

IHSGGCA NEWSLETTER

Illinois High School Girls' Gymnastics Coaches Association Newsletter

Fall of the 2020-21 Proposed Season

This year's gymnastics season is a big question mark for everyone. We are all proceeding with hope in our hearts and a positive, flexible attitude. Many details of the coming season are undetermined and we know that united we are a more powerful voice for high school gymnastics. Due to covid we are suspending our regular coaching clinic and replacing it with a series of discussions and informational sessions over zoom at 8pm on Friday nights when hopefully most people can attend. The schedule is attached and zoom links will be sent to members a few days in advance as well as an agenda of proposed topics.

Due to tight budgets for many teams we have reduced the dues for this year to \$50 for any professional member and \$20 for associate members. We feel that this is an important year for everyone to be able to join the association so they can get the latest information and professional connections. We all need to help and support each other during these difficult times!

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members with your questions, ideas or concerns.

Friday, October 30th Fall Roundtable discussion & IHSGGCA meeting (Nominations for Hall of Fame should be turned in on this date.)

Discussion topics will include:

- Results of the IHSGGCA survey of participating schools
- Judges interpretations with guest judge/advisor Hilary Carlson
- Message from Tracie Henry about this year's season

If there is a particular topic you would like to discuss please submit it in advance to the IHSGGCA@gmail.com address

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 30th First IHSGGCA Zoom Meeting

Monday, November 16th SEASON BEGINS!

Friday, November 27th IHSGGCA Zoom Mtg (Share Ideas about hosting a meet in a pandemic)

Friday, December 18th IHSGGCA Zoom Mtg (How is it going... & Judges Interpretations)

Thursday, January 14th Brinkworth Award Nomination Deadline

Friday, January 15th IHSGGCA ZOOM Association Meeting

Monday February 1st All IHSGGCA Award Nominations due.
(Senior Gymnast & all other award nominations!)

Friday, February 12th IHSGGCA Awards Banquet/Hall of Fame Induction
& State Prelims (maybe)

Saturday February 13th IHSGGCA-Meeting Election of new Officers

2020 IHSGGCA OFFICERS

Officer

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- Notes for Gymnasts that want to compete in
USAG events during the HS Season:

Tracie Henry reviewed with the committee the process for IHSA By-law 3.101 which prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season. Non-school participation requests can only be accessed by school administrators through the IHSA Schools Center website

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO JOIN THE COACHES ASSOCIATION

- Be a member of TEAM ILLINOIS!!
- Exchange ideas with other coaches and have a voice in making decisions.
- Improve communication between coaches, judges, clubs and IHSA
- ONLY IHSGGCA MEMBERS MAY NOMINATE GIRLS FOR SENIOR GYMNAST & NATIONAL TEAM.
- Our website is <http://illinoissgs.tripod.com/girls/ihsaggca.html>
on the site you will find forms for all of the award nominations, minutes of meetings
- If you know of any coaches openings, please contact Bill Stone
(stategymnasticsstats@gmail)
- Members will be receiving several e-mails this season, reminding you of important dates, meetings, etc. Please make a note of these as several have important deadlines.
- Please pass this newsletter on to any and all assistants and interested people- all are welcome.

**Illinois High School Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association
2020-21**

ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Head Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____ Associate Member _____

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ CONFERENCE _____

(W)(_____) _____ CELL (_____) _____

(H)ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

(H)(_____) _____ Most commonly used Email address _____

The above information will be published in the coaches' directory unless you indicate otherwise.

ASSOCIATION DUES

All Official IHSGGCA Members

Special Covid rate \$50

Associate members: \$20.00

COACHES: Please mail this membership form Receipts will be returned to you by email. If your school is paying the fee and will be mailing the check, please make the check payable to: **IHSGGCA** and send to:

**Kim Estoque
8234 B Portsmouth Dr
Darien, IL 60561**

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH COACH REGISTERED

From: IHSOCA President <ihsgca1961@gmail.com>

Date: August 27, 2020 at 9:37:50 PM CDT

To: Eric Harima <gymnastshs@gmail.com>

Subject: Ed Gombos

This letter was forwarded from the boy's coaches association,

Dear Coaches,

I'm sure most of you know Ed Gombos (the t-shirt guy) from his tables at various invites throughout the season. If you don't know Ed, he runs a business selling shirts, USACO, and has been a staunch supporter of high school athletics, especially gymnastics. If you have never been to his factory in Addison, the repository of gymnastics paraphernalia is quite impressive. It is like a museum. He even has a newspaper article detailing Blaise Blasko's FX State Championship from 1964 in Pennsylvania!

The current state of the economy has hit Ed Gombos hard. With the cancellation of high school sports, he no longer has a source of income. Ed has about 5000 shirts in stock currently. His prices range from \$5 for a tshirt to \$16 for a hooded sweatshirt. I am planning on visiting Ed to stock up on some shirts to give out as rewards during the upcoming season. If you are so inclined, please reach out to Ed and show your support.

Ed Gombos

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News from the IHSA Advisory Committee :

Proposals that were approved:

(GIRLS) XI. OFFICIALS 3) State Final:

Recommendation: a. 9 judges shall be assigned to the preliminary session at the State Final.

Rational: Moving to a 2-judge panel per event is consistent with how gymnasts are judged throughout the season. The current state final prelim scoring system drops the high and low score and averages the two in the middle, the change in prelim assignments would average the scores received from the two assigned judges. This recommendation also will allow for more space on the competition floor.

(GIRLS) Scoresheet

Recommendation: Edit the Illinois specific scoresheet to include more detail and professional formatting.

Rational: The information added to the scoresheet will provide coaches with clearer understanding to educate themselves and their gymnasts on the judges scoring.