TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

GYMNASTICS

STATE GYMNASTICS MEET
***Level 1-3A& Xcel Bronze* – United Elite Gymnastics – April 27-29, 2018**
***Level 3P* – Texas Best Gymnastics – May 11-13, 2018**
***Level 4-8, Xcel Silver, Gold, Platinum & Diamond* – Metroplex Gymnastics – May 5-6, 2018**

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PLEASE READ ALL RULES –THERE ARE IMPORTANT ARTICLES PERTAINING TO AGE DETERMINATION DATES, REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES AND FEES.

The following rules and regulations apply to all sports and all participants must meet these requirements. Unless a rule specifically names an exception for one of the divisions (member city, independent, affiliate, etc.), the following Sports General Regulations pertain to all teams and participants. See the specific sports sections for any special regulations that may exist.

ARTICLE 13 GYMNASTICS

13.1 TEAM REGISTRATION

.01 TAAF Member City: Team registration is due by January 1, through the T.A.A.F. website.

.02 AFFILIATE MEMBER: Private gymnastics clubs that are not sponsored by a park and recreation department may compete by joining T.A.A.F. as an affiliate member.

a) Affiliate member dues are to be paid by January 1 prior to the start of the season.

.03 T.A.A.F. Metro areas that are classified as T.A.A.F. regions themselves may enter more than one team if their gymnastics programs are divided along recreation center lines.

b) The state commissioner may approve a combination of recreation center teams in these cities.

Note: Insurance (participant accident coverage only) may be purchased for an additional fee per person per sport (Contact the T.A.A.F. State Office for fees).

13.2 GYMNAST ELIGIBILITY

.01 All competitors participating in gymnastics competition must be amateurs and registered with the state office. Failure to register a gymnast with TAAF prior to competition will result in a fine assessed to the gym for each unregistered gymnast.

.02 A gymnast may compete for only one T.A.A.F. gymnastics club/team per season. If they switch gyms, they will become ineligible immediately. (Exception: Documented parents job transfer after having competed in a regular season T.A.A.F. meet and family moves outside the original Region of participation)

.03 All gymnasts must have a T.A.A.F. participation number in order to compete in a T.A.A.F. meet.

.04 Gymnasts may compete between the ages of four (4) and eighteen (18).

a) There will be no age groups used for competition.

b) The age of a gymnast is determined by her age as of January 1 of the year she is competing in.

c) Minimum Age Requirements:

Levels 1 and 2	Gymnast must be at least 4 years old
Level 3	Gymnast must be at least 5 years old
Levels 4 - 8	Gymnast must be at least 6 years old
Xcel Bronze	Gymnast must be at least 5 years old
Xcel Silver	Gymnast must be at least 6 years old
Xcel Gold	Gymnast must be at least 7 years old
Xcel Platinum	Gymnast must be at least 8 years old
Xcel Diamond	Gymnast must be at least 9 years old

13.3 LEVELS

.01 Skill Levels in T.A.A.F. Gymnastics are:

a) Level 1 – 3A (Achievement)

b) Level 3P – 8 (Placement)

c) Xcel Bronze (Achievement)

d) Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond (Placement)

.02 A gymnast who competes U.S.A.G. must compete in T.A.A.F at the same level or higher. A gymnast must be placed based on her highest all-around score of her U.S.A.G. season. Note: U.S.A.G. scores are subject to T.A.A.F. mandate rules.

.03 Once a gymnast competes one meet at a particular level, she may not move down to a lower level.

.04 A gymnast may compete only one level each season, with the exception of Level 3. A gymnast who competes Level 3A may move to Level 3P only, at any time during the same season.

Note: Level 3 Achievement is considered a level lower than Level 3 Placement.

13.4 DIVISIONS

.01 Any gymnast competing in a level for the first time must be ranked by submitting an all-around score from a rated judge to the TAAF Commissioner after November 1 and no later than January 1. This all-around score will determine her division placement for her first meet of the season. This score can be obtained in one of the following ways:

a) Using a rated judge in person

b) Submitting a video to a rated judge

c) Competing in a pre-season, non-qualifying meet

d) Using a gymnast's highest USAG all-around score from the same level

Note: Failure to have a gymnast ranked by the January 1 deadline will result in a late fee. To avoid the late fee, any gymnast joining a team after the January 1 deadline must request exemption from the January 1 deadline from the TAAF Commissioner; however, she must still be ranked before her first qualifying meet.

