

GAT Amendment Proposals

2016 - 2017

Constitutional Proposal (3/4 vote)

1. P. 3 V. Officers 1. Executive Body – The office terms shall be Two (2) years, except for the Executive Director, whose term shall be five (5) years, and the President shall be (3) years.
 - *Would like to change the President to 2 Years.* VOTE: Passed or Failed
2. Adding a Marketing Position to the Executive Board. Voice and no Vote, Appointed Position similar to Parliamentarian and Historian Passes

By laws proposals (2/3 vote)

Proposal 1 – Passed or Failed

p. 10 (O.) **Foreign Exchange Students.** A foreign exchange student must receive approval from the Executive Board and must also include approval from the Assistant Executive Director (Athletic Director representative – Todd Vesely) by the team Registration deadline (November 15th).

- *Would like to remove the deadline (there is no deadline in UIL)*

Proposal 2 – Passed or Failed

p. 10 (Q.) **Youth Programs and Camps.** 2. Allow middle school athletes to train with the high school varsity team for a maximum of six hours per week with District approval.

- *Removing the 6 hour rule.*

Manuel of Rules Proposals (simple majority)

Proposal 1 – Passed or Failed

P. 14 (6.) **Judges and Officials.** In some cases, one (1) judge may be used provided the visiting coach approves them.

- *Delete this statement.*

Proposal 2A – Option 1 or Option 2

P. 26 (C.) An athlete can compete out of order due to participating in another UIL event or school function.

- Definition of “school function” ... Are we allowing a student to compete out of turn so as not to be late to the prom? Etc.

Option 1: UIL List

Option 2: Any School Sponsored/Sanctioned event

Proposal 2B - Passed or Failed

P. 26 (C.) An athlete can compete out of order due to participating in another UIL event or school function.

Provide documentation from Administration to include; time, date and the reason of event. Coach must send the documentation to the Regional chair which will then present the information to the President who will confer with the Games Committee.

Proposal 3 – Passed or Failed

P. 25 (1.) **Regionals**. Each region shall select their respective meet sites and submit said site recommendation to the Executive Director of the Association at the Association meeting in the fall of each year.

- Remove from Constitution.

Proposal 4 – Passed or Failed

P. 31 (13.) **Regional and State Meet hosts** shall submit a financial report to the THSGCA Governing Board no later than 2 weeks after their competition.

- Remove from Constitution.

Proposal 5 – Passed or Failed

Ineligible qualifiers to state, coach must contact RC to get the next eligible gymnast. **Need to Amend**

Amend: Qualifiers who become ineligible or injured for the state championship, coach must contact RC to get the next eligible gymnast.

Proposal 6 – Passed or Failed

P. 27 (B.)(5.) The State Meet Host shall be allowed automatic bids to the state championships. This rule applies if the host does not qualify BOTH a boy AND girl team to the State Championships. The host team then can enter both a boy and a girls' team. If only one team qualifies the other team will be allowed to enter the team into the meet.

a) **Remove the state meet host has an “automatic bid” to the state championships**

If this is not removed, then:

b) **Proposal to define “STATE MEET HOST” for the purpose of the automatic bid rule:**

- 1) If a **SCHOOL** is designated as the “**State Meet Host**”, that school shall be considered the “**STATE MEET HOST**”.
- 2) If a **DISTRICT** is designated as the “**State Meet Host**”, the district has a responsibility, within 72 hours after their District Championships and before the Regional Championships, to designate the boys team and girls team which will be considered the “**STATE MEET HOST**” for the purpose of the automatic bid rule.

Proposal 7 – Passed or Failed

P. 25 (2.) * Regional Meet Date – The Regional Meet **must** be held no less than two (2) weeks and no more than three (3) weeks before the State Meet.

- Instead of “must” use “recommend”

Proposal 8 – Passed or Failed (Pulling from Proposals)

Voting on the Scoring System.

Proposal 10 – Passed or Failed (Pulling from Proposals)

Make it mandatory to use the new THSGCA MEET CENTER scoring system. This will enable the THSGCA to seamlessly integrate the user interface with our database, allowing for real-time score tracking and automated updates of team and individual rankings.

Proposal 9 – Passed or Failed

P. 25 adding “District” to the Title and any extra rules and guidelines that go with it. **District**, Regional and State Gymnastics Championship Rules and Guidelines.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Women’s Rules: **PASSED**

- .05 (Plan A Salto dismount) – as long as it is connected to an acro – no deduction
- Vault – two
- Equipment of mats (min 8 in skill cushion – max of 20, beam (min 120) and vault (no vault min))

Men’s Rules: **PASSED**

- ~~1. Possible senior meet with Texas Collegiate club members in November.~~
2. New Waiver form for the following: Three meet eligibility, injury into state and senior to compete at Nationals. (Placed on-line)
3. Out Source decision making for Games Committee Decisions. Create a committee to research a new adjunct games committee ruling board comprised of former coaches, judges, gymnasts etc, who can be objective in their rulings and decision making. This will be about a 10 month process and will be presented to the membership GAT 2017. (Jeff Garmon)
4. Definition of **Official Competition** - Compete what is on your schedule and if it is not:
 - Coach will need to report to the webmaster if there is a change in schedule
 - Games committee may review schedule edit/addition if the webmaster reports that a coach has competed an athlete at a meet that was not originally on their schedule and did not report the change.
 - If coach does not report the change in schedule, the Coach will then need to self-report to the President.

OFFICIAL Equipment

Vote on 5 year contract with either SPEITH AMERICA or AAI as our official supplier. **AAI Majority**

Terry Williams AAI – Men’s and Women’s Equipment with one floor, enough to do two/three meets on the same day, State Meet – 100 shirts, warm-up and competition equipment, discount 15%-20%, bigger discount for two pieces of equipment (1 women’s and 1 men’s), scholarship money 5 years \$2,000 a year, provide equipment for a men’s national meet, marketing for regional and state meets.

- What we expect: hotel for equipment guy, set up, AAI only (another spring board as long as name is marked out)

Brent Poulson (Spieth America) – supply each regional and state meet, regional meet 3, 20% discount on equipment, \$2,000 towards State Championships hospitality and coaches meeting, donate 2% of THSGCA sales to the association to create Spieth America scholarships (\$2,000 in sales = \$4,000 or 4 x \$1,000 scholarships), provide a meal for coaches at the GAT and summer meeting, THSGCA Board to create an honorable trophy called The Emil Milan Spieth Cup (1 Women’s Team and 1 Men’s Team – State Championships), kept at the winning school throughout the year.

ELECTIONS

Positions up for Re-Election:

Vice President for Men (Eric Briley)

Webmaster (Jared Whiles)