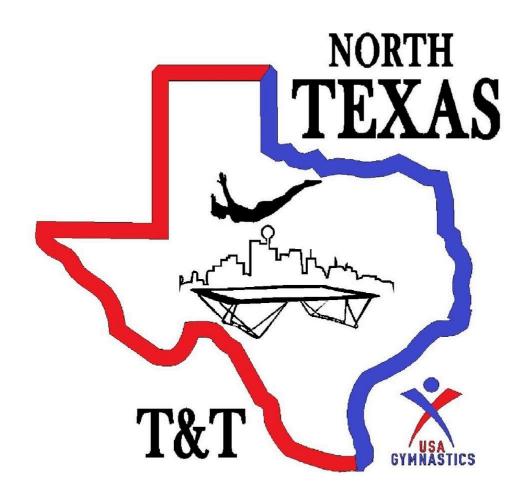
# 2023-24 Rules & Policies Program Handbook



### 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 USA Gymnastics 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 USA GymnasticsTT 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 USA GymnasticsTT Rules and Policies. NTXTT follows the National By-Laws as stated in the USA GymnasticsTT Rules and Policies, Section V, 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 North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association (known as NTXTT) shall be held on the day determined by the State Chairman and approved by the Committee. A Bi-annual (in odd years) electronic election will be held for the purpose of electing officers and the members of the Committee of Directors, 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 Committee of Directors, or not less than two-thirds of the members having voting rights. (Special meetings may not be called for competition rule changes.)

#### **SECTION III: PLACE OF MEETINGS**

The Committee 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 North Texas State policies 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 two-thirds 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 Committee no later than 10 days before a scheduled meeting.

#### ARTICLE II COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS

#### **SECTION I: GENERAL POWERS**

The affairs of the NTXTT Association shall be managed by the Committee of Directors.

#### SECTION II: TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS

In order to hold an office on the NTXTT Association Committee, one must have been an active member of NTXTT for at least two years. Each committee member 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 committee member must be a member in good standings of NTXTT and USA Gymnastics.

#### SECTION III: CLASSES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

#### **SECTION IV: VOTING MEMBERS**

The committee of NTXTT shall be voting members consisting of: Technical Representative, Coaches Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, and Mobility/Eligibility Director, and one or two Athlete Representative(s) (Athlete Reps will get one vote).

#### **SECTION V: APPOINTED MEMBERS**

The State Chair may appoint a Public Relations Chairman. This chairman may not vote.

#### **SECTION VI: ADVISORY MEMBERS**

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

#### **SECTION VII: VACANCIES**

Any vacancies occurring in the Committee of Directors or any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the numbers of directors shall be filled by the Committee 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**

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

#### ARTICLE III COMMITTEE OFFICERS

#### **SECTION I: OFFICERS**

The officers of the NTXTT Committee of Directors shall be: State Chairman, Technical Representative, Coaches Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Mobility/Eligibility Director, and one or two Athlete Representatives. Another Athlete Representative may be added under the discretion of the committee. Committee members whose authority and duties are not prescribed in the NTXTT bylaws, shall have the authority and perform their duties by the Committee 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 member elected or appointed by the Committee of Directors or membership may be removed by the Committee of Directors or membership whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the NTXTT Association 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 the USA Gymnastics TT R&P section IV, IV D5.

#### SECTION III: STATE CHAIRMAN

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section III

#### SECTION IV: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section III

#### **SECTION V: SECRETARY**

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section III

#### **SECTION VI: TREASURER**

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section IV. On an annual basis, at or near the first week of August, the Treasurer shall turn the books and records of accounts for NTXTT to a CPA for audit/review. to be paid for by the State.

#### SECTION VII: TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section III

#### SECTION VIII: ELIGIBILITY/MOBILITY DIRECTOR

The Eligibility/Mobility Director will be provided with a competition calendar prior to competition season. They will be responsible for tracking athletes eligibility/mobility for USA Gymnastics TT and NTXTT Association per USA Gymnastics R&P.

#### SECTION IX: ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE(S)

See USA Gymnastics TT R&P section III

#### ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

#### **SECTION I: COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS**

The Committee 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 Committee of Directors in the management of NTXTT.