.02 Gymnasts competing in the same level as the previous year must begin in the same or higher division as they ended in the previous year.

.03 After a gymnast's first meet, her division placement in each subsequent meet is determined by her highest all-around score achieved thus far.

.04 A gymnast may never move down to a lower division within the same Level, even if she scores within that lower division.

.05 If a gymnast does not compete on all 4 events in a qualifying meet, the gymnast's division placement for the next qualifying meet will be determined by adding in a "dummy score" for each event she does not compete on. This dummy score will be an average of the scores she did earn. This "all-around" score will be used for correct division placement in the next meet she enters.

Note: This "all-around" score cannot be used as a qualifying score for the T.A.A.F. State Meet.

.06 Division changes must be communicated to the next meet director no later than 6:00 pm Monday following the meet.

.07 Division placements are final two (2) weeks prior to each meet. NOTE: If a gymnast scores in a division higher than the division she competed in and is entered in a meet the following weekend (back-to-back meets), she will not move up to the higher division until after that following weekend's meet.

.08 If a gymnast is placed in the wrong level or division, the gym/coach will be fined an amount equal to the entry fee for that gymnast in the meet in question. The gymnast will then be placed in the correct division, if discovered prior to the meet.

.09 When the number of gymnasts competing in a division exceeds 24 in a Qualifying Meet, the meet director may break the division into equal or near equal subdivisions, each

receiving a complete set of awards according to the individual event and all-around award requirements.

.10 Levels 1, 2, 3A and Xcel Bronze are achievement only and have no divisions.

.11 Division Chart:

LEVEL 3P	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 7
DIV I: 37.500 & UP	DIV I: 37.000 & UP	DIV I 36.025 & UP	DIV I: 37.000 & UP	DIV I: 36.000 & UP
DIV 2: 36.5250 – 37.475	DIV 2: 35.525 – 36.975	DIV 2: 34.525 – 36.000	DIV 2: 34.025 – 36.975	DIV 2: 35.975 & Under
DIV 3: 36.000 – 36.500	DIV 3: 34.025 – 35.500	DIV 3: 32.025 - 34.500	DIV 3: 34.000 & Under	
DIV 4: 34.525 – 35.975:	DIV 4: 32.500 – 34.000	DIV 4: 30.525 – 32.000		
DIV 5: 33.500 – 34.500	DIV 5: 30.500 – 32.475	DIV 5: 29.025 – 30.500		
DIV 6: 32.025 – 33.475	DIV 6: 28.025 – 30.475	DIV 6: 29.000 & Under		LEVEL 8
DIV 7: 32.000 & Under	DIV 7: 28.000 & Under			No Divisions
XCEL SILVER	**XCEL GOLD**	XCEL PLATINUM	XCEL DIAMOND	
DIV 1: 36.00 & UP	**DIV 1: 35.00 & UP**	DIV 1: 36.500 & UP	No Divisions	
DIV 2: 34.00 – 35.975	**DIV 2: 34.000 – 34.975**	DIV 2: 36.475 & Under		
DIV 3: 33.975 & Under	**DIV3: 33.975 & Under**			

13.5 MOBILITY AND MANDATE SCORES

.01 Minimum Mobility Score: The minimum mobility score for all levels is 31.00. Gymnasts must achieve this score before moving to the next highest level. Gymnasts may not skip an entire level.

.02 Mandate score: The mandate score for Levels 1-6 and Xcel Bronze through Xcel Platinum is 37.05. Levels 7, 8 and Xcel Diamond have no mandate score.

.03 If a gymnast achieves this score twice within one T.A.A.F. season (including the State Meet) the gymnast must move to the next level the following season if she is going to compete in T.A.A.F. gymnastics.

.04 If a Level 3 Achievement gymnast achieves the mandate score twice within one TAAF season, she must move to Level 4 the next season.

.05 Allow petition to stay in same level due to injury

13.6 QUALIFYING MEET REGULATIONS

.01 T.A.A.F. gymnastics qualifying schedule will be set by the T.A.A.F. State Commissioner and will be made available the first weekend in September.

