

USA GYMNASTICS, NFHS JOIN FORCES TO GROW MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and USA Gymnastics, the national governing body for gymnastics in the United States, are joining forces to expand boys high school gymnastics opportunities across the country. To complement the existing state high school gymnastics programs, USA Gymnastics is activating its national network to create a state championships framework that works in concert with local high schools, school districts and state associations.

Eight states sanction the sport of boys gymnastics. USA Gymnastics is providing rules and regulations through NFHS for these state programs to use.

For states not involved with boys gymnastics, USA Gymnastics has developed a championship format that can

be implemented on a state-by-state basis. Each USA Gymnastics state administration will work with its clubs to establish relationships with their local high schools and school districts that recognize boys gymnastics. The USA Gymnastics State High School Championships will be part of each annual USA Gymnastics State Championships. USA Gymnastics will also promote and recognize boys high school gymnastics on its website, usagym.org.

As part of the high-school-age male gymnast's registration, athletes will indicate what high school they attend. When entering the USA Gymnastics State Championships, that

information will be included on the entry form. The USA Gymnastics State High School Championships will be a part of the traditional USA Gymnastics State Championships. At the conclusion of the event, the results of the high school athletes will be pulled, and the gymnast with the highest all-around score will be the state high school champion. In addition, if there are three gymnasts from a single high school, they will be eligible to win the state high school team title.

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