#### **SECTION II: OTHER COMMITTEES**

Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Committee 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 member 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 original appointments.

#### **SECTION VI: QUORUM**

Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Committee of Directors designating a Committee, 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 or the State Chairman.

#### SECTION II: DEPOSITS

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

#### **SECTION III: GIFTS**

The Committee 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(s) sanctioned by USA Gymnastics TT and approved by USA Gymnastics TT, in which athletes are representing NTXTT on a yearly basis. This will be determined **annually** by a majority vote of the Committee of Directors. All requests for Travel funding must complete the State requirements for eligibility and submit the NTXTT State Travel Grant Application along with all Required documentation to be considered. (See Travel Grant for Requirements: Article XI,Section V) Payment will be made by reimbursement to the athlete upon their return from said event and proper reimbursement application and receipts have been turned in. Travel Grant Applications and Funding Policies are attached to these Rules & Policies and can be found on the NTXTT.org website.

#### **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 Committee of Directors. The NTXTT calendar year runs August to August.

#### ARTICLE VII DUES

#### **SECTION I: ANNUAL DUES**

The Committee of Directors and general membership will determine the amount of annual dues payable to NTXTT by each club. Annual dues, voted on, in 2018-19 by members, is \$125.00 per club, per year. (this includes \$25 to the General Fund, \$50 to ACJ Fund & \$50 to Judges Fund).

#### **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 be doubled (\$250). This late fee will be waived for the 2020-21 season due to the strains of Covid. The official NTXTT Annual Registration form (attached in these R & P) must be completed annually. All Team membership dues are payable to NTXTT and must be mailed with Registration Form to the NTXTT Treasurer.

SECTION III: ATHLETE/TRAVEL FUND

#### See Article XI Section V

#### 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 Committee 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. Only NTXTT registered clubs may participate in the North Texas State Championships.

## ARTICLE VIII COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

#### **SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1. All disciplines will be judged according to the USA GymnasticsTT/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 USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling (USA GymnasticsTT) 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 will be found in the USA GymnasticsTT/FIG Trampoline and Tumbling Code of Points.

#### **SECTION II: NTXTT COMPETITION FEES**

Meet directors are responsible for collecting competition entry fees as set forth in the recommended guidelines of Article IX, Section VII - RECOMMENDED ENTRY FEES FOR COMPETITION. Per membership vote in 2018-19, beginning on August 1, 2020, all competitions held in North Texas will be required to forward the appropriate Athlete, Coaches & Judges (ACJ) Funding fees, along with the NTXTT ACJ Funding form (attached to these R & P). Official form and appropriate fees are payable to NTXTT and must be mailed to the NTXTT treasurer within 72 hours of the conclusion of the competition. Failure of a meet director or a club to comply with financial obligations set forth in NTXTT policies for ACJ Funding fees or Competition Entries (including competition fees and/or late fees) set forth in Article IX, will have the following results: (committee voted to postpone ACJ Funding fees until 2021-2022 season due to the strains of Covid)

- 1. Clubs will not be eligible to receive athlete funds for National or International competitions.
- 2. Club will be removed from the NTXTT mailing list.
- 3. Club will not be eligible to host meets.
- 4. Clubs will not be allowed to compete in NTXTT sanctioned competitions, clinics or other activities until all fees have been paid. Teams not in compliance after the NTXTT 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 III: SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS (ELIGIBILITY/INVITATIONAL/MOBILITY)

Members of NTXTT hosting a competition that provides eligibility to the State Championships, whether this competition be an official NTXTT state eligibility competition, an invitational competition or a mobility competition, competition hosts are required to follow all the Rules and Policies of the state and to collect and pay said fees as described therein.

#### SECTION IV: STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes must attend two (2) eligibility competitions to attend the State Championship Competition. Athletes must attend the State and Regional Championships in order to qualify to the National Gym Champ Competition or Stars & Stripes Competition.

# ARTICLE IX COMPETITION PROCEDURE

#### **SECTION I: 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 USA Gymnastics 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 flight 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 or medals 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 USA Gymnastics vendor for State Championship medal awards.

State Championship Awards are for athletes from North Texas State registered teams. Athletes from teams outside NTXTT 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.

The Following Awards are for competitive levels 4-Senior Elite. These awards are not intended for the recreational levels 1-3.