.02 T.A.A.F. qualifying information will be mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.

.03 Qualifying meet season begins the weekend of the Winter Games during the month of January and runs until two (2) weeks prior to the State Meet held the last weekend in April.

.04 Technical rules will follow rules and policies that govern NAWGJ officials and all manner of the execution of their duties.

.05 All difficulties will be according to current F.I.G. code of points and the Junior Olympic (J.O.) Technical Handbook. The state commissioner reserves the right to alter any of the difficulties as changes are made in the F.I.G. code of points and the J.O. Technical Handbook.

.06 All gymnasts will be required to compete all-around.

.07 Warm-up time limits on all events will follow USA Gymnastics rules except for Levels 1 and 2 BARS, whose time will be increased by 15 seconds. TAAF warm-up time limits are as follows:

Level	Max Time per Gymnast
1-2 and Xcel Bronze	30 Seconds (45 Seconds on Bars)
3 and Xcel Silver	45 Seconds
4, 5 and Xcel Gold	1 Minute
6, 7, Xcel Platinum and Diamond	1.5 Minutes
8	2 Minutes

QUALIFYING MEET FEES

.01 Maximum admission fees at Qualifying Meets will be as follows:

Qualifying Levels 1-8: Adults $7
Kids $5

Note: If a Qualifying Meet is hosted outside the host gym's facility, the host may petition the State Commissioner for an exemption to this rule.

13.8 QUALIFYING MEET COMPETITOR MAXIMUMS PER SESSION

.01 Competitor session maximums during Qualifying Meets held in the Traditional or Modified Traditional Format with one set of equipment

a) Compulsory only 72
b) Optional only 56
c) Compulsory & Optional 64, with no more than 28 optional

13.9 QUALIFYING MEET INDIVIDUAL EVENT AWARDS

.01 Minimum Qualifying Meet individual awards for Level 3 Placement and above:
Medals for 1st Place (Gold), 2nd Place (Silver), and 3rd Place (Bronze)
Ribbons for fourth (4th) through fifty percent (50%) or twelfth (12^{th}) place, whichever comes first

.02 Levels 1, 2, 3A and Xcel Bronze awards are based on achievement:

Ribbon	Event Score
Blue	9.00 or above
Red	8.00 - 8.975
White	7.00 - 7.975
Yellow	6.00 - 6.975

13.10 QUALIFYING MEET INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND AWARDS

.01 Minimum Qualifying Meet individual all-around awards for Level 3 Placement and above

a) Medals 1st Place (Gold), 2nd Place (Silver), and 3rd Place (Bronze)
b) Medals for 4^{th} Place through fifty percent (50%)
c) Ribbons for remaining up to one hundred percent (100%)

.02 All-around awards for Levels 1, 2 and Level 3 Achievement up to one hundred percent (100%)

13.11 QUALIFYING MEET TEAM AWARDS

.01 **Small, Medium and Large Team awards will be presented to the top 50% of teams entered in each of the following levels:**

Levels 1-4

Xcel Bronze, Silver and Gold

a) Small Team	**3-5 Gymnasts**	**3 scores count**
b) Medium Team	**6-10 Gymnasts**	**5 scores count**
c) Large Team	**11+ Gymnasts**	**7 scores count**

One Team award will be presented to the top 50% of teams entered in each of the following levels:

Levels 5-8

Xcel Platinum and Diamond

13.12 QUALIFYING MEET HOST REGULATIONS

.01 Qualifying meet hosts must submit a Qualifying Meet Bid Form to the state commissioner between August 1 and the last Monday in August. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the meet host submitting the bid form.

.02 This request must be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order in the amount of one hundred fifty ($150) dollars. This is a meet guarantee that is non-refundable if the meet is cancelled or not held (except in the case of inclement weather or other natural disaster).

.03 This money will cover tabulation costs upon the successful completion of the meet.

.04 To be eligible to host a Qualifying Meet, the acting meet director must have attended the prior year's Annual Meet Director's Meeting, held in conjunction with the June /Summer TAAF Coaches Meeting.

.05 Meet results must be sent to the TAAF State Office for posting on the TAAF website no later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the meet.

.06 Meet results should be faxed or sent by the meet host to the state commissioner by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday following the meet. Failure to have meet results to the state commissioner will result in a $100.00 fine.

