

# Ohio Boys USA Gymnastics

## State Championship Awards Standards

The State Championship Awards have four separate features:

- 1). Individual and All Around Medals and Ribbons
- 2). Team Trophies
- 3). Participation Certificates
- 4). Senior Recognition Awards

### Individual and All Around Medals

USA Gymnastics requires that all State Championships in the USA use the same medal style and size. These medals are purchased by the USA Gymnastics State Chairperson from A1 Awards in Indianapolis. Ribbons may be purchased from any company that an individual state may chose. Ohio typically purchase the Ribbons from A1 Awards as well. The Ohio USA Gymnastics State Chairperson keeps an inventory of awards from previous years.

State Championship Medals are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place on each individual event and for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the All Around Division. Ribbons are awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place on each individual event. Smaller USA Gymnastics Medals which are not State Championship Medals are awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place in the All Around, and may be used for individual events if the meet director chooses to do so. Tie breaking standards as set forth by USA Gymnastics will be in use at all USA Gymnastics State Championships.

Listed below are the standards for Ohio Boys USA Gymnastics regarding numbers of awards and age group sizes. The Meet Director for the State Championships must use these standards to maintain a consistent, fair division of age groups from season to season.

1. When possible the National Skill Level / Age Group divisions will be used.
2. Age groups must have at least 5 competitors or it should be combined with another age group.
3. Age groups which are larger than 40 should be split into smaller age groups as equally as possible
4. When splitting larger age groups it is preferable to split on even years, but a date range may be used when necessary.
5. When an age group has less than 20 competitors the event place and all around awards are to be distributed at a 50% + 1 ratio.

Each year the number of age groups in the state will vary according to Club enrolment. The State Chairperson and the Meet Director will need to be prepared for full numbers in each age division, and in some cases, split age divisions. It is always a good idea to have enough awards for at least two full age divisions extra in case of unusually high numbers or ties.

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## **Team Trophies**

USA Gymnastics does not set any standards for Team Trophies. Ohio will use the following standards for Team Trophy awards.

1. When possible the National Skill Level / Age Group divisions will be used.
2. Team scores are derived from the top three event scores from members of the same club, skill level and, sometimes, age division. To be eligible for team awards three athletes must be entered in the same awards division.
3. Overall Skill Level awards are more significant than those of Age Group Skill Level awards and should be larger trophies.
4. Overall Skill Level awards are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> places.
5. Age Group Skill Level awards are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

## **Participation Certificates**

USA Gymnastics does not set any standards for Participation Certificates. Ohio will use the following standards for Participation Certificates.

1. When possible the State Championship Theme should be incorporated into the Participation Certificate.
2. The Ohio State Chairperson should personally sign all Participation Certificates.
3. The USA Gymnastics Logo should be clearly visible on the State Championship Certificate.
4. The date, year and location of the State Championship should be clearly visible on the State Championship Certificate.

## **Financial issues**

The host for the State Championship is responsible for all expenses involving the State Championship Medals, Ribbons, Certificates and Team Trophies.

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## Senior Recognition Awards

USA Gymnastics does not set any standards for Senior Recognition Awards. Ohio will use the following standards for Senior Recognition Awards.

1. The Senior Recognition Award will be presented prior to the beginning of each session of competition which involves any participating high school senior.
2. The recognized athlete=s coach and parents may offer a short speech.
3. The Senior Recognition Award is a plaque which is purchased from American Eagles Trophies.

The Senior Recognition Awards are paid for with Ohio Boys USA Gymnastic Funds by the State Chairperson.

## Standard Skill Levels / Age Groups

### Level 10

14 – 15

16 – 18

### Level 9

12 – 13

14 – 15

16 – 18

### Level 8

12 – 13

14 – 15

### Level 7

10 – 11

12 & Over

### Level 6

8 – 9

10 – 11

12 & Over

### Level 5

7 – 9

10 – 11

12 & Over