

# ILLINOIS USAG NEWSLETTER

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You may advertise for your upcoming meets. We do not accept advertisements from clubs wanting a new coach. We do accept coaches' applications looking for a job though.

Payable to IL-WPC

Mark your Calendars for:  
Training camp June 25-27<sup>th</sup> at  
IGI in Westmont.

State Congress is June 28-  
29, 2003. Congress will be  
held at the Double Tree Hotel  
in Downers Grove, IL.

Recognition banquet is on  
Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the  
Double Tree Hotel. Invites  
will be sent out in the next  
couple of weeks but all  
coaches and families are  
welcome to sign up. The cost  
is \$25 per person.

State Scheduling meeting  
will be on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:30 at the Double Tree  
Hotel.

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Because of an error at level 5  
state Bianca Federico from  
Buffalo Grove should have  
received the 6<sup>th</sup> place all  
around. Congratulations to  
her and sorry for the mistake.

**VISIT THE ILLINOIS WEB  
PAGE AT**

**www.Region5/Illinois.com**  
The next newsletter will have  
election forms for the Illinois  
USAG Committee. Please  
think about joining us to  
continue making gymnastics  
better in our state.

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Level 8 regional format  
information is in Norbert's notes.  
Please take note on how the  
selection process takes place.

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Thanks to Aerial Arena and Dan  
Miller for a smooth running level  
9 regional meet. Dan you and  
your families made Illinois proud.  
Thanks so much!

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Next years dates to  
remember:

Level 9/10 Regionals will be  
hosted together on  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> .

Level 8 Regionals will be on  
April 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> .

Please help contribute to the  
Region 5 Apparel Fund. We  
have a lot of great athletes  
that are going to level 10  
Naitonals.



# March - April 03

Illinois State Administrative  
Norbert Bendixen  
Committee Chairman's Report  
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## Elections 2003

- Junior Olympic Chair
- Level 9 Chair
- Level 7 Chair
- Level 5
- Safety Chairman

**FYI** Ron Nasti (JO), Suzy Kinsman (Level 9) Jay Murphy (Level 5) will not be seeking reelection.

I would like to personally thank Ron, Suzie, and Jay for their many years of dedication to Illinois Gymnastics. The amount of time that is dedicated to perform these duties cannot be fully appreciated except by the Chairmen themselves, their children, their Spouses (Laurie, Kevin) and their gyms. We will miss your leadership.

## **Elections:**

- ◆ Please review the Nominations form for the upcoming elections. It is very important that you have the representation that you wish on our Committee. We try to represent your feelings as best as we can and it starts with the procedure of nomination.
- ◆ Please make sure that you have contacted the person that you are nominating. They must be aware and agree with their nominations.
- ◆ This job is a very important one. The following characteristics are important before nominating

## **JO Chairman's responsibilities**

- 1) Knowledgeable with both Illinois and USAG Rules and Policies
- 2) Able to make decisions for the good of the entire USAG program and to be able to differentiate between that and their own interests
- 3) Serve on the State Series Judges Selection Sub- Committee
- 4) Assist State Series meet directors in the planning of their Competition
- 5) Track the awards required at each level
  - a) Order
  - b) Distribute to meet directors
  - c) Keep track of Financials relating to the Awards
  - d) Be present and assist in the State Series meets if Level Chair is unable
  - e) If Level has a regional meet
    - i) Help in making sure that Region personnel are up to date with all information needed
    - ii) Be at the meet if possible to help in the distribution of the State Gift



Chair

**Thank you**

- 6) Access to Pentium computer
  - a) Microsoft Office would be a great addition since most of the communications that are sent between the state Committee are in that format
- 7) A secure email address
- 8) A Fax machine that is confidential
- 9) Ability to attend all Committee meetings usually 3-4 a year & at most major gymnastics event (state meet, State Congress, Regional Congress) etc.
- 10) The understanding that this position has an area of confidentiality
- 11) Prior Board Position is strongly suggested

### **Level Chairman's responsibilities**

- 1) Knowledgeable with both Illinois and USAG Rules and Policies
- 2) Able to make decisions for the good of the entire USAG program and to be able to differentiate between that and their own interests
- 3) Be the State Chairperson for their particular level
  - a) Track participant's in and out of their particular level
  - b) Be present and assist in the State Series meets
  - c) If Level has a regional meet
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### **Safety Chairman's responsibilities**

- 1) Knowledgeable with both Illinois and USAG Rules and Policies
- 2) Able to make decisions for the good of the entire USAG program and to be able to differentiate between that and their own interests
- 3) Recognized by the National Office as person that understands, educates, represents the utmost in Safety consciousness
- 4) Has a working understanding of all levels of Safety implementation from knowledge of the court systems, meet safety, Gym safety, etc.
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Please take the time to think about who you would like to represent our State. As always, our objective is to develop a "Working Committee" so that all areas of Illinois USA Gymnastics are getting proper attention. Due to the distribution of responsibilities on the State Committee, each position **does require a lot of time.**