.07 There will be no other qualifying meets to be held the weekend of the T.A.A.F. Winter Games.

.08 Qualifying Meet Hosts must send $1 per entry to the TAAF State Office to help cover expenses associated with the Annual TAAF Gymnastics Awards Banquet within 30 days following the completion of the meet. The meet host will be assessed a late fee for each 30 days past due.

13.13 STATE MEET REGULATIONS

.01 To be eligible to compete in the T.A.A.F. State Meet, a gymnast must participate in at least three (3) T.A.A.F. Sanctioned Qualifying meets where routines on all four events are performed and an all-around score is earned. (A "touch" on an apparatus does not qualify for an all-around score)

.02 Gymnasts must achieve one all-around score in the first one half of the season and one all-around score in the second half of season.

.03 The season mid-point will be between the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March.

.04 Medical exemptions will be considered with a doctor's note indicating the nature of the injury or illness, the date(s) of treatment, and dates the gymnast was unable to practice. This exemption must be submitted and approved by the State Commissioner prior to the gymnast being entered in the State Meet.

.05 Team entries are to be submitted to the city hosting the state meet by the date determined by host city.

.06 State Meet entries will be due no sooner than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

.07 **T.A.A.F. State Meets will be held the last weekend in April and the first two weekends in May. The State Commissioner will determine which levels compete each weekend, based on the number of gymnasts competing at each level.**

.08 The last Qualifying Meet of the season is to be held at least two (2) weeks prior to the State Meet held the last weekend in April.

.09 Warm up meets may be held during the two weeks prior to the state meet. Those scores may not be used as qualifying scores.

.10 Skill levels will be Level 1 Achievement, Level 2 Achievement, Level 3 Achievement, Level 3 Placement, Level 4, Level 5, Level 6, Level 7, Level 8, Xcel Bronze, Xcel Silver, Xcel Gold, Xcel Platinum, and Xcel Diamond.

.11 A gymnast will be placed in the State Meet in the same level she competed in during her last Qualifying Meet. She will compete in the division that is representative of her highest all-around score during the Qualifying Meet season.

.12 **Any division with more than twenty competing gymnasts will be divided into equal subdivisions of no more than twenty gymnasts with designations of A, B, C, etc. Placement in subdivisions will be determined by averaging the gymnast's top 3 all-around scored from the qualifying season, with at least 2 of the 3 scores coming from the second half of the season is possible.**

.13 Technical rules pertinent to all events will follow current U.S.A.G. rules with the following exception:

a) Except when Texas U.S.A.G. Board overrides rule or rule is superseded in T.A.A.F. Cavalcade.
b) The meet director is responsible for providing equipment that is suitable for all ages and skill levels that meets or exceeds the current U.S.A.G. specifications. Should the equipment be older than one (1) year old the meet director must provide the manufacturer's specifications to the state commissioner and/or their designated representative at least thirty (30) days prior to the state meet for approval.
c) Registration procedures for the state meet will follow guidelines set down in the Participant Guide.

13.14 STATE MEET FEES

.01 Maximum admission fees for the State Meet will be as follows:

In-House	Outside Host Gym
Adults $7	Adults $10
Kids $5	Kids $7

13.15 STATE MEET INDIVIDUAL EVENT AWARDS

.01 All state awards must be purchased from the official T.A.A.F. Licensed Award Supplier.

.02 State Meet awards Level 3 Placement and above:

a) Medals for 1st Place (Gold), 2nd Place (Silver), and 3rd Place (Bronze)
b) Medals (Copper) for fourth (4th) through tenth (10th) place

.03 Levels 1, 2, 3A and Xcel Bronze awards are based on achievement:

Ribbon	Event Score
Blue	9.00 or above
Red	8.00 - 8.975
White	7.00 - 7.975

Yellow	6.00 - 6.975

13.16 STATE MEET INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND AWARDS

.01 All state awards must be purchased from the official T.A.A.F. Licensed Award Supplier.

.02 Medals for 1st Place (Gold), 2nd Place (Silver), and 3rd Place (Bronze)

.03 Copper medals for fourth (4th) through one hundred percent (100%) for all Placement Levels.

