

TEXAS USA GYMNASTICS

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A Note From Diane

Hi Everyone!

Now, it is hard to believe that August is already here. The lazy days of summer have flown by at the speed of light! I hope that all of you found a bit of time to bask in the sun, take in a movie, lay around the house on a Saturday morning and enjoy an early dinner with family and friends.

In June, we celebrated another wonderful year of competition and accomplishments of our Texas athletes at the awards banquet held in Plano. More than 450 athletes and guests attended. You can visit the TXUSAG.com website to view pictures of the entire event. If your athlete was not able to attend, you may pick up her awards from me at the GAT convention.

As we all gear up for the new season upon us, let's continue to be role models to the nation in our productivity of high level gymnastics while continuing to strengthen our gymnastics friendships across The Lone Star State.

Your State Administrative Committee (SAC) met 4 times this year. Our goals are to represent you and your athletes. We are anxious to find ways to make life easier for all of you. If you have an idea that might help simplify daily life for our state, please contact one of the SAC members and let us address it during one of our meetings.

Hope your season is full of great gymnastics!

Take care,

Diane

WEBSITE – WHAT'S NEW?

Our Texas website will be getting a face lift over the next few months. We are trying to make it more user friendly, and to expand some of the features.

Don't miss out on important information...sign up for website change notification today. It is Easy and Simple!

Never miss out again.....

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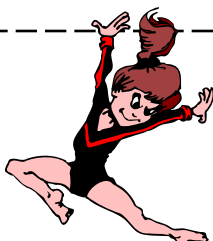
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Please see the Blue book
Or
TX USAG website for contact info.



**Meet Results on Line
And
Parent Inquiries**

Although it is not required to post meet results online, TXUSAG offers this service at no charge to the meet directors of Texas sponsored meets. Texas USAG is not responsible for posting the results for any invitational meets. As a meet director myself, I have received many emails from parents requesting copies of meet results, some of them not very kindly written. I encourage all of you as professionals to educate the parents of your gymnasts in this area. If the parents understand that we cannot post meet results we do not receive, then perhaps they will not feel so frustrated. I would also encourage you to educate your athletes' parents that their first line of communication is you, or the gym owner.

Although I can answer many questions, I would prefer to not overstep my responsibilities by answering questions that are better addressed within your club. I receive on average 20 calls per week from parents about issues that are really related to the general policies of clubs on top of the many calls required to assist coaches and club owners. So I am asking for your help in helping the parents understand the correct line of communication. They should first go to you. If you cannot answer their question, coaches or club owners should be the first person that a parent contacts with seeking information. If they do not know the answer to the parent's question, then the coach or club owner should contact their District Representative, Competition Chair or me. This line of communication will help parents understand that they are your clients and we at Texas USAG do not want to overstep our boundaries.

We've gone Electronic!

Newsletters

To help save the expense of publishing and mailing, the Texas USAG newsletter will now be published electronically and posted on this page of the website.

Paper copies of the newsletter can be requested by filling in the form on the web site under the Newsletter button. You must be a current Texas USAG Professional member and must supply your Pro Number.

SAMPLE OF FORM ON WEB SITE PAGE

Please send me hard (paper) copies of the Texas USAG newsletters.

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

USAG Pro #:

Moved Lately?

All address and contact changes should be registered with the national Office. Email changes should also be reported to your District Representative. This will ensure that you receive important information throughout the year. Judges should contact Texas NAWGJ as well as the national office.

LOOKING??

For a Coach . . . Want to Sell Equipment?
How about Advertise your upcoming Invitational?

Contact Leslie Patterson, USAG webmaster

leslie@TXNAWGJ.org

for

Pricing on Advertising on the TXUSAG.com Webpage!

Getting your Club Roster From the National Office

The National Office has faced some real challenges lately with the system that handles all of the USA gymnastics registrations.

If you are one of the many people who has not been able to register an athlete or a coach, your problems might be over soon. According to the national office, they hope to have the system up and running very soon.

What to do in the mean time?? Don't panic! Until the computer problems are resolved, our hands are tied. Although we have hoped to implement a new entry form generated from the National Office database of your Club Roster, we will temporarily use the old entry forms, posted on the txusag.com website. Once the national database is available, you can print your Club Roster and use that Roster for future entries.

The SAC will not levy any fines for improper entry forms during any period in which the national office database is not available. Common sense will prevail, if you can't get it, we won't expect you to provide it to a meet director.

