

2021 - 2022 WPIAL GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

March 25, 2021

First Practice Date **November 19, 2021**
First Scrimmage Date **November 26, 2021**
First Play Date **December 10, 2021**

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2
Maximum Contests ~ 16

WPIAL gymnastics competition begins **December 10, 2021** and must be completed according to the schedule. Please check your section carefully and contact the League office at (412) 921-7181 if any errors are discovered. **A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach.**

1. All meets must be held on the dates scheduled unless mutually agreed upon by the competing school principals.
2. The **WPIAL Team Championship** will be held on **February 11, 2022** at Moon High School. The top three teams in each section as determined by the section record will advance to the team championship. (All ties will be determined by head to head meet results)
3. The **WPIAL Individual Championship** will be held on **February 12, 2022**, at Moon High School. (The individual championship is open to all competitors who have achieved the qualifying scores as shown below). All individual qualifying scores for members of teams entered in the WPIAL program must be earned in a regular scheduled meet in which their team competes. No team member or partial team can compete as an individual at another school for a qualifying score. Please do not enter competitors in the WPIAL Individual Championship who are not capable of performing to these standards.
4. Schools who do not sponsor a gymnastics team are allowed to register individuals to compete during the regular high school gymnastic season in order to obtain qualifying scores for the WPIAL Individual Championship. Deadline to register individual gymnasts to participate in the regular season is **December 10, 2021**. Upon completion of the regular season, schools will need to identify which individual, and in what division, those gymnasts will compete during the WPIAL Individual Championship. Schools without a team may only enter 1 participant in each of the 3 divisions of the WPIAL Individual Championship.
5. Students who participate as an individual or as a member of a team in a gymnastic program other than that of his/her school while he/she is participating for the school team shall be ineligible to take part in the WPIAL or PIAA championship events unless he/she has been in uniform and available to participate as a member of his/her school team for at least 75 percent of the contests beginning with the team's first interscholastic contest of the regular season.
6. The qualifying standards for all individuals who wish to enter the WPIAL Championship Event are as follows:
 - a. There must be a minimum of four (4) scores from PIAA officiated meets, tournaments/invitationals.
 - b. Average the event median score (middle score) with the season high score on that event to establish your qualifying score.
 - c. All-Around ~ each event must attain the division minimum. Otherwise, use specialist averaging of events. (i.e.; V 8.30, Br 7.60, Bm 8.85, Fl 8.80 = 33.55 bar score not at minimum avg. 3 events = 8.65 avg.) (They must compete AA in that division.)
 - d. Specialists ~ after averaging individual events, average the events together to determine the division.

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- e. Any gymnast, who wins the all around with a score that exceeds their current division, must move up into that division for any following years of competition.
- f. No gymnast may move down a division once they have competed in a division at a district or state level meet.

NOTE: A gymnast may compete in one division only. The penalty for competing in an incorrect division is forfeiture. No mixed divisions.

EVENT	INTERMEDIATE II	INTERMEDIATE I	ADVANCED
Vault	8.0	8.5	9.0
Uneven Bars	8.0	8.5	9.0
Floor	8.0	8.5	9.0
Beam	8.0	8.5	9.0
All Around	32.0	34.0	36.0

The WPIAL Board of Directors has a non-school team competitor policy that permits only one entry from a non-school team. Only one entry per division will be permitted to enter the tournament.

Effective July 1 of the school year in which a gymnast will enter the ninth grade and continuing in effect until that gymnast has exhausted his/her interscholastic athletic eligibility in the sport of gymnastics, any individual who performs at level 9 or above in a sanctioned or non-sanctioned meet or is registered at USAG as level 9 or above, shall be permanently classified as an advanced gymnast for purposes of WPIAL district gymnastics competition.

- 5. Gymnastic coaches must attend a PIAA Rules Interpretation Meeting.
- 6. All scoring in gymnastics will be the open style. It is imperative that all schools competing in gymnastics supply flash cards for the judging of all meets.
- 7. In all dual meets a team may enter five competitors for each event, but only the scores of four of them can count toward the final score of the meet. The five team competitors compete after any individual gymnasts and any exhibition routines in their rotation.
 - a. Dual meets with one competition event at a time, alternating competition style will be used, with one exhibition routine per team per event being permitted.
 - b. Dual meets with two competition events running simultaneously, block style competition will be used, with up to five exhibition routines per team per event being permitted.
 - c. Tri meets will have two competition events running simultaneously, block style competition will be used, with up to two exhibition routines per team per event being permitted.

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8. The assignment of officials to individual gymnastics meets will be the responsibility of each athletic director. Registered PIAA officials must be used.
9. Non-team competitors attempting to qualify at a dual meet must be accompanied by a professional employee of the school district or a representative designated in writing by the school district. Non-team competitors must have prior approval from the home site to attend and should travel with their approved letter. **A minimum of 50% of individuals' gymnasts qualifying scores must be obtained at a high school team hosted meet.**
10. All club gymnasts must have waivers granted by their principals on record in the WPIAL Office.
11. Home teams should forward the date and time of the meet, judge's names, and information on equipment not meeting specifications to the visiting team one week before scheduled meet. Both schools must exchange eligibility lists in the same time period.
12. The official National Federation Rule Book states that the Olympic order of events be followed, that the home team must compete first on vault and beam.
13. **One score keeper from each competing school must sit at the scoring table.** All changes or corrections must be made on all score sheets and initialed by the superior judge for that event.

All teams score sheets should agree. It is your team's responsibility to make certain that you match the judges event score sheet.

NO alterations of judges score sheet once competition has concluded and the judges have certified final scores.
14. The judges event score sheets will be forwarded to Amy Caprino at Moon Middle School by the head official. The judges event score sheets are the ONLY official meet results.
15. Medals for tournament events will only be awarded for the top three (3) places only.
16. Athletic Directors are reminded of the need to oversee the assignment of contest officials and in doing so to make every effort to avoid the assignment of immediate relatives of the participating gymnasts.
17. All individual gymnasts must be accompanied by a coach that has been approved by their local School Board. It is strongly recommended that schools that have more than one individual representing their school have only one district coach responsible for overseeing the efforts of their athletes.