

# **BAY STATE INVITATIONAL 2024**

## **PRE-MEET INFORMATION**

### **Host Gym:**

Western Mass Gymnastics

Website: [westernmassgym.com](http://westernmassgym.com) – “Events” Tab – Bay State Invitational

Email: [baystateinvitational@gmail.com](mailto:baystateinvitational@gmail.com)

Meet Directors: Men’s – Darren Morace; Women’s – Marlyce Morace

### **Meet Schedules:**

The Final Meet Schedules for both the Men’s and Women’s competitions are posted on the Events page of our website [westernmassgym.com](http://westernmassgym.com).

### **Meet Venue:**

MassMutual Center

1277 Main Street

Springfield, MA 01130

### **Directions and Parking:**

#### **IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION:**

**The Parking Garage across from the MassMutual Center has been removed for reconstruction. Please plan for extra time to allow for parking, especially for Friday competitions!**

A parking map can be found on our website. Below are other options for parking for the competition:

- Free 24 hr. parking is available in the MGM Parking Garage, One MGM Way Springfield, accessible from East Columbus Ave.
- On street parking is free after 6:00pm on weekdays and at all times on weekends.
- Paid Parking is available at the I-91 South Garage, 1620 East Columbus Ave.
- Paid Parking is available at the I-91 North Garage, 1870 East Columbus Ave.

### **Session Admission Fees:**

***Admission fees are payable on site by CASH ONLY and fees are as follows:***

***\$15 per session***

***\$25 weekend passes for entry into all sessions.***



### **Host Hotels:**

Links to our host hotels can be found by clicking the “Host Hotels” button on our website.

### **Rotation Sheets:**

Rotation Sheets with athletes listed in competitive order for all sessions will be posted on our website.

### **Awards & Age Divisions:**

Percentage of awards given for each level is as designated by USA Gymnastics Rules & Policies.

Age determination for Women’s Competition is 1/28/2024.

Age determination for Men’s Competition is 12/31/2023 (as per USA Gymnastics Development Program Rules & Policies).

Team awards are given following each session.

### **Athlete Gifts:**

All competitors will receive digital downloads of all of their professional competition photographs taken by John Cheng and his crew at Team Photo. All clubs will be sent an email with their athlete’s photos following the competition and will be responsible for distributing them to their athletes/families. Athletes will also receive a small “Thank You” gift from Western Mass Gymnastics.

### **Medical Staff:**

There will be a USA Gymnastics certified athletic trainer and an EMT on site during the entire competition.

### **Restrooms / Designated Changing Areas:**

There will be designated “Athlete Changing Areas” located in the restrooms in the competition arena. In accordance with USA Gymnastics recommendations, we strongly encourage all athletes to arrive to the competition dressed and ready for competition.

### **Competition Floor Access:**

Only **ACTIVE** professional members in good standing, registered athletes and event staff will be allowed on the competition floor. Coaches will be required to sign in prior to their first session of the competition. If any professional members are not preregistered through USA Gymnastics Meet Reservations, they will be required to show verification of proof of membership in good standing to the Meet Directors prior to signing in. There will be **NO PARENTS** allowed on the competition floor, except in the case of emergency.

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

In the case of inclement weather, please note that we **WILL NOT** be cancelling the competition and as such, no weather-related refunds will be given. Sessions will run as scheduled, so please plan accordingly.