#### Awards (High Performance Individual Award)

This award is for levels 5-Elite: the athlete (boys & girls combined in each level, on each event with the highest score will be awarded. *Example: all level 5 (boys and girls, all ages) on trampoline, the one with the highest score gets this award for that event.* **And** for levels 1-4: the athlete (boys & girls combined) in each level, on each event with the highest score will be awarded. *Levels 1-4 will receive 1,2,3rd place to the athlete with the highest scores per level, per event.* 

#### Awards (Team)

This award will be given out for each event and level beginning with level 5 - Elite. 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 1st place will be recognized with a trophy, plaque, award certificate or other award approved by the State Chairman. Teams from outside North Texas State who finish in the top three of the team competition may receive a duplicate award but may not take a state placement away from a North Texas team.

#### SECTION II: SANCTIONS

All NTXTT authorized invitational competitions must be sanctioned by USA Gymnastics. Sanctions may be obtained online or by mail.

#### **SECTION III: ENTRY FORMS**

Meet directors should mail all meet information to member clubs six weeks (recommended) prior to the meet date. The standardized NTXTT meet entry form available in this handbook. Entries are submitted on the USA Gymnastics registration systems for all USA Gymnastics sanctioned competitions. 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 IV: ENTRY DEADLINES (RECOMMENDED)

Entry deadlines will be postmarked 28 days prior to competition. Official forms must be used. Only business checks, certified funds, or money orders will be accepted from each team. **NO** personal checks will be accepted.

#### SECTION V: ADMISSION FEE (RECOMMENDED)

Admission fees for the state meets hosted in an off site facility will be \$15.00 per Adult (13-64 years), \$10 per Senior (age 65+) and \$7.00 per child (age 12+) per day. State Championships hosted in house must charge the standard admission price of \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors and Children 12 and under.

#### SECTION VI: 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. See USA Gymnastics requirements.

#### **SECTION VII: EQUIPMENT**

The USA Equipment Specifications will be used. Check the JO Code of points for details.

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 USA GymnasticsTT HANDBOOK.

#### SECTION VIII: RECOMMENDED ENTRY FEES FOR COMPETITIONS

In gym competitions	\$50 per athlete
Rented facilities/high schools	\$60 per athlete
Superior arenas (convention centers that seat 1500 +)	\$55 per athlete level 1-4 \$85 per athlete level 5-8 \$110 per athlete level 9-Elite
STATE MEET	ENTRY INFO
State Championships	\$115 per athlete per USA Gymnastics
Late entry fee	\$10 per day late per athlete entry up to 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

### SECTION IX: ATHLETE, COACH, JUDGES (ACJ) FUNDING

(Beginning August 2020, per members vote in 2018-19)

A fee of \$2 per athlete at each NTXTT sanctioned competition, using NTXTT Judges, will be paid to NTXTT. Of this fee, \$1 goes to the athlete/coaches fund (for international travel, etc) and \$1 goes into the judges fund to help offset judges' education and travel grants. (This fee has been postponed until 2021-2022 season due to the strains of COVID) Note: this fund will be revisited annually for review.

#### **SECTION X: FINANCING**

All State Championships will be financed by the State Committee. All profits/losses will be that of the State Committees responsibility.

It is the responsibility of the State Committee to provide all athlete participants with a memento of the State Championships. This item must have a State Championship logo on it and have the date of the competition.

SECTION XI: RECOMMENDED ENTRY DEADLINES/LATE FEES SCHEDULE

Meet information for entries must be out (postmarked): 6 weeks prior to competition

Meet entry deadline 28 days prior to competition

Copies of Entries mailed to Mobility Director 26 days prior to competition

Late entry deadline (set by State, not Meet Director) 21 days prior to competition

Copies of Late Entries mailed to Mobility Director 20 days prior to competition

Late entry fee: Entry fee will be double the

(due with submission of meet entry fees) initial entry fee

Fee for changes after entry deadline \$10 per change 5-28 days prior to comp

(due before the athlete is allowed to compete) \$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

e-mailed to clubs and posted on the North

Texas Website. (mailing or faxing 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 ACJ Funding Fees

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

USA Gymnastics Scholarship fund monies

forwarded to USA Gymnastics within 72 hours of competition

ALL MEET RESULTS (SCORE SHEETS), NTXTT ACJ FUNDING FEES, SANCTION REPORT FORMS, ETC. MUST BE POSTMARKED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER COMPETITION. USA GYMNASTICS AND NTXTT FINES WILL BE ASSESSED IF POSTMARKED AFTER TIME PERIOD.