We vote on issues as a Committee As a State Chairman I do not vote.  
Please look for the Nomination Forms In the Next newsletter

**Seniors** Please Fill – out enclosed Form and Fax or email to Teresa all your High School Seniors. We will be honoring them during the Awards Banquet at the State Congress.  
It is very important to the Athletes that this get done please make sure that Teresa does not have to go looking for you. Thanks

**Meet Scheduling Meeting** Reminder to **all meet directors**. Please keep the Weekend of The State Congress free. We will be hosting the annual Meet-scheduling Meeting at that time. Due to problems that have occurred this year there will be a slight tweaking of the System. Please give us any input that you may have on this procedure.

At our most recent Committee Meeting at Level 9, 10 State we reviewed the Meet Scheduling Procedure. Please look at the Minutes for an explanation of the Change.

I will need something written regarding

- λ ANY LARGE
- λ OUT OF HOUSE
- λ CONTRACTED MEET i.e. IGI Chicago Style or St. Jude Meet.
- λ IN HAND May 1<sup>st</sup> This is considered now the **Priority 1** meets

These will be posted on the website so that other out of House meets That do not have a specific weekend need can be aware of how the schedule is starting to shape up. These will be considered **Priority 2**

**State Series 2002-** Again a huge thank you for all the meet directors for a fine Job at this year State Series Meets. This was quite a successful year for our Illinois Athletes.

- Level 5 Sectional
  - North West **Palatine,**
  - North East **American Academy**
  - South **Quincy Gymnastics**
- Level 4 State Invite **EnerGym**
- Level 6 State **EnerGym**
- Level 9, 10 State **Skyline , GymNasti**
- Level 5 State **Champaign YMCA**
- Level 7 & 8 State **GymNasti**



**Judges:** Thanks to all the judges that have contributed to our athletes by  
☆ Visiting gyms and helping out individual Gyms  
☆ To the Level 9, 10 judges at the State meet for including in this newsletters their comments to help us out

**Illinois "Partners in Gymnastics" June 27 - 29** (Cyndi Zimmerman)

- λ Please plan on attending. We have arranged for some very exciting guest speakers. (Dianne Durham)
  - More on who will come later so please keep your eyes open
  - Awards Banquet for all (Teresa Millmore)
    - Senior Athletes
    - National qualifiers
    - More
  - State Training Camps (Judy Redmond)





We are happy to announce that John Geddert (our region Junior Olympic Chairman has removed his resignation. He will once again be the Region 5 JO Chairman. This is great news for our Region. He will stay in his position until his present time is up.

**Region 5 Apparel Fund:** Lets do our part. Every year our Regional athletes recognize how truly great it is to be

a Region 5 Level 10 National Qualifier. The Region goes out of its way to supply the athletes with a plethora of Apparel. With Illinois success this year please keep this fund in mind. Thank you.

**Region 5 Congress:** July 18 – 20 in Columbus OH

### **Level 8 Regional Format (As published in Summer Newsletter 02 #2)**

- There will be a **Qualifying Score 34.5** from State to Regionals. So that every gymnast that leaves their respective State Meet will know that they have qualified.
- Regional age groups will set **AFTER all the State Competitions** have been competed and Regional entries received. The number of age groups will be determined at a later date but will have a separate session for each age group. **Check out the State Website for the Age groups**
- Top 4 scores will be used to determine the State Team scores. The number of athletes in teams to be determined later.
- State Teams will be derived by Rank Order of their State Athletes within the State by Age Groups. These teams **will rotate around the Gym as a State Team** and the remainder gymnasts will be All-Star's but in a separate rotation. This is most similar to what last year's Regional Meet, JO Nationals.

**Region 5 Schedule for 04:** Dates to remember

- April 2, 3, 4 2004 Level 9, 10 Regional Meet
  - This will be a very large meet so the Search for a meet Director with the possibility of running a large meet has begun
- April 16, 17, 18 2004 Level 8 Regionals  
The State Calendar will follow

### **Regional Meet**

λ **Level 8 Regional**

- Host:
- Meet Director Tina Salameh
- Louisville KY area

λ **Level 9 Regionals**

- Host Aerial Arena

- Meet Director Dan Miller

λ **Level 10 Regional**

- Host GymNation
- Meet Director Patrick Jordan
- Cincinnati OH Area



Reminder this Meet is in close proximity for many of us. Lets make a big pilgrimage to this meet

