

FEBRUARY 2016 USAIGC MEMBERSHIP NEWS BRIEF

Dear USAIGC & IAIGC Club Members,

HAPPY VALENTINE DAY TO ALL!

Mary and I spent three days in Orlando, Florida at our World Championship Hotel the **Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress**. We held meetings with Hyatt's outstanding staff and reviewed the organization and implementation of our 2016 World Championship.

The Hyatt has had a beautiful facelift since our last World Championship. The lobby has a totally new look with Starbucks remaining. The main dining room was re-designed and has a new open and clean look to it. A serve-yourself breakfast (all you can eat) is now available to their guests and they added new **Marilyn Monroe Spa**, which Mary had me test! I will post all of the hotels amenities onto our webpage in the next 24 hours.

FYI: The “**warm-up gym**” will be in the lobby. Drapes will separate the “warm-up gym” from the general lobby. We will setup: a Tumbling strip, one UB, BB and Vault. Our Air-Track will be downstairs in the large space under the main floor and if needed a full FX mat can be setup here and I believe Vault & Beam. I will make this decision with the equipment company prior to the Championship

Hyatt Hotel Information is posted on our World Championship page:

http://usaigc.com/competition_world_championship.cfm

from this page there is (a) a **link to book your Hyatt Room(s)** at our USAIGC Discount Rate, (b) a **link to purchase USAIGC DISCOUNTED DISNEY and ALL PARK TICKETS and Attractions from the Florida Sports Commission** (lowest prices). **Tickets must be purchased on or before May 31.** (c) You can purchase all Park Tickets and Attractions from the **Hyatt Hotel** at a 10% discount.

Competition will begin with Copper and end with Premier.

**FOURTH USAIGC/IAIGC WARRIOR MEETING
NEW IMAGE GYMNASTICS.**

Date: Wednesday February 17, 2016

Time: Noon

Site: New Image Gymnastics – 111 Wilshire Blvd., Edgewood, NY 11717

A mid-week, mid-afternoon meeting allowing interested Club Owners & Warrior Coaches to attend. Please RSVP paul.spadaro@usaigc.com

Meeting Goals

- A. Begin the formal creation of a general class warrior curriculum developed by USAIGC Club Members by identifying curriculum elements and obstacles.
- B. Establish guidelines on how to successfully complete the obstacles safely, class size, ages, boys, girls, co-ed, length of class, age groupings, cost, etc.
- C. Create a USAIGC/IAIGC Warrior Club Owners/Instructors Manual.

We have begun identifying “Warrior Categories”:

Balance Challenges, Climbing Structures, Floor Obstacles, Wall Challenges, Swinging Structures, Traversing Structures, Balance, Bouncing, Jumping Skills, Climbing, Gymnastics Skills, Fitness & Conditioning Skills.

We know Clubs do not need to have the same equipment nor challenges. Equipment will depend on space available, class enrollment and instructors. Like the Warriors Competitive Program different obstacle(s) can be introduced throughout the year. Variety eliminates boredom.

Building this Warrior program collectively will guarantee success.

Our direction is: Class Program, to Intra-Club Competitions to USAIGC Sanctioned Competitions.

MANDATORY CLUB BACKGROUND CHECKS is OVER (except for any new Clubs). Our **Club Directory Page** shows the Clubs **background verification** and the **Clubs membership expiration date**.

USAIGC Competition Directors **MUST** scratch ALL Gymnasts from their sanctioned Competitions if a Club does not have **either** requirement.

Clubs without a current background check show: EXPIRED ON 03/08/2015 in RED on our Club Directory. Safety Decals will begin being mailed on Monday.

Competition Directors have received the USAIGC athlete download instructions. If a Competition Director fails to take action they may not sanction a competition for one year.

USAIGC HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL SUNDAY MARCH 20

Elite Gymnastics & Dance, Amityville, NY 11701

Entry Form & Information:

http://usaigc.com/competition_high_school_nationals.cfm -----

A DIFFERENT & SPECIAL COMPETITION HIGH LIGHTING OUR HIGH SCHOOL AGED GYMNASTS. This Competition is **age specific and multi competitive level created ONLY for High Aged School Gymnasts.** It provides our Clubs an opportunity to create a "**High School CLUB Gymnastics Team**" comprised of gymnasts on any Competitive level (Copper-Premier). **Team Scoring:** Highest individual event score(s) regardless of competitive level count. **It's all about execution!!!** A Very Special Team Award is given to each competitor and a Club Banner to each High School Team. If we want to keep our "older gymnasts" we must do something just for these young ladies.