.04 Copper medals for 100% in Achievement Levels

.05 TIES: If an individual tie exists, it will be broken by determining the highest all-around score. If a tie exists in all-around, it will be broken by determining the highest individual score. If the tie exists for a team award, it will be broken by determining the top five (5) scores in any one event.

13.17 STATE MEET TEAM AWARDS

.1 Small, Medium and Large Team awards will be presented to the top 50% of teams entered in each of the following levels:

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a) Small Team	**3-5 Gymnasts**	**3 scores count**
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c) Large Team	**11+ Gymnasts**	**7 scores count**

One Team award will be presented to the top 50% of teams entered in each of the following levels:

Levels 5-8

Xcel Platinum and Diamond

.02 Changes to a team's size designation cannot be made after the State Meet entry deadline.

.03 If only one team is entered, the meet host must either

a) Refund the Team Fee

b) Award the first place team award

13.18 STATE MEET ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

.01 T.A.A.F. State Meet information will be mailed sixty (60) days prior to the event.

.02 STATE MEET RESULTS: Should be mailed to all participating teams within thirty (30) days of the state meet by the meet director

.03 PROTESTS: Protest of competition will not be allowed except for eligibility as per current U.S.A.G. rules.

.04 FINANCIAL REPORTS: The meet director must submit to the state commissioner a complete financial report within two (2) weeks after the state tournament.

13.19 T.A.A.F. GYMNASTICS TRAINING CAMP

.01 Held each summer after the conclusion of the T.A.A.F. Gymnastics' competitive season, at a selected site.

.02 Open to all registered T.A.A.F. gymnasts and coaches.

.03 Registration Fee
   a) $60.00 per gymnast
   b) Free for coaches

.04 Registration fees must be sent to the T.A.A.F. State Office along with registration form and signed liability waiver by the designated deadline in order to participate.

.05 Registration fees are non-refundable. Medical refunds requested prior to the start of the Training Camp will be granted in full. A doctor's note must be provided for all medical refunds to be processed.

.06 Registration fees are to be used to cover facility rental, insurance, commemorative t-shirt for each registrant, and clinician fees, transportation and lodging.

.07 Any additional revenue will be used in full to cover the cost of the T.A.A.F. Gymnastics Awards Banquet.

13.20 T.A.A.F. GYMNASTICS AWARDS BANQUET

.01 Purpose
   a) To promote T.A.A.F. Gymnastics and bring attention to the value of participating in T.A.A.F. Gymnastics
   b) To honor T.A.A.F. Gymnasts
   c) To honor T.A.A.F. Coaches

.02 To be held at the conclusion of the T.A.A.F. competitive season

.03 Banquet logistics will be determined by the T.A.A.F. Advisory Council or its appointees.

.04 Attendees
   a) Current year All-around State Champion of each division in all placement levels
   b) Current year Large and Small State Champion Team members from each level
   c) Guests of State Champion attendees
   d) Coaches of State Champion attendees

.05 Fee
   a) Free for State Champion attendees
   b) Maximum of $30 per guest/coach of State Champion attendees
   c) Fee will be dependent upon Banquet costs
   d) Fee includes the cost of the meal and all awards
   e) One payment per gym, along with completed registration form must be sent to the T.A.A.F. State Office by the designated deadline

.06 Awards Categories
   a) Spirit of T.A.A.F. Coach Award: This award shall be given to the T.A.A.F. coach
      a. Who exemplifies the T.A.A.F. spirit
      b. Whose attitude and behavior upholds the T.A.A.F. mission statement
   b) Spirit of T.A.A.F. Gymnast Award: This award shall be given to the gymnast
      a. Who exemplifies the T.A.A.F. spirit
      b. Whose attitude and behavior upholds the T.A.A.F. mission statement
      c. Thomas Edison Award: Awarded to a gymnast who has overcome challenges and/or failures to achieve her goals
   c) Leadership: This award shall be given to the gymnast who
      a. Exhibits outstanding leadership qualities
      b. Leads by example
      c. Serves as a positive role model for peers within and outside the gym
   d) Citizenship Award: This award shall be given to the gymnast who
      a. Volunteers in school and or community service
      b. Shows a positive attitude toward classmates, school, and community
      c. Is involved in citizenship or character building organizations.

