

2015 USAIGC & IAIGC FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Dear USAIGC & IAIGC Club Owners & Coaches,

HAPPY VALENTINE DAY TO ALL!!!!!!

Mexico has been added to the list of our International Countries.

Review: For any Member Club to participate in a USAIGC/IAIGC Sanctioned Competition the Club MUST have a **CURRENT Club membership** and the **100% EMPLOYEE Verification** next to their Club Name on our Club Directory Page. **Without either** of these **mandatory** requirements the Club and its gymnasts may not compete in any sanctioned USAIGC/IAIGC Competition.

Only Gymnasts listed under the Member Club on our Club Directory page may compete in a sanctioned USAIGC/IAIGC Competition. **Competition Directors now can DOWNLOAD the athlete membership from each club to an Excel File.** Competition Directors MUST send the **Officials Verification form** signed by each official next to their printed name to the USAIGC Office with their Educational Fees. If an **Officials name is not listed on our Judging Pool** they CANNOT JUDGE a sanctioned USAIGC Competition. Using an Official not on our judging pool the Host Club loses the sanction and the privilege to sanction another USAIGC Competition the following year.

Scores for all sanctioned Competitions **are posted** on our Competition Page/ COMPETITION CALENDAR. Meet Directors must email the scores in a PDF file to the USAIGC Office within 7 days. **Sanctions are FREE.** You can sanction a Competition from the Competition Page/ **SANCTION FORM.**

NEW Competition Page / COMPETITION CALENDAR all Sanctioned Competitions are now posted with the City & State. **When you click on the Competition Name, a drop down box with a GPS Navigational Map appears along with the Competition Site Address & Club Email making the location easier for our parents, officials & coaches.** Now if I can have a car that drives itself using the GPS! **Competition Directors who's Competition is not in their facility must fill out the address of the competition site.**

The **Multi-Athlete Registration** is still being ironed out

2016-2018 Mandatory 100% Employee Background Check must be renewed by December 31, 2015. All USAIGC Clubs must once again fill out and notarize the required USAIGC Employee Verification Form. You can use any background agency. The USAIGC recommends CIC who have helped many of you. Background Check fee: \$21.00. This is **MANDATORY** for **EVERY** Employee 18 years or older with NO

CURRENT Background Check. *Background checking ONLY one segment of your employee population is not doing your due diligence for minors.* Some of you may have heard about the Club whose Janitor assaulted a child. **He lost his Club.**

The USAIGC website will not allow you to register your athletes or sanction a competition until your Club Membership is current.

Every Club has received the 2014-2015 USAIGC/IAIGC Rules & Policy Book and our larger 2015 Safe Club Decal. Two Clubs (NYS) will be deleted very soon. They have no registered gymnasts but are still USAIGC Club Members without the 100% verification.

The USAIGC/IAIGC Lobby **Competition Poster** is being developed. It will be mailed out the end of this month.

Our Club Directory Page displays **YOUR Club Website**, is yours posted?

USAIGC/IAIGC RUN COMPETITIONS

2015 USAIGC Team Cup Invitational was the largest to date. It ran extremely well thanks to the Coaches, Officials & our Host Club New Image Gymnastics & their magnificent staff. New Image Gymnastics provided the USAIGC their facility to host our specialized competition for FREE. Entry fees go to the USAIGC and USAIGC pays all costs for the competition. The Host Club gets all additional income streams. I have posted the basic information on the **2016 Team Cup Invitational** on our Competition Page;

NEXT: 2015 Individual Event Invitational & Platinum & Premier Competition

FYI: 75% of the Clubs in the 2015 USAIGC Team Cup have registered for this competition. http://usaigc.com/competition_individual.cfm

Two different Competitions:

Individual Event Invitational: Copper – Premier Gymnasts.

This Competition gives our Gymnasts the opportunity to compete on their primary level and their next level up. This is a unique part of our competitive program. **We do not have mandatory move out scores.** The Coach makes this decision.