One of the things that the SAC had hoped for was the ability for clubs to change the competition level of an athlete in the national database. Unfortunately, this portion of the database is protected, and we will not be allowed to go into the database and change the competition level on our own. It will be the responsibility of each club to call or email member services at the national office and request the change of competition level for your athletes as they move from level to level. This will keep your Club Roster up to date and accurate.

Professional Membership Renewals

During the last season I was notified by the national office that a number of coaches in Texas failed to renew their professional memberships before these memberships expired. Please make certain that your Pro Membership and Safety Certification does not lapse.

It is the responsibility of each of us to stay current with our memberships and safety certifications and to carry our card or proof of membership with us to all meets. Meet Directors have the right to ask for proof of membership before allowing professional members on the floor of any competition.

For those of you that have renewed recently you may have noticed the new requirement by the National Office to have a backgrounds check as part of your requirements to have a pro number. This has been postponed until the national database is back online. See national website for more information.



MEET INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

As of this year all meet directors of state sponsored competitions are required to post their meet information and schedules on the TXUSAG.com website. Invitational meets are not required to use the website for posting information and schedules.

COME SAIL AWAY....

SUMMER MEETING JUNE 2008 WILL TAKE PLACE ABOARD A CRUISE TO THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN FROM GALVESTON, TX.

DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR WHILE RELAXING ON THE DECK WATCHING YOUR CARES SLIP AWAY INTO THE SUNSET, SIPPING ON A TROPICAL DRINK, AND CHATTING WITH FRIENDS.

DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY BEHIND? NO PROBLEM, BRING THEM ALONG!! THIS IS "NO SHOES, NO SHIRT, NO PROBLEM" EDUCATION EXPERIENCE IS DESIGNED TO NOT ONLY PROVIDE SOME GREAT EDUCATION, BUT ALSO ALLOW US SOME TIME TO SIMPLY RELAX AND FELLOWSHIP.

LECTURES WILL BE PRESENTED IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FORMAT.

DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON THE TXUSAG.COM WEBSITE AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. SO IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE YOUR PASSPORT, APPLY NOW AND START PICKING OUT THAT NEW PAIR OF FLIPS FLOPS!



FINANCIAL REPORT

On the next page you will find a detailed annual financial report for our state. The opening balance for the state funds was \$86.80. After working very hard over the past 12 months, we are now in good financial shape. All outstanding debts have been paid and we have some of the state meet medals for the upcoming season already on hand. Our ending balance after one year of operation is now \$13,995.21.

State Chariman's Annual Financial Report Statement

From: 7/1/2006 To: 6/30/2007

State: Texas
Chariman: Diane Callison

<u>INCOME:</u>	
Rebates: Pro:	\$ 3,990.00
Rebates: Athlete:	\$ 4,828.76
Competition Fees:	\$ 40,318.75
Competitions:	\$ 23,193.26
Clinics/ Workshops:	\$ 0.00
Certifications/ Testing (specify):	\$ 0.00
Awards/ Apparel	\$ 7,050.00
State Medals	\$ 12,571.27
Promo Income:	
Web Ads	\$ 300.00
Other:	\$ 3,463.19
Interest:	
Donations:	
Loans:	\$ 350.00
Reimbursement	
for Travel:	
Promo	\$22,875.00
Total for Other:	\$26,988.19 \$ 26,988.19

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Awards/Apparel:	\$ 50,264.63
Communications:	
Newsletter/ Printing/ Postage:	\$ 1,587.58
Phone:	\$ 2,106.33
Web Page:	\$ 2,104.64
Blue Book	\$ 5,582.69
Total Communication:	\$ 11,381.24
Office:	
Supplies	\$ 3,132.99
Secretarial:	\$ 13,045.00
Equipment:	\$ 1,022.13
Total Office:	\$ 17,200.12
Competition Expense:	\$ -
Promotional Expense:	\$ 900.00
Certifications/ Testing:	\$ -
Clinic/ Workshops:	\$ 396.59
Travel/ Meetings: (All SAC Members)	\$ 13,792.23
Other:	
Regional Support	\$ 4,080.00
Bank Charges:	\$ 48.00
Loan	
Repayment:	\$ 1,969.01
Total for Other:	\$ 6,097.01

TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$ 118,940.23</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$100,031.82</u>
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BAL. BEG. OF Fiscal Year	\$ 86.80
TOTAL INCOME:	\$118,940.23
TOTAL:	\$119,027.03
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$100,031.82
BAL. END OF Fiscal Year	\$ 18,995.21

Checkbook Balance:	\$ 18,995.21
+ cash	\$ -
+ savings	\$ -
Total:	\$ 18,995.21

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