



MEN'S GYMNASTICS

A S S O C I A T I O N

CONSTITUTION

Southern California Men's Gymnastics Association
Organizational Documents - Last Updated November 7, 2023

ARTICLE I: NAME

SECTION 1: The name of the organization shall be the Southern California Men's Gymnastics Association, hereinafter referred to as the SCMGA otherwise known as SoCal. The SCMGA will be divided into three conferences hereinafter designated as North, Central and South Conferences.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 1: The purpose of the SCMGA is to promote men's gymnastics and to improve the development of all gymnasts participating in the USA Gymnastics (USAG) the Development Program in the area designated Southern California. It shall formulate rules, policies, and responsibilities of the Development Program coaches and athletes obligations and conduct regular meetings at events, and perform other functions as related to the Development Program.

SECTION 2: It will be the obligation of all the members to honor and abide by the USAG Men's Program Rules and Policies, the Region 1 Rules and Policies, SCMGA Rules and Policies, and this constitution of the SCMGA.

ARTICLE III: SCMGA MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

SECTION 1: Membership - There are four types of memberships:

- A. Club Membership: A Club Membership shall be available only to those clubs that:
 - I. Have a current USAG professional member on staff.
 - II. Are actively involved in the USAG Development Program in Southern California.
- B. Athlete Membership: An Athlete Membership shall be available only to those athletes that:
 - I. Have a current USAG athlete number.
 - II. Are actively involved with a club in good standing with the SCMGA.
- C. Professional Membership: A Professional Membership shall be available only to gymnastics professionals that:
 - I. Have an active USAG professional membership
 - II. Are actively involved in the USAG Development Program in Southern California.
- D. Associate Membership: An associate membership shall be open to other individuals/clubs/organizations who desire to maintain communication with the SCMGA.

SECTION 2: Dues - Each year's dues are outlined in the SCMGA Rules and Policies.

SECTION 3: Payment of Dues:

- A. Dues must be paid annually in full by the date indicated in the SCMGA Rules and Policies. Any new club or organization wishing to join the SCMGA may pay their membership fee on or before the first SCMGA Conference meet their athletes compete in. Should an athlete or club elect not to join the SCMGA, they would be allowed to participate in the Conference Championships.
- B. A Late Fee is assessed to any Club Membership for late payment of dues. The exact amount is stated in the SCMGA Rules and Policies.
- C. No club or organization will be permitted to vote at official meetings until Club Membership dues are paid.

SECTION 4: Membership Privileges:

- A. Club Membership entitles a designee from each club to:
 - I. Voting privileges.
 - II. Voice on all business matters.
 - III. Hold an elected or appointed office.

- B. Athlete Membership entitles each member:
 - I. The opportunity to compete in all SCMGA hosted events.
 - II. To be represented by a SCMGA Club in good standing.
 - III. The opportunity to participate as an SCMGA Athlete Rep.

- C. Professional Membership entitles each member to:
 - I. Voice on all business matters.
 - II. Hold an elected or appointed office.

- D. Associated Membership entitles each member to:
 - I. Participate in discussions, but may not vote.
 - II. Attend meetings but not hold any office.

SECTION 5: Voting Privileges - Club Members will be entitled to one and only one vote on business matters at official meetings. One vote for each registered club. (If a club has more than one address, then more than one membership is required)

SECTION 6: Coaches Eligibility:

- A. All coaches **MUST** abide by **ALL** of the rules and policies of USA Gymnastics and the SCMGA. Coaches must also have an active USAG Professional Membership and be affiliated with a club holding SCMGA Club Membership. It is the coaches responsibility to read and understand:
 - I. USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies
 - II. SCMGA Constitution
 - III. SCMGA Rules and Policies
 - IV. Region 1 Constitution
 - V. Region 1 Rules and Policies

SECTION 7: Athlete Eligibility:

- A. Athlete Membership is open to any Development Program athlete participating in the on-going USAG Development Program. The athlete must abide by all rules and policies of USAG, have a current USAG athlete number, and make payment prior to their first SCMGA event.
- B. Foreign athletes, refer to the USAG Rules and Policies.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: There shall be one (1) mandatory general membership meeting held annually for all voting members.

SECTION 2: Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Board. Prior written notice or email must be given to voting members at least (2) weeks in advance of the meeting date. Special

meetings may be held in person, as conference calls or as web casts. In lieu of special meetings, voting information may be distributed via the internet with voting conducted by the Secretary.

SECTION 3: A quorum shall consist of a majority (50%) of the voting members in attendance at a regular meeting.

SECTION 4: All actions voted on (in person or online) must receive 51% of the active membership present to pass.

SECTION 5: Proxy voting is not permitted.

SECTION 6: Board meetings shall be open to the general membership and any member may voice discussion when recognized by the board agenda in advance of the meeting.

SECTION 7: Robert's Rules of order shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: Board Structure

The elected officers of the SCMGA shall consist of State Chair, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, North Conference Chair, Central Conference Chair, South Conference Chair and 1 Member at Large. These officers comprise the Executive Board of the SCMGA, hereinafter referred to as the Board. All shall be voting positions. Four votes are the minimum to maintain a quorum. The USAG Region I Chair, representing the interests of the SCMGA, shall be ex-officio member without voting rights.

SECTION 2: Specific responsibilities and duties of the board are:

- A. Make decisions in the best interest of the SCMGA for the management of its business and affairs; and to recommend changes in rules or regulations for the operation of the SCMGA. All permanent changes in the Constitution must be voted on by the Association. All changes in the Rules & Policies must be voted on by the Board.
- B. Designate the time and place for meetings or authorize the State Chair to do so.
- C. Appoint such committee(s) on any subject within the powers of the SCMGA Rules & Policies and define the duties of such committee(s).
- D. Organize and approve an annual meet schedule for all conference level and SCMGA competitions.
- E. Determine who will host all SCMGA meets.

SECTION 2: Election of Officers:

- A. The election of officers shall take place prior to the SCMGA State Meet. The term of office shall be two (2) years for the State Chair, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The State Chair and Treasurer are elected on odd numbered years; the Vice President and Secretary are elected on even numbered years.
- C. Each Conference Chair and Member at Large shall be elected annually at the State Championships and serve a one (1) year term.
- D. All officers may serve more than one consecutive term and are not limited in the number of consecutive terms.

SECTION 3: Resignation of an Officer:

- A. Resignation of the State Chair will require an interim appointment by the Regional Chair. (As per USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies).
- B. Resignation of any other officer will require an interim appointment by the State Chair with the approval of the remaining Board.

ARTICLE VI: FUNDS

SECTION 1: Operating funds for the SCMGA shall be derived from the annual membership dues, fundraising activities, and other sources.

SECTION 2: Officers compensation for services may be reviewed annually at the State Championships general meeting. This MUST occur prior to the elections. In order to receive compensation Board Members must attend all scheduled Board Meetings. Additionally, mileage reimbursement is available to Board Members for travel to and from Board Meetings.

SECTION 3: The fiscal year for the SCMGA shall be July 1st to June 30th.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These bylaws can be amended at any regular general meeting of the SCMGA by a majority vote (51%) of the members present/online or by email response voting by a majority (51%) of active Club Members. Proxy voting is not permitted.