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To: season updates - important and full of information

Hello Coaches and Club Owners,

I am using a different email list in the hopes that I will not miss any of you. This email list is taken directly from your registration at the start of the season with TAAF. If you have a coach who is not listed and needs the info, please pass it on to them.

1. We had a council meeting last week and after careful discussion and in consultation with Mark Lord, TAAF executive director, it was determined that having a banquet this year was very risky. There were several factors working against us. First and obvious is COVID and the uncertainty still exists. Next, there is the guarantee that we must provide the vendor in terms of numbers and that could differ significantly from any prior year, again due to the uncertainty and the wariness of parents to attend. As I shared with you last summer, we did not have a banquet because we did not have a state meet and though the funds were paid into the account, TAAF was very much in need of any resource it could get in order to keep operations going - it got that tenuous. This year we have again collected monies for this event and so I approached Mark Lord with a suggestion and recommendation that we spend a reasonable portion of that money for a statewide clinic in August for the purpose of educating coaches for the new compulsories and to also work on xcel and optional needs, changes etc. This clinic will be provided **free of charge to any TAAF coach who currently has a background check processed as an active coach for this season.** I am going to work hard to secure the best clinicians we can get so that we have the chance to learn from the best. USAG coaches will be welcome to attend but they will pay a fee in order to attend. The exact date is being discussed but it will be in August before public school begins and will likely be held at Trevinos as a central location that is large enough to accommodate us all. In addition, it is also my hope that we can offer an athlete camp for the girls! This will be for a fee but that fee will be able to be reduced according to the funds available. All in all, this could be quite a boost for our coaches and kiddos to start off a new cycle!

2. Since we will not have the banquet but still wish to highlight our champions on each event and all around, the council is researching what can be done as a recognition gift to be given to the athlete at the respective state meet. This will acknowledge every champion, not just those who would have been able to attend the banquet!
3. These last two seasons have been a trial for many clubs and gymnasts and because we are committed to making sure these athletes have every reasonable chance to attend their state meet we have made the following allowances:
 - a. Athletes who attended meets where they were missing an all around score will be allowed to use our "dummy" score method to achieve an all around score, thereby allowed as one of the three counting meets. This score will be used in her season average for the purpose of determining sub divisions for the state meet.
 - b. The midpoint rule has been a challenge for some clubs who had either COVID restrictions for all or part of their teams or had difficulty finding space in some of the meets later in the season. As a result, any three meets at any point in the season will qualify the athlete to state meets - this season only, unless in the future the rule is amended. This is a COVID special exception response allowing athletes every available opportunity to participate in their state meets.
4. Many petitions have been granted when supported by physician's statements, for either COVID related issues or injury. If you have submitted a petition but have not had a response you need to contact me right away. I had many situations to consider and it is clearly possible that I may have missed you.
5. The latest list of "qualified" athletes has been given to the state office for posting on our website. It is imperative that you check that list before you enter your state meets to be sure that all your athletes have a green light and if any are in question, that you contact me right away. Please send your inquiries to both me and to the scoremaster at: taafscoremaster@gmail.com
6. LAST (for now!) - the meet directors of the state meets need to plan for their numbers and tentative session arrangements. We also need to confirm that we have the appropriate number of awards. I am asking that if you know that you are NOT - repeat NOT planning on attending any of the state meets that you advise the meet director of that meet this week if possible. If you only have one or two not attending that is not an issue but if an entire team is passing on state meets this year we would appreciate that information. Please notify:

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Well, that is all for now! Two more meet weekends to go! We have been so lucky to have a season and a good one at that. Give thanks!

Jan