Gymnasts can do up to 6 events in any combination on their primary and next Competitive Level. The Competition will be One Session Saturday Evening 5pm Report Time & 4 Sessions Sunday. We already have 360 gymnasts registered. **We have space for 50 more gymnasts!!!!!!**

The **Platinum & Premier** Competition (possibly with Gold Level Gymnasts) is being held for the purpose of bringing these outstanding gymnasts together to meet and compete with their peers in a friendly, healthy competitive environment. The Platinum/Premier session will include a general Officials Critique after the competition for our Coaches & Gymnasts.

FYI: No gymnasts, parent or coach will have to wait for another competitive session if they choose not too. Gymnasts competing on two levels can compete within their

main competitive session or compete in the next session level. The USAIGC provides a unique opportunity for our gymnasts both as All-Around and Individual Event Specialists. **Take advantage of it.**

http://usaigc.com/competition_individual.cfm

USAIGC CLUB HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL

http://usaigc.com/competition_high_school_nationals.cfm

Requirement: Gymnasts must be in High School. This competition **allows these gymnasts to compete on different competitive level for each event**, with a maximum of four events. This competition is all about **EXECUTION**. My goal was to run one of these competitions in NYS, NJ and PA creating a "High School League" for this special group of USAIGC Gymnasts. Maybe next year we can host two of these events. **WE need to compete outside the box!**

Note: Our gymnasts can qualify to their State and/or Regional Championship from any USAIGC/IAIGC Sanctioned Competition regardless of the State or Country the competition is held in. Gymnasts attending an International IAIGC Competition outside the USA and attain the World Championship Score automatically qualifies to the World Championship. Our Officials have the responsibility of judging the optional routines based on rules and performance.

IAIGC/USAIGC INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHALLENGES

http://usaigc.com/competition_international.cfm

1. BERMUDA: 5th International Gymnastics Challenge

November 13-14, 2015. Information posted. Click above link.

2. SOUTH AFRICA: 2nd. International Gymnastics Challenge

March 28 – April 5, 2015

Depart: Sunday February 21, Arrive Home Monday February 22, 2016

3. 2015 USAIGC & IAIGC INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC

CELEBRATION! Daytona Beach Florida

http://usaigc.com/competition_international.cfm

A Score Specific Invitational for USAIGC/IAIGC Gymnasts **scoring UP TO 33.8** during the 2014-2015 competitive season. Gymnasts scoring above the World Championship Qualification score **MAYNOT** attend this International Celebration.

Date: June 11-14, 2015 (Thursday (setup) -Sunday)

To prepare for our newest International Event I need to get a general idea of our athlete numbers. IF you plan to attend this **International Celebration please fill out the attached preliminary form** so I can get an idea of our numbers of competitive gymnasts attending. This competition will max out at 900 gymnasts. I do have the ability to add another competition setup if needed.

2015 USAIGC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Information has begun to be posted. http://usaigc.com/competition_world_championship.cfm

USAIGC PRE-SCHOOL WORKSHOP. August 29, 2015

You can find the preliminary information on our website:

http://usaigc.com/education_preschool.cfm

I think we are missing a great opportunity on conducting meaningful and beneficial Pre-School Educational Programs. Club Owners that have one Staff Member registered attend free. I will conduct an initial discussion on Early Childhood Educational Programs for USAIGC Gymnastic Clubs.

With full-time kindergarten, a potential segment of the “morning gymnastic classes” has evaporated. WE must provide educationally sound programs for preschool children! Note: There will be much more coming out about this.

2015-2017 RULE & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS are OPEN for all Club Members to propose any rule or policy recommendation they feel would contribute to the growth of our competitive program. **Recommendations posted** on Rules & Policy Page. **Click:** Rule Recommendations. Voting Begins: April 2, End's: April 23, 2015

Still under construction

1. USAIGC **Staples National Roll Out** based on our collective spending. The more WE spend the larger the discount. It is moving along (slowly).

2. **Atlantis Hotel, Paradise Island, Bahamas'** to host our International Championship Celebration: 2017.
3. **Rotating "billboard"** on our Home Page (replacing About Us, which is already on our website).

Ciao Paul