



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 3-4, 2024, ANNUAL MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Add eight hours of CARA to the summer.** This will allow student-athletes to train with their collegiate coach and teammates to bridge the gap between spring and fall. (See Legislative Item 1-a.)
2. **Reduce the experience requirements for postseason judges.** Change the required years of experience for judges to be considered for the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) regionals and finals to eight. (See Informational Item 5.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Add eight hours of CARA to the summer calendar.**

(1) Recommendation. Add eight hours of available CARA to the summer calendar.

(2) Effective date. 2025-26 season.

(3) Rationale. Currently, women's gymnastics student-athletes do not have CARA hours available to train during the summer. The ability to train with their collegiate coach and team members would ensure that a strong foundation is set for the fall.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would have additional training prior to the fall to help bridge the gap between spring and fall training on campuses.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2023 meeting report.** The committee approved the 2023 report.
2. **2024 women's gymnastics playing rules proposals.** The committee reviewed the proposals included in the rules report.
3. **Review of Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association proposals.** The committee discussed each of the proposals the WCGA (Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association) submitted. The

first proposal recommends adding a third round to the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships so that the first and second rounds would take place at four predetermined sites and the top four teams in the second round at each regional advance to the third round (super-regional). Two super-regionals each consisting of eight teams would take place at non-predetermined sites with the two highest NQS (National Qualifying Score) teams hosting. The top four teams at each site would advance to the national championship. The proposal accounts for the selection and advancement of individuals from the regionals to the super-regionals and then to the finals site. The committee expressed initial support of the proposal as it would reward top performing regional teams the opportunity to host a super-regional and provide extended coverage for women's gymnastics fans leading into the finals. However, the committee also noted the importance to assess several impacts of the change, including those related to broadcast television and budget, before advancing the proposal further.

The second proposal from the WCGA recommends moving the start of the season back two weeks, which would move the championships to early spring. The delay to the start of the season would ensure women's gymnastics student-athletes have training time prior to their first competition. Additionally, the committee noted the delay would avoid a conflict for the championships with the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, March Madness, and USA Gymnastics competitions. This would also allow coaches to recruit at the USA Gymnastics competitions, which are currently held during championships and therefore a dead period for recruiting. Like the first proposal, the committee expressed initial support of the proposal but also noted the need to assess broadcast television impacts before advancing the proposal further.

- 4. Discussion from 2023 to increase to 18 competing student-athletes.** The committee revisited the 2023 request to increase the number of allowable competing athletes from 15 to 18. The committee recognized the Competition Oversight Committee tabled the request and hopes it is reconsidered soon. Roster sizes continued to increase over recent years. From 2017 to 2024 the average roster size has grown from 17.8 to 20 across Division I, from 18.7 to 23.5 across Division II, and from 20.6 to 21.8 across Division III. The number of competing athletes is trending across all divisions with 15.4 in Division I, 16.3 in Division II, and 17.1 in Division III. (see Attachment – 2024 NC WGYM Annual Meeting Report)

A maximum of 18 competing student-athletes aligns with the policy applied in the Southeastern, Big Ten, Mid-American and Atlantic Coast Conferences. Other conferences do not have a limit on the number of competing student-athletes, including the Midwest Independent, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic and National Collegiate Gymnastics Association East Conferences. Conferences including the Big 12 and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation allow 15 competing athletes because they align their number with the NCAA policy.

With this change, the corral size will remain at 25 individuals. Teams will have the flexibility to select their 25 as long as no more than 18 individuals are designated as competing student-

athletes. The committee emphasizes that this does not include an increase in the reimbursable travel party size, which will remain at 15 student-athletes.

5. **Discussion of National Qualifying Score.** The committee began a discussion reviewing how NQS is used post-season. The committee determined more discussion needed to occur.
6. **Review of judges' qualifications.** The committee discussed and reviewed the selection requirements for postseason judges and agreed to reduce the years of experience to eight versus the current 10. This allows for a wider breadth of qualified judges to be considered for the postseason.
7. **Review of the selection process and timeline.** The committee reviewed the team selection procedures document and clarified relevant language.
8. **Review score verification coordinators and responsibilities.** The committee agreed that the updated score-verification coordinator assignment and process worked well this year. Each score verifier was held accountable for reviewing scores within their respective region and communicated any questions or concerns to the championship manager.
9. **Review AAI equipment for championship.** The top throw mat examples were reviewed to determine if white or color inset would be allowed. The committee voted on a white inset for the finals. Teams may use an alternate (contrasting) color for home meets and regionals and use the measurements recommended by AAI. The pit pillow should have one side of cotton fabric and one side of vinyl. Additional spray bottles must be at each event and additional bottles must be available should some go missing. The AAI contract is through 2026.
10. **Review of Road to Nationals and the services provided.** The committee was satisfied with the services provided by the Road to Nationals scoring system and website.
11. **Review of scoring system.** The committee discussed options for a scoring system that would support the 10-point rating.
12. **Review of 2024 championships.**
13. **Competitor numbers.** The committee expressed satisfaction and received positive feedback regarding the removal of competitor numbers.
14. **Wristband distribution.** Wristbands were successfully distributed to team members/schools to celebrate post-competition.
15. **Double dual format.** The new double dual format worked very well not only for the speed of the championships but most importantly for the student-athlete experience since all four events were covered on ESPN.