LAST CALL FOR AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

US Dollar is at an ALL TIME high against the South African Rand! Become part of a USAIGC TEAM!

2nd SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

http://usaigc.com/South_African_Gymnastic_Challenge.cfm

April 12-19, 2016 - OPEN to all USAIGC/IAIGC Gymnasts, Coaches, Club Owners & Parents.

Altered Schedule

Depart: Monday April 11. **Arrive** Tuesday April 12

April 13 Wednesday & April 14 Thursday Training and Sightseeing

April 15 Friday **Competition 1 - All Around**

April 16 Saturday **Competition 2 - Individual Event Finals**

April 17 Sunday Sightseeing,

April 18 Monday Depart South Africa Arrive USA on the same day!

Deadline Date: February 10, 2016. NEEDED: Send USAIGC Office: Gymnast's Full Name, DOB, Competition Level and Club Information. Gymnasts: Jacket, Shorts & Leo Sizes.

Our Gymnasts compete together as a USAIGC Team!

All USAIGC & IAIGC Coaches are welcome to attend.

Competition Site: Centurion Gymnasts, SA. 40,000 square feet!

Approximate Costs: Airfare: \$1,200.00 Hotel (last year) \$100.00 per night (4 gymnasts per room = \$25.00 per night per gymnast) including

breakfast or if we stay at the hotel hooked up to the large outdoor Mall \$125-\$150.00 per night (divided by number of gymnasts per room).

Sightseeing and Transportation costs: about \$500.00 per person.

FYI: South Africa is very **inexpensive**. OUR \$ is VERY STRONG AGAINST THE RAND.

USAIGC INDIVIDUAL EVENT COMPETITION

4 sessions is now full). Date: APRIL 23 & 24, 2016

New Image Gymnastics, Edgewood, NY 11754

http://usaigc.com/competition_individual.cfm

This USAIGC Competition allows our gymnasts the opportunity to **compete on:** (a) their next competitive level up on 2 events **OR** their primary level **PLUS 2** events on their next level up **OR** just their primary level.

The USAIGC does not have mandatory move-out "score" except for Copper 1 into Copper 2 and gymnasts scoring extremely high. Coaches make the decision on when to move their gymnasts up a level. All of the scores in this competition count for the State & Regional AA and Individual Event Championships.

USAIGC / IAIGC 5th EVENT - TUMBLING

<http://usaigc.com/FifthEvent.cfm>

Chair: Jeff Sabol sabolscience@gmail.com

Tumbling Track now at **Apex Athletics, until March 7.**

Next Club: First Class Gymnastics, PA – April 7

Our Tumbling Program consists of **FIVE TUMBLING LEVELS with Judging & Scoring Rules included.** Curriculum information will be posted on our **5th Event Education Page** at the conclusion of the testing period. Our Tumbling Chair & Committee will make any necessary changes based on recommendations from the testing Clubs.

Air-Track Schedule:

Delco Gymnastics, PA May 7, Gym Starz, PA – June 7,

Vernon Lee Gymnastics Academy, CA – July 5,

6/23 Orlando Florida World Championship. Schedule

USAIGC/IAIGC SPECIAL CLUB PRICING FOR AIRTRACK

\$500.00 Discount to USAIGC/IAIGC Club Owners

Model: 403-517 Air-Track P2 8" X 39' X 6.5'

Cost: \$5885.00 - \$500.00 USAIGC discount and Free Shipping.
USAIGC CLUB OWNERS COST: \$5385.00 Plus tax \$430.80 =
\$ 5815.80. Info is posted on our Website STORE

USAIGC/IAIGC: main function is to: promote USAIGC/IAIGC Clubs, our sport of Gymnastics, our Class Education Programs & the benefits to our students, our USAIGC/IAIGC Competitive Philosophy, the Educational and Fitness values of our programs. It begins with an **early childhood education program/movement education**. Now let's work together, share ideas and develop a safe, healthy and successful program in our USAIGC & IAIGC Clubs

REMINDER: COMPETITION DIRECTORS please make sure I receive the Officials Verification Form, scores in a PDF file and our educational fees. Thank you.

USAIGC/IAIGC INTERNATIONAL COACHES EDUCATION

Education is an on-going process for Business, Class Instructors, Coaches, and General Staff, etc., whether it's in-house or at specific clinics, education of your staff is critical to the growth, development and success of your business.

It is my goal to DEVELOP A IAIGC International Coaches & Instructors Education Program that approaches the coaching of skills in a different way for Class Students & Competitors. WE can develop meaningful educational programs for our Coaches AND our CLASS INSTRUCTORS who are the backbone of this industry.

Regards, Paul