there is a potential problem for competitors), admission fees, parking requirements.

### SECTION VI: ENTRY DEADLINES

Entry deadlines will be 28 days prior to competition. Official forms must be used. Only business checks, certified funds, or money orders will be accepted from each team.

### SECTION VII: ADMISSION FEE

An admission fee for spectators cannot exceed \$3.00 per person for ages 13 & over or \$1.00 per person for ages 12 & under without permission of the State Director. Parking fee cannot exceed \$2.00 per car without permission of State Director. All admission and parking fees must be clearly specified in meet information.

### SECTION VIII: FIRST AID SUPPLIES

First aid supplies and ice must be provided. There must be access to a phone. An EMT must be on call for all meets.

### SECTION IX: EQUIPMENT

The USA Equipment Specifications will be used. Check the JO Code of points or <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/tt/rulespolicies/equipment-specs.html>

For any meet location that does not meet stated facility dimension requirements, the meet director should clearly state limitations in meet information. Coaches and athletes who have concerns about facility limitations should discuss them with the meet director before entering the meet.

During any competition, if a coach or athlete has reservations about the equipment safety or site limitations, he/she should notify the State Chairman and Technical Representative. Concerns having a serious impact on athletes and their performance capabilities should be put in writing to be delivered (postmarked) to the State Chairman within 72 hours of the competition date.

REFER TO COMPETITION RULES FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH LEVEL IN THIS MANUAL AND THE USAGTT HANDBOOK.

### SECTION X: ENTRY FEES FOR MEETS

Introductory Eligibility Meets	\$20 for first event \$5 each additional event
Competitive Eligibility Meets	\$42 for first event (includes \$7 NTXTT athlete fee and \$1 USAGTT athlete fee) \$8 each additional event
State	\$45 for first event (includes \$7 NTXTT athlete fee and \$1 USAGTT athlete fee) \$10 each additional event
Late entry fee: (Due with submission of meet entry fees)	DOUBLE ENTRY FEE
Fee for changes after change deadline (Due before athlete is allowed to compete)	\$10 per change 5-28 days prior to meet \$25 per change 0-4 days prior to meet
Team Judges Fee	As specified by Article IX, Section XII

### SECTION XI: ATHLETE FUND

A fee of \$7 per athlete at each sanctioned meet will go to NTXTT. Of this fee \$5 goes to the operational account and \$2 will be deposited into the Athlete Fund for international travel, which will be distributed annually and may be used for operational expenses.

### Section XII: TEAM JUDGES REQUIREMENTS

Beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of active NTX membership, all teams with 18 athlete events or more at any NTX sanctioned competition are required to have affiliated judges available for judging at that competition. Any NTX team that does not provide affiliated judges at any one or all meets as specified by guidelines below is required to submit a Team Judges Fee before athletes are allowed to compete. Coaches should verify before each meet the affiliated judges available to serve for his/her team. Any team that submits the name of a judge who is not available when called by the Technical Representative will be required to pay the Team Judges Fee before athletes are allowed to compete.

The team judges' requirements are as follows:

- 1 – 17 athlete events                      One judge, minimum of Category III rating. Recommended but not required.
- 18-35 athlete events                      One judge, minimum of Category III rating
- 36-59 athlete events                      Two judges minimum Category III rating

higher  
60 + athlete events  
rating

OR one judge Category II rating or  
Three judges minimum Category III

OR one judge Category II rating  
or higher and one judge minimum  
Category III rating

Coaches who are also registered judges may fulfill a team's judge's requirement, but may not serve as a coach during time assigned as judge. It is the discretion of the Technical Representative to assign available judges to panels or to practice/mentoring sessions.

Teams that do not provide judges as specified are required to pay a Team Judges Fee at each NTX sanctioned meet of \$75 for each category III judge missing. The Team Judges Fee is payable by separate club check to NTX. Team Judges Fees will go into the NTX judges fund to be used for judges' education efforts. The requirement for providing judges does not apply to out-of-state guest teams at NTX meets.

### SECTION XIII: FINANCING MEETS

All meets will be financed by the host team. All profits/losses will be that host's responsibility.