16. Review of 2024 championship manuals. The committee will assist in reviewing manual language to ensure consistency and clarity of information.

17. Preview of the 2025 regional host sites. The committee acknowledged the following future regional sites: University of Alabama, Pennsylvania State University, University of Utah and University of Washington.

18. Discussion and plans for the 2025 championships. To boost attendance, the committee brainstormed ideas to bring people to the arena. Ideas included a Fan Fest with youth activities, food vendors, ticketing packages, etc. The committee also spoke about a collaboration with USAG to have a youth meet nearby with ticket packages for the NCAA championships. The committee would like to increase the allocation of seats for teams to 500 or more. The committee also agreed on the following:

- To assign times for look-throughs at all regional sites for all qualifiers.
- To improve the timing of transitions between equipment and touch warm-ups, the committee will incorporate the announcement twice to ensure that student-athletes and coaches are ready to move with their respective line leaders.
- To improve and empower site representatives at the regional rounds, a more robust call with the championship liaison will occur outlining specifics such as not allowing teams on the vault to use the floor.
- To allow for improved communication between the coaches and the committee, the committee will ask two coaches to act as representatives during the walkthrough/equipment check to report any concerns to the committee and championship liaison.
- Hotels for the championship finals will be assigned by the committee based on room availability and session assignments. Birdie Boxes will be delivered to the championship hotels for teams and individuals.
- Beginning in 2025, the committee's annual meeting will be two full days versus 1.5 days.

The committee also discussed implementing a new NQS system (counting all scores, dropping the high and low and then averaging the remaining scores). The committee said the language was confusing and will discuss and review it later.

19. Selection of 2024-25 committee chair and vice chair. The committee elected Shaun Richard, administrator with The Ohio State University, as committee chair for the coming year. Danna Durante, head coach at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was elected as vice chair.

Committee Chair: Guard Young, Brigham Young University,
Staff Liaison(s): Jennifer Mervar, Championships and Alliances
 Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee June 3-4, 2024, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Shaun Richard, The Ohio State University.
Cindy Harris, Illinois State University.
Lisa Bowerman, Texas Woman's University.
Danna Durante, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Lauren Procopio, University of Pennsylvania.
Guard Young, Brigham Young University.
Absentees:
Jeff Konya, San Jose State University.
Guests in Attendance:
Teresa Barnard, National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (current president).
Catherine "Cookie" Batsche, National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges former President.
Lois Colburn, National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges National Collegiate Assigner.
Ken Cysewski and Terry Williams, AAI
Jannette Doucette, Rules Interpreter.
Jason Fredericks, Road to Nationals.
Melanie Hall, Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association President.
Jenna Karadbil, national assignor
Dan Margulis, ESPN.
Cassie Poss, Fort Worth Sports Commission.
Daniel Smith, Knight Eady.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Jennifer Mervar, Championships and Alliances.
Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances.
Jen White, Contractor.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Rachel Seewald, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Natalie Steger, ESPN/Broadcast.

Row Labels	Sum of num athletes	Sum of competed in 2024
Air Force	21	15
Alabama	18	14
Alaska	20	17
Arizona	21	12
Arizona State	19	13
Arkansas	17	15
Auburn	21	14
Ball State	19	10
Boise State	19	16
Bowling Green	25	15
Bridgeport	24	17
Brockport	24	17
Brown	20	14
BYU	26	18
California	15	11
Centenary College	16	15
Central Michigan	19	16
Clemson	18	15
Cornell	27	20
Cortland State	24	21
Denver	15	12
Eastern Michigan	23	18
Fisk	24	18
Florida	17	14
George Washington	17	14
Georgia	18	14
Greenville	21	16
Gustavus Adolphus	20	15
Hamline	26	20
Illinois	20	14
Illinois State	22	17
Iowa	21	16
Iowa State	20	14
Ithaca College	21	16
Kent State	22	16
Kentucky	18	13
Lindenwood	20	15
LIU	19	14
LSU	22	14
Maryland	21	17
Michigan	17	12
Michigan State	23	14
Minnesota	19	13
Missouri	20	14

