

Please read and adhere to the following rules for GIJO Parents

- Meet Schedules is usually sent out a month before the date of the meet to each club competing in the meet. This information will then be passed on to you by your coach or your club. Putting together a meet schedule can be very complicated the process takes time. If you have questions please contact your child's coach or club to have them answered. It is NEVER appropriate to call the Meet Host Club asking questions about the schedule.
- Contacting the host club for any reason is not allowed! Any information you would need for any meet can be answered by your child's coach or located on the GIJO website on the Meet Flyer page.
 - www.gijogymnasticsofillinoisjuniororganization.org
- When arriving at a meet your gymnast should check in and join their team and coach. Please make sure they have everything they need during the meet. You should have NO other contact with your child until they have finished competing.
- We encourage appropriate cheering for your gymnast and their team from the stands.
- There is NEVER a time that calling your gymnast to the stands to congratulate them during the meet would be considered acceptable parent behavior.
- Parents should also NEVER enter the competition floor, there are ropes, sign, ect. to indicate where the spectator area ends and the competition floor begins. This rule was implemented for the safety of the gymnast and the spectators it must be followed at all times. Repeated requested to comply with this rule could result in your gymnast's club being reprimanded.
- Age groups are determined by the first date of the GIJO League Championships. Example: If 6/1/2018 is the date of the first day of League Championships, and your child's birth date is 6/2/2007 they will compete in the 10 year old age group in their level for every GIJO meet including League Championships. If your child's birth date is 5/30/2007 they will be competing in the 11 year old age group in their level for every GIJO meet including League Championships. AAU meets use the first day of AAU National Meet. If you notice that using this formula your gymnast is still in the wrong age group go to your child's coach they will bring it to the attention of the Meet Director. Parents should NEVER approach a Meet Director. **The GIJO age determination date for the 2018/2019 Season is May 31st, 2019 for both Boys and Girls.**
- During the meet all camera's and cell phones should have the flash shut off. The sudden flash of light can be dangerous and could cause an injury. This rule is usually announced before each session at all GIJO meets. If you do not know how to turn off the flash on your device please ask someone to assist you.
- Many of the meets you will attend with your Gymnast and their team will be "In House meets" meaning they are held in the gym of that team. This is one of the ways we are able to keep the costs (meet fee's and admission fees) lower than other leagues. Unfortunately this comes with some inconveniences all of which are different for each facility, some examples are: limited parking, limited spectator space (especially level 2 and 3 meets), no nearby restaurants, No separate room available for awards. We ask that you be accommodating of our facilities flaws so we can continue to keep costs down for you and your gymnast in our safe, warm, welcoming, well run and close facilities.

- Awards are done as quickly and as accurate as possible, Please remember scores cannot be calculated until the LAST gymnast has finished competing. If you have been sitting in awards for 20 minutes waiting for them to start it is probably because there are still gymnasts on the competitive floor.
- If during awards your gymnast has not been called, their score is incorrect or they were in the wrong age group interrupting the awards is not the correct way to handle the situation. These and any other complaints need to be brought to your child's coach and they will contact the appropriate person, get back to you with a resolution or explain why.
- During awards, please be kind to the announcer their very difficult job of making sure every name is said correctly makes it a job very few will take on. No Body wants to say a child's name incorrectly but multiple people screaming the correct way from the audience causes nothing but nervousness, more error and getting someone to volunteer for the job in the future even more difficult.