### SECTION XIV: COMPETITION DEADLINES/LATE FEES SCHEDULE

Meet information for entries must be out (postmarked):	6 weeks prior to competition
Meet entry deadline (received by Meet Director)	28 days prior to competition
Copies of Entries mailed to Mobility Director (postmarked)	26 days prior to competition
Late entry deadline (received) (set by State, not Meet Director)	21 days prior to competition
Copies of Late Entries mailed to Mobility Director (postmarked)	20 days prior to competition
Late entry fee: (due with submission of meet entry fees)	<b>Entry Fee Doubles</b>
Fee for changes after entry deadline (due before athlete is allowed to compete)	\$10 per change 5-28 days prior to comp \$25 per change 0-4 days prior to comp.
Panel requirements & schedule to Technical Chairman (received)	18 days prior to competition
Final detailed meet schedule must be postmarked or faxed to teams: (e-mail can only be used as an additional Transmitter of information)	12 days prior to competition
Judging assignment postmarked to judges:	12 days prior to competition

Meet Director's deadline for schedule/panel changes involving judges:	8 days prior to competition
Competition results to Mobility Director (postmarked):	within 72 hours of competition
Meet director - NTX fees and Judges Team Fees to NTX Treasurer (postmarked);	within 72 hours of competition
Meet results to NTX webmaster for posting on website	within 72 hours of competition
Meet director - Sanction report and USAG Scholarship fund monies forwarded to USAG	within 72 hours of competition

**ALL MEET RESULTS (SCORE SHEETS), ATHLETE FEES, SANCTION REPORT FORMS, ETC. MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER COMPETITION. FINE WILL BE ASSESSED IF POSTMARKED AFTER TIME PERIOD.**

North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling meet entry forms (included in this book) must be used by all Meet Directors. This form must be filled out in its entirety and submitted with full entry payment to the Meet Director by the deadline date. Any form not completely filled out or that does not include entry payment will not be accepted by Meet Director and will be returned for correction. If the entry form is not resubmitted by the entry deadline date, the team will be required to pay the late entry fee per athlete, in addition to regular entry fees, both payable to the Meet Director. No entries are accepted without full payment (including applicable late charges) at the time of submission.

The head coach is responsible making sure all information given is accurate; if information is in error and must be corrected for the competition, the head coach is liable for late fees for all changes required after the entry deadline. All fee for changes are due no later that the day of the meet, payable to the Meet Director. All change penalties must be paid before the athlete is allowed to compete. If the error involves coaches' information (such as club number or professional number) penalties must be paid before the head coach is allowed on the competition floor.

Deadlines and fines are set by North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling State, **NOT** individual Meet Directors. A Meet Director who does not follow NTXTT rules is subject to a fine.

**Note:** Not receiving meet information six weeks prior to a meet date does not excuse a team from meeting the entry deadline. Mail can get lost or delayed. It is the responsibility of the head coach to make contact with the Meet Director, if necessary, and comply with entry deadlines.

## ARTICLE X JUDGING

### SECTION I: JUDGES

All judges at local sanctioned competitions must be current professional members of USAG and registered as a Trampoline and Tumbling Judge with the T & T program office in all eligible disciplines. Judges should follow dress code guidelines of the National Judges Association (navy slacks or skirt, white shirt or blouse, recommended navy blazer or jacket, and a tie for men). At no time is any garment with an indication of team affiliation considered appropriate apparel for a judge on duty.

## SECTION II: PANEL SELECTION AND MEET REQUIREMENTS

The NTXTT Technical Representative or designee seats all panels for sanctioned local competitions according to requirements set forth in the USAGTT Code of Points for each discipline. The Technical Representative also serves as or appoints a meet referee for local competitions. Meet Directors shall inform the Technical Representative of panel requirements & schedules no later than 18 days prior to meet date. The Technical Representative will email or mail (postmarked) judging assignments no later than 12 days prior to meet date. Judges should confirm acceptance/no acceptance of assignments by email, phone or mail (received) to the Technical Representative no later than 8 days before the meet.