Nebraska	22	15
New Hampshire	19	16
North Carolina	19	15
North Carolina State	21	14
Northern Illinois	24	16
Ohio State	17	15
Oklahoma	19	13
Oregon State	18	14
Penn State	18	13
Pennsylvania	25	19
Pittsburgh	19	16
Rhode Island College	23	16
Rutgers	30	20
S.E. Missouri	18	12
Sacramento State	19	12
San Jose State	17	12
Simpson	22	18
Southern Conn.	35	20
Southern Utah	23	15
Springfield College	22	18
Stanford	17	15
Talladega	16	12
Temple	25	18
Texas Woman's	18	15
Towson	25	19
UC Davis	16	12
UCLA	20	16
Ursinus College	22	18
Utah	14	12
Utah State	19	17
Utica	16	12
UW-Eau Claire	19	16
UW-La Crosse	24	21
UW-Oshkosh	23	17
UW-Stout	22	17
UW-Whitewater	25	18
Washington	18	15
West Chester	24	16
West Virginia	18	15
Western Michigan	21	18
William & Mary	21	17
Winona State	23	17
Yale	16	12
Grand Total	1791	1339
Avg.	20.5862069	15.3908046

Air Force	1	21	15
Alabama	1	18	14
Alaska	1	20	17
Arizona	1	21	12
Arizona Sta	1	19	13
Arkansas	1	17	15
Auburn	1	21	14
Ball State	1	19	10
Boise State	1	19	16
Bowling Gr	1	25	15
Brown	1	20	14
BYU	1	26	18
California	1	15	11
Central Mic	1	19	16
Clemson	1	18	15
Cornell	1	27	20
Denver	1	15	12
Eastern Mi	1	23	18
Florida	1	17	14
George Wa	1	17	14
Georgia	1	18	14
Illinois	1	20	14
Illinois Stat	1	22	17
Iowa	1	21	16
Iowa State	1	20	14
Kent State	1	22	16
Kentucky	1	18	13
Lindenwoo	1	20	15
LIU	1	19	14
LSU	1	22	14
Maryland	1	21	17
Michigan	1	17	12
Michigan S	1	23	14
Minnesota	1	19	13
Missouri	1	20	14
Nebraska	1	22	15
New Hamp	1	19	16
North Caro	1	19	15
North Caro	1	21	14
Northern Il	1	24	16
Ohio State	1	17	15
Oklahoma	1	19	13
Oregon Sta	1	18	14
Penn State	1	18	13
Pennsylvan	1	25	19
Pittsburgh	1	19	16
Rutgers	1	30	20

Bridgeport	2	24	17
Fisk	2	24	18
Southern C	2	35	20
Talladega	2	16	12
Texas Wor	2	18	15
<u>West Chest</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>
AVG		23.5	16.33333

S.E. Missou	1	18	12
Sacrament	1	19	12
San Jose St	1	17	12
Southern U	1	23	15
Stanford	1	17	15
Temple	1	25	18
Towson	1	25	19
UC Davis	1	16	12
UCLA	1	20	16
Utah	1	14	12
Utah State	1	19	17
Washington	1	18	15
West Virgir	1	18	15
Western M	1	21	18
William & P	1	21	17
Yale	1	16	12
AVG		19.95238	14.80952

Brockport	3	24	17
Centenary	3	16	15
Cortland St	3	24	21
Greenville	3	21	16
Gustavus A	3	20	15
Hamline	3	26	20
Ithaca Colle	3	21	16
Rhode Islar	3	23	16
Simpson	3	22	18
Springfield	3	22	18
Ursinus Col	3	22	18
Utica	3	16	12
UW-Eau Cl	3	19	16
UW-La Cro:	3	24	21
UW-Oshko:	3	23	17
UW-Stout	3	22	17
UW-White	3	25	18
Winona Sta	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>
AVG		21.83333	17.11111

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Michigan State	19	13
Minnesota	20	15
Missouri	22	14
Nebraska	19	14

New Hampshire	19	16
North Carolina	21	15
North Carolina State	20	14
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Ohio State	20	16
Oklahoma	18	12
Oregon State	21	16
Penn State	18	10
Pennsylvania	26	18
Pittsburgh	20	15
Rhode Island College	18	15
Rutgers	27	17
S.E. Missouri	20	12
Sacramento State	18	13
San Jose State	18	15
Simpson	15	13
Southern Conn.	33	27
Southern Utah	27	19
Springfield College	23	16
Stanford	17	11
Temple	25	17
Texas Woman's	17	15
Towson	22	20
UC Davis	22	15
UCLA	19	14
Ursinus College	21	16
Utah	15	13
Utah State	18	16
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UW-Whitewater	23	19
Washington	18	14
West Chester	25	19
West Virginia	20	16
Western Michigan	18	11
William & Mary	20	15
Winona State	21	14
Yale	17	13
Grand Total	1703	1265
Avg.	20.27380952	15.05952381

