



An updated National Qualifying Score (NQS) proposal was submitted to the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) on March 27, 2024, with a recommended effective date of January 1, 2026 (Proposal 2024.I.11).

The proposal was made with the goal of providing a more accurate reflection of team performance throughout the season by incorporating more meets into the NQS, ensuring a more complete and fair representation of each team's success over the course of the full season.

Specifics of the proposal, which was passed by the WCGA during its May 2024 convention and forwarded to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee for subsequent approval, are as follows:

- The minimum number of meets remains at 9.
- A minimum of five (5) away meets are required.
 - All away scores will be included in the calculation prior to dropping the highest and lowest scores.
- A maximum of five (5) home meets are counted towards NQS.
 - If a team competes in more than five (5) home meets, the highest scores beyond five will automatically be dropped.
 - For example, if a team has six (6) home meets, the highest home score will be dropped, and the remaining five will count towards NQS.

The NQS will be calculated by:

1. Identifying the home scores [max of five (5) home meets].
2. Ordering the home and away scores in descending order from highest to lowest.
3. Confirming five (5) away meet scores.
4. Dropping the highest and lowest scores.
5. Averaging the remaining scores.

Implementation of the NQS formula on Road to Nationals will follow the schedule noted below:

- Weeks 1-6: Straight NQS average, with a maximum of five (5) home meets.
- Weeks 7+: NQS average, with a maximum of five (5) home meets, dropping the high and low scores.
- Following Conference Championships: Implementation of new NQS formula for Postseason Qualifications/Selections.

The Individual NQS formula will not change with this adjustment to the team NQS formula. Individual NQS will continue to be calculated by using the three (3) highest away scores and three (3) highest other scores, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five (5) scores.

Step-by-step examples of the application of the NQS formula can be found on the following pages.

Scenario 1: Calculating NGS with 5 Home & 7 Away Scores

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 5 Home Meets, Count All Scores</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 7 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	196,000	H	196,000	196,000	196,000	196,000
2	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
3	196,200	H	196,200	196,200	196,200	196,200
4	196,300	A	196,300	196,300	196,300	196,300
5	196,400	H	196,400	196,400	196,400	196,400
6	196,500	A	196,500	196,500	196,500	196,500
7	196,600	H	196,600	196,600	196,600	196,600
8	196,700	A	196,700	196,700	196,700	196,700
9	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
10	196,900	A	196,900	196,900	196,900	196,900
11	197,000	A	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
Conference	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
Final NGS: 196,550						

Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Former NGS Calculation

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 5 Home Meets, Count All Scores</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 7 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	196,000	H	196,000	196,000	196,000	196,000
2	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
3	196,200	H	196,200	196,200	196,200	196,200
4	196,300	A	196,300	196,300	196,300	196,300
5	196,400	H	196,400	196,400	196,400	196,400
6	196,500	A	196,500	196,500	196,500	196,500
7	196,600	H	196,600	196,600	196,600	196,600
8	196,700	A	196,700	196,700	196,700	196,700
9	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
10	196,900	A	196,900	196,900	196,900	196,900
11	197,000	A	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
Conference	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
Former NGS: 196,800						

Scenario 2: Calculating NGS with 6 Home & 6 Away Scores

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 6 Home Meets, Drop Highest Score & Use Remaining 5</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 9 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	197,000	H	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
2	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
3	197,200	H	197,200	197,200	197,200	197,200
4	197,300	A	197,300	197,300	197,300	197,300
5	197,400	H	197,400	197,400	197,400	197,400
6	197,500	A	197,500	197,500	197,500	197,500
7	197,600	H	197,600	197,600	197,600	197,600
8	197,700	A	197,700	197,700	197,700	197,700
9	197,800	H	197,800	197,800	197,800	197,800
10	197,900	A	197,900	197,900	197,900	197,900
11	198,000	H	198,000	198,000	198,000	198,000
Conference	198,100	A	198,100	198,100	198,100	198,100
Final NGS: 197,500						