It is the responsibility of individual judges to make sure he/she fulfills the annual continuing education requirements for judging meets. With the approval of the Technical Representative, practice judging at a meet will qualify for continuing education requirement. All effort will be made by the Technical Representative to assign all judges to at least a minimum amount of paid judging time in a season. The Technical Representative will work with Meet Directors concerning panel numbers and judges' ratings, but the ultimate decision on panel numbers/assignments rests with the Technical Representative.

New judges are encouraged to spend one or more meets practice judging before being considered for panel assignments. The Technical Representative's first priority in seating local competition panels will be to use judges of the appropriate rating. However, if an adequate number of judges of the appropriate rating are not available, it is the discretion of the Technical Representative to use available judges regardless of rating.

The Technical Representative will assign times for one or more general meetings for judges at each meet, based on the meet schedule & need. Judges will be paid according to their rating in the discipline they are judging from the times they are told to report for the judges meeting or competition level until the time their panel is dismissed by the Meet Director and/or Superior Judge. Meet Directors should allow adequate time in the competition schedule for reasonable break time/lunch break for judges.

There is no per diem given for meals. Meet directors shall provide appropriate meals for judges. Judges with special food requirements should bring their own food.

## SECTION III: JUDGES COMPENSATION

NTXTT follows the National Judges Pay Scale standard which is:

Execution & Difficulty Judges		Superior Judges	
Base Pay			
Category IV	\$ 8/hr	Category IV cannot serve as SJ	
Category III	\$10/hr	Category III	\$13/hr
Category II	\$12/hr	Category II	\$15/hr
Category I	\$15/hr	Category I	\$18/hr
FIG	\$20/hr	FIG	\$23/hr

Judges are paid from the time of the judges meeting or time they are told to report for their judging session until dismissed by the Superior Judge. In the event that contracted judges report for duty but the meet director has cancelled the panel or changed the structure or schedule of the competition without adequate notification to the Technical Representative, the contracted judges will be paid a minimum of two hours at their rating. Meet Directors may use the Judges Time Sheet found in this handbook. The Superior Judge or Meet Referee should verify all meet time sheets before they are turned into the Meet Director for payment. Checks should be issued to judges in person at the end of their judging times or mailed no later than 48 hours after the close of competition.

In addition, NTX recognizes that it requires a considerable commitment of time and money to for an individual to become a competition judge and attend competitions. Therefore, it is strongly suggested that teams who wish to provide judges at meets instead of paying the NTX Team Judges Fee consider paying associated expenses for team parents or others to serve as team judges. These expenses include safety course costs, USAG dues, judging course costs, travelling expenses to local meets. Judges who

wish to affiliate themselves with an NTX team may negotiate these expenses with the team or may choose to register as independent judges for NTX purposes.

The NTX Technical Representative shall be an independent judge for NTX purposes and as such may be reimbursed by NTX for course fees, dues, Leader Level materials, and travel as necessary to maintain educational requirements recognized by USAG or NTX. Upon submission of adequate documentation, the NTX Technical Representative/Meet Referee shall be reimbursed from the NTX judges fund for travelling expenses to local meets through the State Championship up to a maximum of \$100 per meet or as determined by the NTX Board.

Judges registered as independent may submit documentation to the Technical Representative for consideration of reimbursement for travelling expenses to local meets up to a maximum of \$100 per meet or as determined by the NTX Board, payable if adequate funds are available from the NTX judges fund. Independent judges are responsible for their own USAG dues, course fees, and other costs unless otherwise specified by the NTX bylaws or a Board decision.

## ARTICLE XI GENERAL NOTICES

### SECTION I: PENALTIES AND FINES

USAG –North Texas State has the authority to impose fines/penalties for failing to adhere to rules & policies set forth in the North Texas State Program Handbook. The receipt of one or more letters of complaint by the State Chairman will result in an evaluation of the infraction and possible fine. Infractions should have documented evidence such as late postmark or written statements by at least three USAG officials or coaches from different teams verifying the complaint (unsafe meet equipment, etc.). All letters of complaint & documentation of offenses about competitions must be sent (postmarked) to the State Chairman within 72 hours of the competition. The State Chairman may confer with the State Board before making a decision about a penalty and/or bring the matter to discussion before the full membership.