team_name	div num athletes	competed in 2024	percent
Air Force	1	21	15 0.71
Alabama	1	18	14 0.78
Alaska	1	20	17 0.85
Arizona	1	21	12 0.57
Arizona State	1	19	13 0.68
Arkansas	1	17	15 0.88
Auburn	1	21	14 0.67
Ball State	1	19	10 0.53
Boise State	1	19	16 0.84
Bowling Green	1	25	15 0.6
Brown	1	20	14 0.7
BYU	1	26	18 0.69
California	1	15	11 0.73
Central Michigan	1	19	16 0.84
Clemson	1	18	15 0.83
Cornell	1	27	20 0.74
Denver	1	15	12 0.8
Eastern Michigan	1	23	18 0.78
Florida	1	17	14 0.82
George Washington	1	17	14 0.82
Georgia	1	18	14 0.78
Illinois	1	20	14 0.7
Illinois State	1	22	17 0.77
Iowa	1	21	16 0.76
Iowa State	1	20	14 0.7
Kent State	1	22	16 0.73
Kentucky	1	18	13 0.72
Lindenwood	1	20	15 0.75
LIU	1	19	14 0.74
LSU	1	22	14 0.64
Maryland	1	21	17 0.81
Michigan	1	17	12 0.71
Michigan State	1	23	14 0.61
Minnesota	1	19	13 0.68
Missouri	1	20	14 0.7

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Illinois
Illinois State
Iowa
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Kent State
Kentucky
Lindenwood
LIU
LSU
Maryland
Michigan
Michigan State
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska

Nebraska	1	22	15	0.68	New Hampshire
New Hampshire	1	19	16	0.84	North Carolina
North Carolina	1	19	15	0.79	North Carolina State
North Carolina State	1	21	14	0.67	Northern Illinois
Northern Illinois	1	24	16	0.67	Ohio State
Ohio State	1	17	15	0.88	Oklahoma
Oklahoma	1	19	13	0.68	Oregon State
Oregon State	1	18	14	0.78	Penn State
Penn State	1	18	13	0.72	Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania	1	25	19	0.76	Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh	1	19	16	0.84	Rutgers
Rutgers	1	30	20	0.67	S.E. Missouri
S.E. Missouri	1	18	12	0.67	Sacramento State
Sacramento State	1	19	12	0.63	San Jose State
San Jose State	1	17	12	0.71	Southern Utah
Southern Utah	1	23	15	0.65	Stanford
Stanford	1	17	15	0.88	Temple
Temple	1	25	18	0.72	Towson
Towson	1	25	19	0.76	UC Davis
UC Davis	1	16	12	0.75	UCLA
UCLA	1	20	16	0.8	Utah
Utah	1	14	12	0.86	Utah State
Utah State	1	19	17	0.89	Washington
Washington	1	18	15	0.83	West Virginia
West Virginia	1	18	15	0.83	Western Michigan
Western Michigan	1	21	18	0.86	William & Mary
William & Mary	1	21	17	0.81	Yale
Yale	1	16	12	0.75	Bridgeport
Bridgeport	2	24	17	0.71	Fisk
Fisk	2	24	18	0.75	Southern Conn.
Southern Conn.	2	35	20	0.57	Texas Woman's
Talladega	2	16	12	0.75	West Chester
Texas Woman's	2	18	15	0.83	Brockport
West Chester	2	24	16	0.67	Centenary College
Brockport	3	24	17	0.71	Cortland State
Centenary College	3	16	15	0.94	Greenville

Cortland State	3	24	21	0.88
Greenville	3	21	16	0.76
Gustavus Adolphus	3	20	15	0.75
Hamline	3	26	20	0.77
Ithaca College	3	21	16	0.76
Rhode Island College	3	23	16	0.7
Simpson	3	22	18	0.82
Springfield College	3	22	18	0.82
Ursinus College	3	22	18	0.82
Utica	3	16	12	0.75
UW-Eau Claire	3	19	16	0.84
UW-La Crosse	3	24	21	0.88
UW-Oshkosh	3	23	17	0.74
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Winona State	3	23	17	0.74

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UW-Whitewater
Winona State

DI	1257	933	0.74	74% of athletes competed
DII	141	98	0.7	70% of athletes competed
DIII	393	308	0.78	70% of athletes compete8
Co	1791	1339	0.75	75% of athletes competed
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division_id num athlete competed in 2023

1	21	15
1	18	15
1	20	16
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3	25	18
3	25	19
3	19	17
3	23	19
3	21	14

DI	1244	907	0.73	73% of athletes competed
DII	113	90	0.8	80% of athletes competed
DIII	346	268	0.77	77% of athletes compete8
Combined	1703	1265	0.74	74% of athletes competed

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