North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling standard meet entry form is included in this book. All sanctioned entries must be submitted on the USA Gymnastics Registration Systems and 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 the 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 for 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 fees 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.

**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 USA Gymnastics 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** (black or navy slacks or skirt, white shirt or blouse, black or 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 Chair (TC) or designee seats all panels for sanctioned local competitions according to requirements set forth in the USA Gymnastics T&T Code of Points for each discipline. The Technical Chair also serves as or appoints a meet referee for **local competitions**. Meet Directors shall inform the Technical Chair of panel requirements & schedules no later than 18 days prior to competition date. The Technical Chair will email or mail (postmarked) judging assignments no later than 12 days prior to competition date. Judges should confirm

acceptance/no acceptance of assignments by email, phone or mail (received) to the Technical Chair 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 competitions. With the approval of the Technical Chair, practice judging at a competition will qualify for continuing education requirements. All effort will be made by the Technical Chair to assign all judges to at least a minimum amount of paid judging time in a season. The Technical Chair will work with Meet Directors concerning panel numbers and judges ratings, but the ultimate decision on panel numbers/assignments rests with the Technical Chair.

New judges are encouraged to spend one or more competition practice judging before being considered for panel assignments. The Technical Chair'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 Chair to use available judges regardless of rating.

The Technical Chair 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 Chair of the Judges Panel. 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 Judges Pay Scale is as follows (as of January 18, 2022):

All Judges at all NTXTT C	Competitions
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Category III	\$16/hr
Category II	\$19/hr
Category I	\$23/hr

FIG	\$27/hr
CPJ plus additional role of (addition to base pay)	n the same panel +\$2

Judges are paid from the time of the judges meeting or time they are told to report for they're judging session until dismissed by the Chair of the Judges Panel. In the event that contracted judges report for duty but the meet director has canceled the panel or changed the structure or schedule of the competition without adequate notification to the Technical Chair, the contracted judges will be paid a minimum of two hours at their rating. The Technical Chair will supply Judges Time Sheets. The Chair of the Judges Panel 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.

#### **SECTION IV: JUDGES POINTS**

NTXTT Judges have the opportunity to accumulate Judges Points annually. NTXTT Judges can accumulate points for working the following competitions:

NTXTT Invitational Competitions

NTXTT State Championships

#### **Not including:**

Winter Classic

Elite Challenge

Regionals Championships

**USA Gymnastics National Championships** 

USA Gymnastics Stars & Stripes

Any other competitions not seated by Technical Chair using NTXTT judges

#### How to accumulate points:

Certified events: (1 event = 1 point/year) (2 events = 3 points/year) (3 events = 5 points/year)

Invitational Competitions: (1 point/session worked)

NTXTT State Championships : (1.5 points/session worked)

· CAT Ranking/Competition:

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(CAT 3 = 1 point/competition worked) (CAT 2 = 2 points/competition worked) (CAT 1 = 3 points/competition worked) (FIG = 4 points/competition worked)
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\*you must work at least one NTXTT competition in order to be eligible to receive Judges Points points.

#### How "JUDGES FUND" moneys are distributed:

Judges Points - Judges Points will be comprised of 50% of the Judges Funds from Club Registration and NTXTT ACJ Funds annually (August to August). Note: from Club registration \$50 per club goes into Judges Fund and \$1 from ACJ Fund goes into Judges Fund.

Plus 25% of the profits from State Championships, if funding is available, not to exceed a total of \$7000 for Judges Points annually. This amount will be re-evaluated annually by the committee.

