

Qualifying for the State Meet (updated 1/24)

CLASS "AA" and CLASS "A" –State Qualifying/Region Meet

Entries

Seven gymnasts may be entered per event at the State Qualifying/Region meet. During actual competition, the coach may compete any six of the seven gymnasts per event.

Team – 8 teams from each Class (AA and A) will qualify to the State Meet

- **The top 8 teams from each Class (A and AA) at the State Qualifying/Region meets will advance to the State Meet.** The Champion from each Region/State Qualifying Meet will advance to the state meet with the next six (6) highest scores from each class advancing as wildcard, regardless of the region, creating the eight-team qualifiers in each class. In case of a tie, the first place score in each event will be averaged between the teams in a tie.
- The highest four scores per event will be used to determine team scores.

Class A- Individual

- **A maximum of 40 participants will qualify for each event. The top 5 individuals from each region/state qualifying meet shall qualify for the state meet, to give 10 competitors. The remaining number of athletes will be filled as wildcards from both region/state qualifying meets, to include in-season qualifiers in each event, not to exceed 40, unless there is a tie.**

• Example: The event is Vault.

Region 1 takes top 5 qualifiers as does Region 2 for a total of 10 in Vault. There are 4 in-season qualifiers that have qualified in this event that were not in the top 10. Those 4 in-season qualifiers will be added to the list to make a total now of 14. The remaining 26 will come from any that may have met the standard for **the third time** at the state qualifying meet, then from the list of the next best scores from both regions to total 40 for the event. In the case of any ties for the last position, all ties will be included. Note: Athletes and coaches will not know who the remaining number of athletes are until both regions have been completed and the list is compiled.

Class AA Only – Individual (Watertown – two meets)

- **A maximum of 40 participants will qualify for each event. In-season qualifiers will be added automatically to the state qualifying list first. The remaining qualifiers will be based on scores achieved at the State Qualifying Meet and added to the list to round out the top 40 athletes in each event. Qualifying number are not to exceed 40, unless there is a tie.**
- **Last Chance Meet (Aberdeen, Metro and Brookings): Athletes that achieve an in-season qualifying score for **the third time** at the Last Chance Meet will overtake a score that was achieved in the State Qualifying Meet the previous week to make our top 40. All ties will qualify. No final qualifiers will be posted on the SDHSAA website prior to the conclusion of our Last Chance Meets.**

Qualifying Scores

Additional Individual Qualifying Standards	Class AA	Class A
A gymnast may qualify for State Meet in any event by meeting or bettering this standard at three varsity meets during the season, including the State Qualifying/Region Meet, regardless of the number of teams or judges at the meet.	Vault: 9.0 Floor: 9.2 Bars: 8.7 Beam: 8.9	Vault: 8.7 Floor: 8.8 Bars: 8.0 Beam: 8.3

- No school may compete more than six gymnasts per event during the State Meet individual competition. A coach shall verify all individual-state meet qualifiers on the State Meet Competition WEBFORM. Coaches shall enter athletes as if all 6 qualified in each event, to include just your in-season qualifiers. **Athletes must in-season qualify in all four events to be eligible to compete for an all-around medal at the state meet.**
- **NOTE:** There will be a WEBFORM located in Bound. This form is to be completed by:
 - Class A- (no change) 9 a.m. the day following **your** State Qualifying/Region meet.
 - Class AA- Change to 9 a.m. the day following your **Last Chance Meet** with the **EXCEPTION** to Class AA meet held in Brookings on Saturday (Feb. 3)- due by 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3.
- A gymnast who qualifies during the regular season does not need to enter the State Qualifying/Region meet in order to compete at the state meet. However, her name **MUST** be listed on the State Meet Competition WEBFORM completed by the coach following the State Qualifying/Region meet.