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- **OUT OF STATE SCORES** (reprint from Nov.): As the Competitive season starts to ramp up please remember NOW that if you think a particular score for your athletes might qualify her for state meets please send in the scores NOW to the appropriate Committee members before forgotten. This will make life easier for all at the end of the season during the mad rush of verifying athletes qualifications to state meets and getting out State meet times.
  - **Online State Series Entry:** Now that the pre-State Series is starting to come to a close we would like to make sure everybody will be prepared to do their State Series Entries using the online form at the ILUSAG.com site. This will be the ONLY way that you will be able to enter your athletes to the State Series meets. IF you do not have availability to enter on line during the time span given please make sure that someone within your organization can
  - **Equipment matting Clarification from previous email Don's 7<sup>th</sup> point. Please refer to a previous email regarding Equipment at Meets. Look at Point 7:** explaining that it was meant to indicate that the athlete's safety should not be "jeopardized" by a judge telling a coach that the gymnast CANNOT use a certain mat, but if the mat used does not meet the specs in R & P, then the use of unauthorized matting deduction (0.30) would be applied.  
If the Meet Director does not supply the proper matting (or enough of them), the coaches and/or judges should write that on the Sanction Report form and also contact the State Administrative Committee Chairman. If the same club bids for other meets, there needs to be a commitment on their part to provide the correct matting choices and if they cannot comply, they should not be awarded the right to host the meet. [Connie Maloney Women's Jr. Olympic Program Director](#)
  - **Chicago Style:** Each year gymnastics Coaches, USAG Administrators, College Program, Gymnasts, Judges come to Illinois and participate in the **Worlds largest meet**. I know that through the efforts of IGI and the Illinois NAWGJ, Illinois and Chicago perform this feat with class and produce a quality meet. What a great reflection on what Illinois can do.
  - **Illinois Level 4 Chair Report, Teresa:** Just a reminder that the qualifying score for level 4 is a 32.00 all around and the last day to qualify is March 7th. We are very excited to have Elk Grove Gymnastics host the level 4 state on March 26-28. The meet schedules will not be out until about 10 days before the meet so please inform your parents of that. We have had many emails from parents asking which day their child will compete because they are trying to schedule spring breaks so please help us out on that one. Best of luck finishing out the year. See you at State! Teresa
  - **Illinois Elite Chair Report, Todd : 2010 CoverGirl Classic heads to Chicago** Chicago, Ill., will play host to the 2010 CoverGirl Classic, the final qualifying event for women's gymnastics for the 2010 Visa Championships, at the Pavilion on the University of Illinois – Chicago campus. The junior and senior competition, which features some of the USA's top female gymnasts, is July 24. Tickets will go on sale at a later date. USA Gymnastics is partnering with World Sport Chicago to bring the CoverGirl Classic to Chicago. The two organizations worked together on the 2009 Tyson American

Cup and Chicago Cup that were held in the Chicago area as part of World Sport Chicago's outreach in conjunction with the city's bid for the 2016 Olympic Games.

- **Illinois JO Chairman report: Cyndi: 2010 State Series**
- Below is information on the 2010 Illinois State Series. Please read over careful so there are no mistakes and we are able to get the meet information back to clubs as soon as possible.
  1. The Illinois Competitive Information Summary is located under Rules and Policies and is the first thing at the top. Print this out as it gives you all the information needs for qualifying scores, last day to qualify, who is hosting the meet, the meet date and the entry deadline along with costs.
  2. All out of state scores being used for entering the state meet must be sent by the last qualifying date. These are submitted to State Chairman, Level Chairman, Scoretracker. You can find this information under Rules and Policies and also Meet Director Information. Both are located on the tabs on the left side of the main website page.
  3. The State Meet Entry Forms are located on the State Series Page which has a tab on the left side on the main website page. From there you will be able to click on which state meet you are entering. Please make sure to follow the directions and fill out all information on the form. Be careful when hitting the submit button not to submit more then one time. Wait for the confirmation page that will appear after you hit the submit.
  4. Make a copy of the confirmation for yourself and also include a copy with your check.
  5. Checks should be submitted directly to the meet host. On your confirmation page it will tell you who to make your check out to and also where to send it. Please submit entry online as soon as possible. You can always enter those that qualify on the last qualifying weekend separately.
  6. All information regarding the state series will be posted on the state series page so check it often for new information.
  7. Level 8-9-10 make sure to include leo sizes. These must be done at the time of entry and sizes can not be changed once we order them as we do not have extras.
  8. Level 8-9-10 Must bring a **CLUB** not individuals check for entering the regional meet. The entry must be done at the meet before you leave your last session of that level. Level 8 will need one club check but you can put level 9-10 together on one check. (So you need 2 checks one for level 8 and one for 9-10.)
  9. If you have any questions or problems with the online form please email Cyndi Zimmerman at [gymmom4@aol.com](mailto:gymmom4@aol.com) or Norbert Bendixen [norbertil@aol.com](mailto:norbertil@aol.com)  
**Event Specialists for Level 8-9-10**  
There is a separate Form under the state series for entering event specialist. Please make sure to fill out completely including which events you are entering. They must have qualified to go to state from a USAG sanctioned meet that you entered them into as an event specialist.
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- Norbert Illinois Womens USAG State Administrative Committee Chairman