#### **Judges Points Calculation:**

- All Judges Points totaled /Judges Point fund = \$/point
- Individual Judge Points accumulated x \$/point = Amount Funded

#### **How to receive your Judges Points Check:**

- NTXTT Technical Chair will count points by May 15th annually
- NTXTT Technical Chair will send out email and Google Form informing the judges who will be receiving Judges Point checks.
- NTXTT Judges are responsible for filling out the Google Form by May 31st annually
- NTXTT Treasurer will write and mail all checks on or before June 1st annually

#### Section V: JUDGES EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT

In an effort to improve judging, all new and returning judges will be reimbursed the initial testing fee(s) at the completion of their duties listed below:

- show proof of payment for Judges course(s)
- Show documentation of passing the CAT 1, 2, or 3 testing course(s)
- fulfill requirements to judge 2 or more NTXTT competitions in that season

Reimbursement form along with all required documentation must be submitted to the **Technical Chair and Treasurer by August 1st, annually, in order to receive funding.** Otherwise funds are forfeited.

NTXTT Judges invited to take the FIG Judge Course that are in good standing and that have consistently judged NTXTT Area competitions, including State Championships, for at least one year, are eligible for up to the cost of the FIG course provided they pass the testing. A reimbursement form must be filled out along with documentation of passing the test and submitted to the Technical Chair and Treasurer for funding.

All judging reimbursement forms MUST be filled out and returned to the Technical Chair and Treasurer in order to receive reimbursement funds by August 1st of that year.

#### ARTICLE XI GENERAL NOTICES

#### SECTION I: COMPETITION PENALTIES, FINES AND LATE FEES

NTXTT State hosted event entry fees will be due according to the event directive. All late entries will be charged double the total entry fee. These events will include, but not be limited to, all State Workshops, Clinics, State Championships and NTXTT State hosted events.

USA Gymnastics – 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 USA Gymnastics 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 Committee 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 USA Gymnastics and North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association are expected to handle all dealings related to NTXTT State business with respect and courtesy. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Formal complaints about behavior may be filed with the State Chair and may result in fines and disciplinary action at the discretion of the State Committee.

#### **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 NTXTT and due to the State Chair or Treasurer within 10 days of postmarked notification of the fine.

First Offense at each competition: \$400

Each additional Offense at same competition: \$100

A team and registered Head Coach in violation is considered "not in good standings' with USA Gymnastics and NTXTT and is not allowed to enter or host a NTXTT sanctioned activities until all fees and fines are paid in full.

#### **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 Committee or by the full membership at its next meeting, with the decision final. If the appeal is approved, the fine will be refunded

#### SECTION V: TRAVEL GRANTS (Updated)

All Non-funded or partially funded Jump Start, EDP, Youth, Jr., and Sr. Elite athletes are eligible to receive up to the max amount available. Athletes cannot receive more in grants from NTXTT and Region 3 than the cost of the event. (ex. If a camp cost \$500 and the region provides \$450, NTXTT would pay \$50)

#### **EVENTS FUNDED:**

National Training Camps Assigned International Competitions Invitational International Competitions

#### **FUNDING IS FOR:**

JR. National Team Members
SR. National Team Members
Assigned Coach(es)
Elites that are Non-National Team members\*\*
One (1) Personal Coach
\*\* see Travel Grant requirements for limitations

#### **FUNDING GRANT AMOUNTS:**

National Training Camps (must be invited) \$400 max

Jump Start/EDP National Training Camps (must be an invited athlete and 1 required coach per USA Gymnastics regulations) \$400 MAX

International Competitions (USAG or Invitational) \$700 max\*\*

\*\* see Travel Grant Requirements for limitations

#### NORTH TEXAS STATE TRAVEL GRANT FUNDING POLICY

Purpose of North Texas State International Travel Grant: The purpose of the North Texas State Travel grant is to provide monetary assistance for EDP/Jump Start National Team members, Youth, JR, Intermediate or SR Elite athletes. Coaches and Judges who travel abroad and represent USA Gymnastics and North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association.

- All funds will be a reimbursement after competition is complete and all proper paperwork is submitted with the North Texas State Chair and Treasurer. Grants may not exceed expenses.
- All athletes must have competed for North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association for a full year in order to be eligible for travel grants. The time will be determined from North Texas State Championships to North Texas State Championships.
- If an athlete leaves the North Texas State and returns they must compete within the North Texas State for one full year before being eligible for any funding from the North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association.
- All travel scholarships must be applied for with a complete application and all pertinent documentation within 6 months of the event otherwise no funding will be awarded.
- Travel grants may not exceed total personal expenditures of paid expenses from requested competition/camp. Receipts must accompany all applications.

