## 2021 Region 8 – Level 9 & 10 Championships Bradenton Area Convention Center - Palmetto, Florida

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## Dear Coaches:

As we approach the weekend of the 2021 Level 9 & 10 Regional Meet, we wanted to reach out with some important information. Our main goal is to make the meet as rewarding for the athletes, coaches and parents as possible, while still practicing the recommended protocols for health and safety. To do that, we are going to need your help.

Brad Harris and a representative from Meet Authority Productions will be your meet directors. If you need anything don't hesitate to ask. This document has some very important information on it, so read it completely!

Please note the following and relay ALL pertinent information to your gymnasts and their families. I will also attach a separate document that **MUST** go straight to your parents. If your parents have questions about that document, please ask them to direct them to **YOU**, or one of **YOUR** club representatives. DO NOT HAVE THEM CONTACT TBT DIRECTLY! Thanks!

For the health and safety of our gymnasts, coaches, spectators, judges and staff, the following safety measures will be in place:

- Face Coverings are required by the BACC and will have to be worn by all coaches, spectators, judges and staff throughout the competition.
- We will be doing digital (no touch) temperature checks upon entering the arena.
- As per USAG rule, face coverings for gymnasts will have to be worn at all times, except during the performance of gymnastics.
- Please maintain appropriate social distancing in the stands, the merchandise area and awards area.
- The Gyms will be marked for Flight A and Flight B, making it easy for the spectators to choose the appropriate side of the Arena.
- Gymnasts will need to bring their own personal container with chalk in it, a spray bottle and hand sanitizer. There will be no "community" chalk trays but we will have a table for them to chalk up.

## Awards:

We will present awards one age group at a time. The age group that is up will be announced in the hallway and written on a white board leading to the awards room. There will be a representative in the awards room to help organize their seating and to make sure distancing protocols are met. We also ask that you speak to your parents about the awards room. There is a chance we will have to limit the number of people each athlete can have in the awards room. We are hopeful, since we will be presenting awards in smaller groups, this will not be necessary.

Once inside the awards room, we will have the gymnasts sit on tape "dots", on the carpeted area in front of the awards stand. This will allow us to distance the kids. Spectators will stand in the rear of the room. There will be NO CHAIRS! Remind your parents to maintain proper distancing while in the awards room. We will be having smaller sessions and age groups so the ceremonies should move quickly.

## Coaches:

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be ON YOUR OWN. It is simply not possible to cater food for the number of coaches that will be present due to Covid restrictions and prices. There will be a concession stand available and outside food is permitted.
- Our coaches meetings will be in video and paper form. If it becomes necessary to call an in-person meeting, please maintain physical distancing.
- As you rotate, please remember to maintain appropriate distancing with other teams.
- If you have any scratches, please highlight your team name and mark thru the athlete's name to be removed leaving the number on the taped down rotation sheet that will be available at the head table.
- General stretch will take place on the FX Mats, the carpet bonded foam areas and vault runways. Please do not overcrowd the FX Mats. We are also going to limit line drills during stretch to promote distancing.
- We will be timing ALL warm-up's. Please be prepared for when the timers arrive. Once they do... it's time to GO!!!! Also, please refrain from having your athletes present themselves to the judges. This will help in maximizing personal space for our officials....
- When you sign in you will be given a red bracelet....this must be on your wrist throughout the weekend.