

ILLINOIS USAG NEWSLETTER

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upcoming meets. We do not
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wanting a new coach. We do
accept coaches' applications
looking for a job though.

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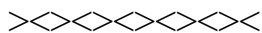
please go to the web site
and sign up to receive it
that way.

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www.Region5/Illinois.com

Please make sure that
you email Norbert the
number of level 4
athletes that you have
competing.

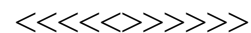
If you are hosting a meet
this year please use the
meet director information
to send out results. If you
can please send an
electronic copy of results to
Cyndi Zimmerman. Next
year this will be
mandatory. If you can do
this it will help out the
level reps.



State Congress will be July
8-10, 2004. Mark your
calendars now so you may
join us for a fun filled
learning experience.

We will be taking bids for
the following state series
meets until January 31st.

Level 9/10 State
NE Level 4/5 State



Hilary has asked me to
make sure that all
coaches know that you
need to mark boundary
lines on sting mats and
other mats that are put
on the floor ex.

(New rule this year)

Also from Hilary
The judges will be
posting start values at
many invites and that
the judges should
regard them as an
inquiry for education
not a criticism! We
want all coaches to
know before the state
series meets.

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MEET DIRECTORS:

- 1) Reminder to all meet directors: If you haven't sent in your scores
 - a. Either electronically (best)
 - b. Or by mail (she has to do the work in entering)
to Cyndi Zimmerman PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY.(even if it was a while ago).

We have started a new Tracking and Score posting system that will benefit ALL OF US.

 - c. The Coaches will be able to retrieve their scores if there is an Injury petition,
 - d. Meet directors do not have to make all the copies to send to all the clubs that attended
 - e. Level Chairs will have a better handle on Numbers and this will speed their communication with the State Series Meet directors and thus speed up the time table as to Session times etc.
 - f. Parents have the ability to see their scores on the internet thus helping the meet directors, Coaches, and the USAG committee.
 - g. Next year it will be required and a fine will be levied if not done.

IT IS A WIN WIN here

if we all work together on this. If there is a question as to if you have your scores to Cyndi just go on line and check out the calendar. If you see a yes next to your meet, the scores have been received and thus on the web. If you do not please contact Cyndi at gymmom4@aol.com Thanks

- 2) **Start Values:** Meet Directors It is strongly recommended by the Illinois USAG Committee that you allow the facilitation of Flashing of Start Values during your meets. In the National R&P the National office Supports the Flashing of Start Values at ALL USAG sanctioned events. Most of the Judges carry with them a Start value Flasher. This
- 3) **Level 4's:** Still looking for those clubs that will be competing at the Level 4 state Meets. Please inform NorbertL@aol.com THOSE THAT HAVE REPONDED PLEASE DISRAGARD THIS 3rd Request.

State Series Championships Please review the previous newsletter. There we provided a Illinois Competition Summery Chart. Dates of meets , entry fees, hosts clubs and deadlines for entries are included on the Chart. Please refresh yourself with this list. February states the Last qualifying Weekends and deadlines for State Series Meets. Thanks

State Meet Judges' Selection Process. The USAG State Committee, along with the North (Sue Brosnan) and South (Mary Kraus) assigners met in December to select the judges for the State Meets. (Last year the process was completed by a sub-committee)

The process had several steps:

Judges available for each meet were listed according to State Meet.

Level 9/10 State Meet was the first meet assigned. The first judge selected was the Meet Referee. The two judges assigned to Regionals and Nationals were then added to the list. An additional 14 judges were chosen based on their Professional Development Form, number of meets judged last year and this year, availability, and affiliation.

Level 8 State Meet was the next meet assigned. The Meet Referee was chosen first, then the eight judges assigned to Level 8 Regionals were automatically assigned to the meet.

The other State Meets followed the same procedure. Alternates were chosen based on head judge or assistant judge position.

Level 4/5 State Meet judges who may be affiliated were assigned to the opposite State Meet. (If the gym was located in the NE, they were assigned the NW meet).

Overall, the process worked well.

State Congress July 8 - 10th Again we will have Training Camps, Awards Banquet along with this Preschool, Recreational, Cheerleading Boys and Girls items on the agenda. More on congress presenters soon. We will once again return to the double tree in Downers Grove.

Meet Scheduling meeting **Meet Directors** I would like to get your input on next years meet scheduling procedure. This years (July 03) meeting presented us with a solution from last seasons meeting problems but presented new ones.