.07 Award Selections

a) The T.A.A.F Advisory Council or their appointed Awards Committee will
    a. Review all application forms to insure that applications are submitted on the proper form and have met the deadline criteria
    b. Make their selection for each award based on the stated criteria
b) The names of the recipients chosen shall remain confidential until announced at the Awards Banquet.

.08 Awards:

a. A specially designed plaque shall be given to each award recipient.

13.21 COACHES DRESS CODE

At Qualifying and State Meets the coaches' dress code is as follows:

a) Closed toe athletic shoes

b) Athletic warm-up pants or "Docker-style" pants (NO jeans)

c) Athletic or tailored shorts that are of a reasonable length (7" inseam) No holes, tears, or short shorts)

e) Collared shirts, business casual shirts, or T-shirts with gym logo (No spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, or midriff revealing shirts)

d) No hats or visors

T.A.A.F. Manual of Procedures

ARTICLE 2 GENERAL PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

No player shall be eligible to play in any T.A.A.F. sport unless the player meets all of the following rules:

2.1 Must be an amateur in said sport and shall receive no pay to play for any team. An amateur is defined as “one who engages in sport for pleasure and for the physical, mental or social benefits, which he or she derives from that sport and to whom the sport is nothing more than an avocation.”

2.2 Any player who has played professional sports shall be ineligible to participate in that sport for one (1) year after his last day as a member of a professional team. This rule shall not conflict with the AABC rules in baseball.

Note: The protesting individual(s) bear the entire burden of proof regarding a player’s participation as a member of a professional team. The T.A.A.F. state commissioner has the final authority to accept or reject the protesting individual(s) proof.

2.3 Meets all team qualifications in MOP Article 3.

2.4 Does not play under an assumed name.

2.5 In order to compete in any T.A.A.F. play, a foreign player must reside in the state of Texas continuously for a minimum period of one (1) year prior to being eligible to play.

Exception: Men’s and women’s fast pitch foreign softball players’ eligibility will be determined by the national governing body of softball. To be eligible to participate in T.A.A.F. softball, a copy of any document required to be on file by the NGB for softball must also be filed with the T.A.A.F. state office. The same filing deadline applies for the NGB and T.A.A.F.

2.6 An adult player may play on more than one team within a region, but must choose one team as his/her own prior to T.A.A.F. championship play.

.01 No player may be on more than one roster, in a T.A.A.F. division, during T.A.A.F. championship play (region and state tournaments).

.02 A player must be on the sports roster by the deadline state in the participant guide.

2.7 A player forced to transfer from one region to another by his employer may participate in the new region providing the player has been employed by the firm for at least one (1) full year prior to the transfer and the player remains employed by the same firm.

2.8 Individual sport participants must reside in the state of Texas.

2.9 The team or individual attempting to qualify for state competition must attempt to qualify through the regional qualifier of the region in which they are registered. No participant in an individual sport or a team in team sports may attempt to qualify through more than one city, region or affiliate. Should any team or individual be discovered in violation of this rule, he/she/they shall be disqualified from that sport for that year.

2.10 Any region competition must take place within the established boundaries of the assigned region. If it becomes necessary to host a region competition outside of the designated boundary, prior written consent is required by the region in which the event is being held.

2.11 Player identification:

.01 A player must be prepared, at all times, to provide proof of identification. A driver's license or comparable identification, which includes a current photograph and signature, is acceptable.

.02 A player must be prepared, at all times, to provide proof of age when participating in T.A.A.F. sports categorized by age classifications or divisions. A driver's license or copy of a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics is acceptable.

.03 A player failing to provide appropriate proof of age or identifications, when requested by a meet director, tournament director or state commissioner, may be declared ineligible and the team/player subject to disqualification.

2.12 All teams must wear like colored, non-duplicated numbered jerseys for regional and state tournaments.

2.13 All participants in adult team sports must have attained the age of sixteen (16) prior to the registration date for teams in that sport, unless specific sport regulations provide otherwise.