These grants are to help the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program to maintain their talent base of upper level athletes and to help provide international competition experience and to help secure positions on the USA Gymnastics National Trampoline and Tumbling Jr or Sr National team.

Eligibility for International Travel Grants:

- 1) All partially or non funded Youth, JR. Intermediate and SR. Elite athletes, coaches and judges named by the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling selection committee who are currently competing, coaching or judging for a USA Gymnastics/North Texas State club.
- 2) Athletes who have been a competing member of North Texas State for one full year. (Specifications noted above)
- 3) Results from the two previous State Championships showing eligibility must be submitted with the application.
- 4) Only personal coaches who are traveling with eligible North Texas State athletes are eligible for funding. Coaches per athlete will be limited. The Committee of Directors will determine at its annual meeting the number of coaches that would be eligible per club. Such things as number of athletes and national coach's assignments may increase the number of coaches eligible for funding per team.
- 5) Coaches must be traveling with the athlete for the sole purpose of coaching during training sessions and competition, other responsibilities such as event organizer, team leader, judge etc. would inhibit the coach's ability to serve in the best interest of the athlete therefore funding

would not be available. Coaches must be actively coaching in a North Texas State gym in order to receive funding.

6) Brevet judges who represent USA Gymnastics, Region 3, and North Texas State at assigned competitions, or by invitation of personal clubs within North Texas State.

#### NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING PROGRAM REWARDS GRANT

National Team members, EDP and Jump Start athletes who have earned a position on a National team, the EDP National Team or Jump Start National Team will be eligible for funding if they have met the North Texas state requirements for funding.

All travel grants are voted on by the North Texas State Committee and will be provided for each athlete who attends a Jump Start, EDP or National training camp and international competitions that are assigned by USA Gymnastics.

Limit of two international competitions per year for Youth, JR. and Intermediate Elite Athletes, including World Age Group Competition. The year is from North Texas State Championships to North Texas State Championships.

Limit of three international competitions for Seniors including World Championships.

Personal coaches and judges do not have a limit on funded competitions as long as they are representing a North Texas State athlete or club at said international competitions.

Eligible Events may include: (funding limit will be set annually by committee)

- 1) World Cups
- 2) World Championships
- 3) International Age Group Competition (World Age Group Games)
- 4) Jr/Sr National Training Camps
- 5) Any competition where USA Gymnastics names members of a USA delegation
- 6) Jump Start/ EDP National Training Camp
- \*Athletes, coaches and judges who travel abroad to international club competitions/camps not named above and representing their own club, would not be eligible for North Texas State travel grants.

#### **Policies regarding Travel Grants:**

The North Texas committee will vote on all funding at their annual meeting held in August each year, or by special vote if requested. Funds may be distributed by the North Texas State Chair

without the prior approval of the committee, if they fall within the guidelines voted on at the annual meeting. Any request not falling within these guidelines may be presented to the committee for approval. The committee will use all documentation such as application, competition results, specific need and yearly budget to determine any grant amounts annually.

All travel grants will be a reimbursement. Funds will not be made available prior to the competitions or camps.

The reimbursement will be issued to the athlete/coach/judge representing North Texas State. This is to ensure that the athlete/coach/judge does indeed travel to and participate in the approved competition/camp/course. Injuries, which inhibit the athlete from competing, will be taken into consideration when funding is requested. Travel grants may not exceed total expenditures of each specific competition. Receipts showing payment for hotel, travel and entry fees and proof of funding from USA Gymnastics or Region 3, must accompany each grant application.

Coaches, athletes and judges must formally request the travel grants using the attached form within 6 months of the event in order to receive funding. **This request must be submitted to the North Texas State Chair and Treasurer.** The request must include: The athlete/coach/judge's name, current competition level, reasons for attending the competition, competition attended and competition results for all athletes. Document must include all travel and funding documentation.

Funding will not be awarded to members who are not in good standing with USA Gymnastics, Region 3, or NTXTT, any NTXTT state organization or any NTXTT member club. Members who are on probation with any USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling program for any reason USA Gymnastics or the program deems necessary will also not be eligible for funding during their period of probation.