03-04 Prior Priority legend

Priority 1

OUT of Facility – Weekend reserved – Contracted weekend –

Priority 2

Out of Facility meet with non-specific weekend

Priority 3

In facility – Historic Meet

Priority 4

After all that has been addresses fill in the calendar as per Judge availability

We need to address those and fix a few problems that may have occurred

Things that we need to keep in consideration when proposing changes

☆ History of Meet

○ Weekend reserved

- Years for particular weekend
- Previous site availability

○ Meet name not attached to a particular weekend

○ Contracted Weekend

○ History of Judges used and not used (changes in what was requested)

☆ In facility vs. out of Facility

○ What is considered an in facility

○ What is considered an out of Facility

○ What if Out of Facility Meet becomes in facility after meet scheduling

○ Priority Meet History vs. In –Out of Facility Meet

Please look at these very carefully and respond soon. This is an important task and we must come up with a plan soon so that we can make next years procedure the best that we can

One last Chance Open Bids Please this is the last chance at Biding on these meets The Committee will have to make final decisions regarding how to address this if not bids are received by Jan 31st.

Level 9, 10 State

NE Level 4, 5 State



From Kathy Shufflin (Regional Chairman): Due to the early season next year, our State Chair elections have to be done by the end of April. This way, any new chairmen can have time to be invited and attend the State Chairmen's workshop. Deadline to nominate is February 20th,. Please send nominations to Kathy Shufflin (address can be found in Illinois R&P or found on the website)

Reminder **Regional Congress is August 5 – 8 in Cincinnati**

David Moskovitz David Moskovitz died on Friday Dec. 12, 2003. Dave's car hit a patch of ice on a rural highway in Pennsylvania. He lost control of the car causing him to hit an embankment and roll off the highway. Dave



was a high school gymnast at York Community High School in Illinois during the early 1980's. He earned the honor of being the "Most Outstanding Illinois High School Senior." He was an Illinois State finalist in several events and an All-American. Dave later went on to compete for Ohio State University. At OSU, Dave was a member of the 1985 NCAA Championship Team. Dave had a successful career in gymnastics. He became involved with USA gymnastics and was one of the front-runners in developing the USA Gymnastics safety certifications. He had also been involved with the general gymnastics program for USA gymnastics. Dave was coached by Terry Theobald back when Terry was one of the first in this State with a Gymnastics Club. He also competed at York High School with Ron Nasti

Dave leaves behind him a wife, Lynn, sisters Peggy and Bonnie and his mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave, his family and friends that he left behind

From Kathy Feldman

To USAG Pro-members

Happy New Year! We in Member Services send our very best to one and all for terrific 2004 year. OLYMPIC YEAR!

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Hello,

Wishing to continue good communication and keeping you informed, this first message is a review of how to print the athlete cards from on-line. There is a 24 hour time wait period from the day the registration on-line takes place.

Printing of Membership Cards: Athlete cards are e-mailed as a PDF file within 24 hours of the request. It was never intended to be instantaneous. It was modeled after a process that Ticketmaster uses to deliver tickets to online consumers. If one receives their cards the next business day that is great because that is what was intended. The expectations of the service are explained in the How-To section. Below is the wording copied from online:

How to Re-print your Athlete Membership Card

Clubs (Individual Athletes go to the next section)

If you are a Club who wants to re-print one or more Athlete Cards do the following.

- **Athlete Membership Card Reprint**
- Answer YES if you want to reprint your Athlete Membership Card(s)
- Clubs will need their Club # and Club password.
This will then bring up a screen that lists all of the members in your club.
- You MUST select the Athlete Member Type in the first Drop down field.
- You MUST hold down the CTRL KEY and LEFT CLICK on each Athlete you want to have the system re-print an Athlete membership card. This will HIGHLIGHT Each ATHLETE you want to re-print a card for. The system will generate the following within 24 hours.
Each EMAIL will have 1 or more attachments.
 - Each Attachment will have up to 6 cards with the ATHLETE MEMBER Information on it in a COLOR PDF Format. If, for example, you selected 10 ATHLETES it will send one email with 2 attachments - 6 cards in the first attachment, and 4 cards in the second attachment.
The two left over cards will be blank. You can then SAVE these attachments to your PC and (with ADOBE ACROBAT) open them and send them to a printer.
We recommend using CARD STOCK Paper to print them on.

Individual Athletes

If you are an Athlete who wants to re-print their Athlete Membership Card do the following.

- **Athlete Membership Card Reprint**
- Answer YES if you want to reprint your Athlete Membership Card
- Athletes will need their Athlete number and password.
- **NOTE: USA Gymnastics will not provide athlete User ID and Password information over the telephone.**
Please have your club assist in printing your card if you do not have this information.
- This will then bring up a screen that list your Athlete Membership Card information.
- Click on the VERIFY button and the PRINT MEMBER CARD button.

The system will generate the following within 24 hours.

- An email will be sent with one attachment with the Athlete Membership Card on it in a color PDF format. You can then open the attachment and/or save/print it using ADOBE ACROBAT.
We recommend using card stock paper when printing