

Attention Club Owners,

As of yesterday we were advised that our original venue will no longer be able to host our meet due to additional restrictions placed by Governor Pritzker on venues controlled by local governments. This came as a surprise given that the venue falls within a region that has been well below the stated COVID metrics required in order to open on January 15th.

However, we have now been able to secure an alternative venue in which to host our meet. We have been working with our equipment company to draw up new gym layouts based on the available space, and will be having representatives from the equipment company drive out on Monday to map out the exact measurements and spacing so that we leave nothing to question.

I know this is not great news, and not a change we would like to have to make at this point, but we are all doing our best to make sure that we can do everything in our power to support our girls, and to provide these athletes with the opportunity to compete in an actual meet setting.

The new meet venue will be located about 18 highway miles from the Tinley Park Convention Center, in the Southland Center of Lynwood, IL (<https://mysouthlandcenter.com>) With the proximity and easy expressway travel, we would recommend that anyone who has a hotel reservation at the Even Hotels keep it. (<https://www.ihg.com/evenhotels/hotels/us/en/reservation>) We will also provide additional hotel options in the coming days for anyone that prefers to switch locations.

Due to restrictions we will only allow ONE parent per athlete to attend. Siblings will not be allowed. Admission fee will be \$15 per spectator and we only accept cash at the door (ATM is located on site). Parking is free, and there will be concessions available. At athlete check-in, each parent will receive a wristband that will allow them to enter into their daughter's meet session. We ask that no one arrives more than 15 minutes prior to the stated check-in time, and gymnasts and parents will not be allowed to remain in the gym as spectators outside of their own competition session. We will be cleaning and sanitizing the competition and viewing areas between sessions and throughout the meet.

Upon entering everyone will be required to take their temperature on a wall unit in the lobby. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 will be asked to leave immediately. Mask coverings will be required for EVERYONE. There will be no exceptions. Gymnasts will be required to wear face masks when they are not taking turns on the equipment-- our gymnasts usually pull their facemask down below their chin or stuff it in their leotards when taking their turn.

We will also not be holding awards ceremonies at the end of each session, as we would normally, in order to keep the crowd capacity down and limit personal contact. Awards will be mailed directly to clubs at the end of the weekend. During the meet we will also be posting scores online between sessions.

We thank you for your understanding.

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