All coaches, judges and athletes must have represented North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association for a full year in order to be eligible for scholarships/grants. The time will be determined from North Texas State championships to North Texas State championships. (See notation above)

All coaches and judges must also be acting in their specific capacity and an active member of North Texas State at the time of the funding request in order to be considered for any funding.

#### **Travel Grant Criteria:**

- International competitions: Athletes must be Youth, Jr., Intermediate or SR. Elite or appointed by the International Selection Committee.
- Camps: Jr Elite National team members, Sr. Elite National Team members, EDP National Team members, Jump Start National Team members.
- Athletes must be currently competing at the time the grant is awarded.
- Coach must travel with his/her athlete for the sole purpose of coaching at training sessions, competition and camps.
- Judges The USA Gymnastics International Selection Committee or Region 3 must assign Judges to international competition. Clubs may request judges be assigned through the Regional board.

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# Clinic/Meet Site Evaluation North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling

Place a copy in each coach's and judge's packet

Meet Date(s):

Level & Type:

Meet Name:

Meet Location:	Meet	Director:
POSITIVE as we	ell as NEG	1-10. 1 is poor, 10 is excellent. ATIVE evaluations are welcome. of, or does not apply to you, please leave category blank.
Category:	<b>Rating:</b> (1 – 10)	Explanation: For a rating below 5, please elaborate in the space provided and/or on the back
Pre Meet Information		
Equipment/Matting		
Schedule (convenient, efficient, on time, etc.)		
Parking		
Competition Area		
Restrooms		
Awards		
Support Staff		
Clear Understanding of R & P		
General Meeting Operations		
Additional Comments: (Use back	if necessar	ry)
Signature		Club
Printed Name		

Mail form to: NTXTT STATE CHAIRMAN
Holly Garrington
PO Box 261
Rhome Tx 76078

Note: These evaluations are used extensively in the awarding of meet bids. Please evaluate each competition carefully with **pertinent information** that will give North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling officials an accurate picture of the competition and the details surrounding the competition. Please try and use **facts** to support your evaluation. **For all ratings below 5, please elaborate in the space provided and/or on the back.** This will provide the necessary details to support a below average evaluation. Please feel free to contact the appropriate North Texas Trampoline and Tumbling



#### **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 register with NTXTT

Please send in the following:

- Team registration google form filled out (on NTXTT website)
- Copy of coaches current credentials and certifications
- Team fee of \$125 by October 15 each year Teams registering after the deadline will be charged double the fee (\$250). Make checks payable to NTXTT.
- Mail to NTXTT State Treasurer

Gym Name:		
Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	Phone #:
Mailing Address if different:		
Email Address:		
Head Coach:		
Phone #:	Email:	
Coach:	Email:	Phone:
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# NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING ASSOCIATION TRAVEL GRANT FORM

Please type or print clearly		
Name:		
Email:	Gym Email:	
Competition Date:	Competition Name:	
I attended the competition/ca	amp noted above as a:	
Athlete Level C	Coach Judge	
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		Zip:
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club on this request.		
Signature		Date
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certify that I am not currently	on probation with USA Gymna	· ·
Signature		Date

#### NORTH TEXAS TRAMPOLINE & TUMBLING ASSOCIATION

#### COMPETITION/EVENT HOST ATHLETE, COACH, JUDGE (ACJ) FUND FORM

In 2018, voted on by the membership, all NTXTT event hosts will contribute \$2, for each per participant at any NTXTT-USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, where a fee is charged, to be collected and sent to North Texas Trampoline & Tumbling Association (NTXTT), in order to aid the NTXTT Athlete/Coaches Travel Fund and the NTXTT Judges fund for continuing education. (see NTXTT R & P for more information)

PLEASE RETURN THE REQUIRED FUNDS ALONG WITH THIS FORM WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

MEET DIRECTOR:
EVENT NAME:
SANCTION # DATE(S) OF EVENT:
TOTAL NUMBER OF PAID PARTICIPANT = \$

Please mail this form with funds (payable to NTXTT) to the North Texas State Treasurer. (Treasurer - Brittany Stout - 300 E Hanning St, Howe, Texas 75459). No Personal Checks accepted.