This score is used for postseason qualification

Former NGS Calculation

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 6 Home Meets, Drop Highest Score & Use Remaining 5</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 9 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	197,000	H	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
2	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
3	197,200	H	197,200	197,200	197,200	197,200
4	197,300	A	197,300	197,300	197,300	197,300
5	197,400	H	197,400	197,400	197,400	197,400
6	197,500	A	197,500	197,500	197,500	197,500
7	197,600	H	197,600	197,600	197,600	197,600
8	197,700	A	197,700	197,700	197,700	197,700
9	197,800	H	197,800	197,800	197,800	197,800
10	197,900	A	197,900	197,900	197,900	197,900
11	198,000	H	198,000	198,000	198,000	198,000
Conference	198,100	A	198,100	198,100	198,100	198,100
Former NGS: 197,500						

Scenario 3: Calculating NGS with 4 Home & 5 Away Scores

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 4 Home Meets, Count All Scores</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 7 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	196,000	A	196,000	196,000	196,000	196,000
2	196,200	H	196,200	196,200	196,200	196,200
3	196,500	A	196,500	196,500	196,500	196,500
4	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
5	196,900	A	196,900	196,900	196,900	196,900
6	196,600	H	196,600	196,600	196,600	196,600
7	197,000	A	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
8	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
Conference	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
Final NGS: 196,629						

Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Former NGS Calculation

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): <i>With 4 Home Meets, Count All Scores</i>	Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores: <i>List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest</i>	Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores: <i>This Removes Potential Outer Performances (High & Low)</i>	Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets: <i>Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for N. The Average of These 7 Scores Calculates the NGS</i>	Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores: <i>Drop the High & Low Scores. Calculate the NGS</i>
1	196,000	A	196,000	196,000	196,000	196,000
2	196,200	H	196,200	196,200	196,200	196,200
3	196,500	A	196,500	196,500	196,500	196,500
4	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
5	196,900	A	196,900	196,900	196,900	196,900
6	196,600	H	196,600	196,600	196,600	196,600
7	197,000	A	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000
8	196,800	H	196,800	196,800	196,800	196,800
Conference	197,100	A	197,100	197,100	197,100	197,100
Former NGS: 196,760						

***Note: In this scenario, the home scores did not fall into the High or Low score categories and are included in the NGS calculation.*

Scenario 4: Calculating NGS with 5 Home & 4 Away Scores

Competition

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): With 5 Home Meets, Count All Scores
1	196,000	H
2	196,200	H
3	196,800	H
4	196,300	A
5	196,400	H
6	196,500	A
7	196,600	H
8	196,700	A
Conference	196,800	H

Final NGS: Incomplete
Team NOT eligible for Proposed NGS & Postseason

Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores:
List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest

1	196,800	A
2	196,700	A
3	196,600	H
4	196,500	A
5	196,400	H
6	196,300	A
7	196,200	H
8	196,100	A
9	196,000	H

Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores:
This Removes Potential Outlier Performances (High & Low)

1	196,800	A
2	196,700	A
3	196,600	H
4	196,500	A
5	196,400	H
6	196,300	A
7	196,200	H
8	196,100	A
9	196,000	H

Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets:
Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for NGS

1	196,800	A
2	196,700	A
3	196,600	A
4	196,500	A
5	196,400	A

Min 5 Away Meets: No
Note: Over the next 10 years, including the 2020 and 2021 seasons impacted by COVID, all WCAAs schools have compiled in more than five away meets during the regular season. Based on this data, we have determined that the current minimum of 5 away meets is a very high standard for the proposed NGS calculation and postseason eligibility.

Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores:
Take the Average of These 5 Scores. Calculate the NGS

1	196,500	A
2	196,500	A
3	196,500	A
4	196,500	A
5	196,500	A
6	196,500	A
7	196,500	A

Final: 196,500
Team NOT eligible for Proposed NGS & Postseason

Comparison: Former NGS Calculation:
6 Highest Scores, Minimum 2 Away Meets

1	196,800	H
2	196,700	H
3	196,600	H
4	196,500	H
5	196,500	A
6	196,300	A

Former NGS: 196,500
Former NGS Calculation

Scenario 5: NGS Calculation: Impact of Excluding vs Including an Outlier High Score

Competition

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): With 5 Home Meets, Count All Scores
1	196,000	H
2	196,100	A
3	196,200	H
4	196,300	A
5	196,400	H
6	196,500	A
7	196,600	H
8	196,700	A
9	196,800	H
10	196,900	A
11	197,000	A
Conference	197,100	A

Final NGS: 196,570
Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores:
List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,900	H
4	196,800	A
5	196,700	A
6	196,600	H
7	196,500	A
8	196,400	H
9	196,300	A
10	196,200	H
11	196,100	A
12	196,000	H

Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores:
This Removes Potential Outlier Performances (High & Low)

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,900	H
4	196,800	A
5	196,700	A
6	196,600	H
7	196,500	A
8	196,400	H
9	196,300	A
10	196,200	H
11	196,100	A
12	196,000	H

Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets:
Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for NGS

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,900	A
4	196,800	A
5	196,700	A
6	196,600	A
7	196,500	A

Min 5 Away Meets: Yes
Note: Over the next 10 years, including the 2020 and 2021 seasons impacted by COVID, all WCAAs schools have compiled in more than five away meets during the regular season. Based on this data, we have determined that the current minimum of 5 away meets is a very high standard for the proposed NGS calculation and postseason eligibility.

Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores:
Take the Average of These 10 Scores. Calculate the NGS

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,900	H
4	196,800	H
5	196,700	A
6	196,600	H
7	196,500	A
8	196,400	H
9	196,300	A
10	196,200	A

Final NGS: 196,570
Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Final NGS: 196,683
NCS Without Dropping Outlier High & Low Score

Scenario 6: NGS Calculation: Impact of Excluding vs Including an Outlier Low Score

Competition

Competition	Score	Home/Away Step 1: Identify the Home Scores (Max 5): With 5 Home Meets, Count All Scores
1	196,000	H
2	196,100	A
3	196,200	H
4	196,300	A
5	196,400	H
6	196,500	H
7	196,600	H
8	196,700	A
9	196,800	H
10	192,000	A
11	197,000	A
Conference	197,100	A

Final NGS: 196,460
Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Step 2: Order the Home & Away Scores:
List the Home & Away Scores in Descending Order from Highest to Lowest

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,800	H
4	196,700	A
5	196,600	H
6	196,500	A
7	196,400	H
8	196,300	A
9	196,200	H
10	196,100	A
11	196,000	H
12	192,000	A

Step 3: Drop the Highest & Lowest Scores:
This Removes Potential Outlier Performances (High & Low)

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,800	H
4	196,700	A
5	196,600	H
6	196,500	A
7	196,400	H
8	196,300	A
9	196,200	H
10	196,100	A
11	196,000	H
12	192,000	A

Step 4: Confirm 5 Away Meets:
Teams Must Complete in a Minimum of 5 Away Meets to be Eligible for NGS

1	197,100	A
2	197,000	A
3	196,700	A
4	196,500	A
5	196,400	A
6	196,300	A
7	192,000	A

Min 5 Away Meets: Yes
Note: Over the next 10 years, including the 2020 and 2021 seasons impacted by COVID, all WCAAs schools have compiled in more than five away meets during the regular season. Based on this data, we have determined that the current minimum of 5 away meets is a very high standard for the proposed NGS calculation and postseason eligibility.

Step 5: Average the Remaining Scores:
Take the Average of These 10 Scores. Calculate the NGS

1	197,000	A
2	196,800	H
3	196,700	A
4	196,600	H
5	196,500	H
6	196,400	H
7	196,300	A
8	196,200	H
9	196,100	A
10	196,000	H

Final NGS: 196,460
Proposed NGS Calculation for Postseason

Final NGS: 196,742
NCS Without Dropping Outlier High & Low Score