### SECTION II: BEHAVIOR OF ALL MEMBERS

It is noted for the record that all Professional/Junior Professional/Athlete Members of USAG-North Texas State are expected to handle all dealings related to North Texas State business with respect and courtesy. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Formal complaints about behavior may be filed with the State Director and may result in fines or disciplinary action at the discretion of the Executive Board.

### SECTION III: FINES

Unless otherwise noted in specific rules, the following is the fine for verified violations of North Texas State rules per sanctioned competition. All fines are payable to USAG-North Texas State and due (received) to the State Chairman or Treasurer within 10 days of postmarked notification of the fine.

First offense ----- \$400

Each additional offense at the same competition -- \$100

A team and registered head coach in violation is considered “not in good standing” with NTX and USAG and is not allowed to enter or host NTX sanctioned activities until all fees and fines have been paid.

### SECTION IV: APPEALS PROCESS

No appeal will be considered unless the fine has already been paid. All appeals must be in writing, sent to the State Director. At his/her discretion, the matter will be considered either by the Executive Board or by the full membership at its next meeting, with the decision final. If the appeal is approved, the fine will be refunded.



# USAG NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFYING HOST APPLICATION BID

Prospective Meet Host: \_\_\_\_\_  
USAGTT Certified Meet Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meet Site: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Specifications (include: type, size, clearance distances around each apparatus).

## Equipment must meet USAGTT Equipment Specifications

**Rod Floor** Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Length \_\_\_\_\_  
Landing Area size \_\_\_\_\_

Does Equipment, matting, clearances etc. all meet USAGTT Equipment Spec. \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is **NO** please explain differences. \_\_\_\_\_

**Double Mini** Type (frame/bed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Run \_\_\_\_\_  
Landing Area Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Ceiling Height \_\_\_\_\_

Does Equipment, matting, clearances etc. all meet USAGTT Equipment Spec. \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is **NO** please explain differences. \_\_\_\_\_

**Trampoline** Frame type and size \_\_\_\_\_  
Bed Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Ceiling Height \_\_\_\_\_

Does Equipment, matting, clearances etc. all meet USAGTT Equipment Spec. \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is **NO** please explain deficiencies. \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Size \_\_\_\_\_ Seating capacity \_\_\_\_\_ type \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking Lot Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Air Conditioned Yes No # of restrooms Men \_\_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION A "TO SCALE" DRAWING (USE GRAPH PAPER) THAT SHOWS THE FLOOR AREA WITH EQUIPMENT AND JUDGES TABLES IN PLACE. THE DRAWING SHOULD ALSO SHOW SEATING AREA AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENUE.**

Projected Dates  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 1st. Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

## Levels of Competition

Please Circle 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Jr. Sr. Synchro

I certify the above information is accurate. I agree to follow the guidelines as listed in the USAG Trampoline and Tumbling Competition Guide and North Texas Rules and Policies in the conduct of this meet.

Signature of Certified meet director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Submit this completed form beginning August 1, 2001 to: NTX State Chairman



Texas North State  
TEAM Registration Form

All Teams' athletes, coaches and judges must have a current T&T membership with USAG. Teams that are competing or attending any USAG sanctioned events must also be registered with NTXTT.

Please send in the following:

- Team Registration Form
- Copy of current USAG Athlete membership with Level
- Copy of coaches' credentials and safety certification
- Team fee of **\$25.00 by October 15, 2004** – Teams registering after deadline will need to send in \$100.00. Make all checks payable to Texas North State.
- Mail to: Brenda Walters, NTxTT Treasurer  
P. O. Box 382412  
Duncanville, TX 75138-2412

Gym Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Gym phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:(if different): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly and add any additional coaches on separate page. If you only want to list one phone # or one e-mail that will be ok. Attach all other credentials to this form (copy of coaches' memberships and safety cert. and USAGTT athlete registration).