2.14 Age determination for youth sports

Sport	Age Determining Date
Basketball (Boy's & Girl's Winter)	September 1 of current school year
Basketball (Boy's & Girl's Summer)	September 1 of current calendar year
Boxing	Based on age as of the Games of Texas
Cheerleading	September 1 of current year
Flag Football – youth	September 1 of current year
Golf – youth	September 1 of current year
Gymnastics	January 1 of the year of competition
Inline Hockey	September 1 of current year
Kickball – Youth	September 1 of the current school year
Softball – Youth	December 31 of current year
Swimming – Summer	June 1 of current year
Swimming – Winter	Age as of the Winter Games of Texas swim meet

Tennis	Age as of Games of Texas dates
Track and Field	Based on year the athlete was born
Volleyball – Youth	September 1 of current school year

ARTICLE 4 INDIVIDUAL SPORT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Individual Sports: Individual sports included participants in boxing, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, and track & field. Individual sport registration will be done online at www.t.a.a.f.com. Individual athletes must register with T.A.AF. prior to the athlete's participation in any T.A.A.F. meet/tournament on a local or regional level.

.01 Deadline for T.A.A.F. Registration is determined by the regional and state tournament dates·

Boxing	Games of Texas Entry_Deadline
Golf	Games of Texas Entry Deadline
Gymnastics	January 1
Swimming	June 30
Tennis	June 30
Track & Field	June 30

.02 The registering city or affiliate shall send a signed individual waiver or a signed individual sports participant waiver to the T.A.A.F. state office.

.03 The determining factor of which city/organization/region an individual will represent in their attempt(s) to qualify for state level competition is based on the city/organization/region they declare at the time of registering online with T.A.A.F..

a. This rule is to allow individuals to compete outside of their city of residency due to the fact they are participating with another city or organization's program on an ongoing basis.
b. It is NOT the intent of this rule to allow teams as a whole, to compete in or represent other cities/regions due to the location of the regional meets, changes in individual schedules or other such situations.

4.2 Individual Registration Fees

.01 The participant fee for T.A.A.F. individual sports shall be five dollars ($5.00).

a. A late fee of five dollars ($5.00) per individual may be charged to any registration after the deadline date.
b. Regions may add a regional individual sports registration fee of up to $1.00 per individual.

.02 Unattached Individual Participants: The fee for an unattached participant are twenty dollars ($20.00) per year. Payment of this fee allows the unattached member to participate in T.A.A.F. individual sport programs and includes the cost of the individual sport fee of $5.00.

a. Unattached athlete is a singular registration, thus they are ineligible for team events (i.e. relays). Additionally, unattached athletes do not get all privileges of teams (i.e. coaches passes or other similar team privileges).

.03 Insurance may be purchased for an additional fee. Contact the T.A.A.F. state office for fees and enrollment information.

4.3 Regional Tournament/Meet Registration: Cities, Affiliates and Unattached Participants are required to comply with all requested information and fees as set forth by the Participant Guide regional tournament/meet director.

.01 Maximum regional meet entry fee for track & field and swimming shall be $7.00 per competitor, per event.

a) In lieu of regional meet entry fees, the region may elect to implement a regional participation fee not to exceed $15.00 per competitor.

.02 Online registration for region meets is mandatory for track and field. Online registration or Hy-Tek Team/Meet Manager is mandatory for swimming.

.03 The deadline for regional track meet registration is midnight, one (1) week prior to the start of the region meet.

4.4 State Tournament Registration: Cities, Affiliates and Unattached Participants should refer to the participant guide and are required to comply with all requested information, fees, etc., as set forth by the tournament director, regional director and state commissioner.

4.5 Individual State Meet/Tournament Entry Fees:

Boxing	$8.00 per competitor
Golf	$5.00 per competitor
Gymnastics – Qualifying Achievement Levels 1-3A	$35.00 per gymnast
Gymnastics – Qualifying Placement Levels 3P-8 & Xcel	$40.00 per gymnast
Gymnastics - Qualifying Team Fee	$15.00 per level
Gymnastics - Qualifying Late Fee (Optional)	$15.00 per gymnast
Gymnastics - State Achievement Levels 1-3A	$50.00 per gymnast
Gymnastics - State Placement Levels 3P-8 and Xcel	$65.00 per gymnast
Gymnastics – State Team Fee	$25.00 per level
Gymnastics State Late Fee	$20.00 per gymnast
Swimming	$7.00 per competitor, per event
Tennis	$15.00 per competitor, per event
Track & Field	$7.00 per competitor, per event