

Alabama USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair **Mike Holdefer** at **9:30 AM**.
Welcome and confidentiality reminders were provided.

2. Roll Call

Attending:

Mike Holdefer
Meg Henry
Erin Kightlinger
Deb Kornegay
Christie Leigh McHugh
Benjo Morrow
Helen Nabors
Tiffanie Reed
Jessica Sedgwick
Sarah Smith

Attending/Non-Voting:

Stephanie Kuhlmann

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by **Erin Kightlinger** and seconded by **Meg Henry**.
Motion approved.

4. State Meet Schedule

The committee finalized the 2026 State Meet schedule with the following adjustments:

- Level 7 moved earlier in the weekend
- Level 8 scheduled for Sunday morning
- Levels 9 & 10 remain on Saturday
- A four-judge panel will be used for Levels 8, 9, and 10

Motion: Helen moved to approve the schedule; Deb seconded.

Motion approved.

5. Competition Schedule Approval

The full competition schedule was approved, including adjusted session times to allow earlier finishes.

Action:

- Mike will finalize and distribute the schedule to committee members and to Benjo for website and social media posting.
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6. Meet Operations & Athlete Ordering

- Proposed athlete ordering system: teams grouped together with randomized athlete order.
 - Coaches' meeting will emphasize that order changes should occur **only** for equipment-related needs.
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7. Senior Recognition

- Senior banners and flowers are in progress for **15 seniors**, coordinated by Jessica.
- Coaches will be allotted **two minutes** each for remarks.
- Senior bios will have length limits for consistency.
- No state-provided gifts for State Meet other than above; the host gym or club may give additional.

8. Apparel Store

- Alabama USA Gymnastics Apparel Store launched in two phases with new items and colors.
- First window: Opened 3/9, closed 3/21, shipping 4/3.
- Current window: Open until 4/30, shipping 5/14.

9. Awards Banquet

- The Alabama State Awards Banquet is scheduled for **June 5, 2026**, at the River Market in Tuscaloosa.
- Same caterer as the previous year will be used.

10. Club of the Year

The committee agreed **not** to include in-season meet results in Club of the Year calculations at this time.

11. Meet Scheduling Challenges

The committee discussed concerns regarding:

- Multiple meets occurring on the same weekend
- Strain on judge availability
- Late-submitted meets potentially not allowed as sanctioned qualifiers for State.

12. Policy & Scheduling Updates

Future considerations and updates include:

- Exploring a phased scheduling system prioritizing established meets
- Implementing earlier deadlines for calendar submissions
- Clarifying policies to prevent issues such as last-minute cancellations

13. Access, Apparel & Vendor Issues

- Benjo will address website access and login issues; financial documents will remain password-protected.
- Ongoing challenges with GK apparel (inventory and delivery delays) were noted.
- Erin and Mike will follow up with GK representatives and gather feedback from other states.

14. Venues & Events

- The **2026 Alabama Optional Training Camp** will be held in Tuscaloosa on **July 31, 2026**.

15. Important Dates

Regional & National Events

- April 10–12, 2026: Level 9 & 10 Regionals – Bradenton, FL
- April 17–19, 2026: Level 6, 7, 8 Regionals – Duluth, GA
- May 1–3, 2026: Xcel Regionals – Savannah, GA
- May 1–3, 2026: Level 9 Easterns – Savannah, GA
- May 8–10, 2026: Development Program Nationals – Oklahoma City, OK

Congress & State Events

- June 26–28, 2026: Region 8 Congress – Duluth, GA
 - August 7–9, 2026: National Congress – Phoenix, AZ
 - June 5, 2026: Alabama State Awards Banquet – Tuscaloosa
 - July 31, 2026: Alabama Optional Training Camp – Tuscaloosa
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16. Open Scoring

A motion was made to include **open scoring at Level 6**, consistent with Levels 7–10 at the Optional State Meet.

Motion approved.

17. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Meg Henry**, seconded by **Erin Kightlinger**.

Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at **11:30 AM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Henry
