

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

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WEB PAGE AT
www.Region5/Illinois.co**

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STATE MEET SITES

Level 4/5 South - Dynamite
Level 4/5 North - GymNasti
Level 6/7 - Midstate
Level 8/9/10 - Energym

REGIONAL MEET SITES

Level 8 Regionals -
Midwest Academy, IL

Level 9/10 Regionals -
Devaus, IN

New R&P will be posted online by November 1st.

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**Graduating Seniors
please fill out the
senior form on the
Illinois web site.**

**Katrina Fund
The gyms down south**

that were affected by the hurricane are looking for gymnastic items. If you have any Leo's, t-shirts, or gymnastics related items please bring them with you to Judges Cup. The NAWGJ organization will be sending a shipment down to the hurricane relief areas.

Meet Directors – Please look over the requirements for this years competition results. Reminder, that if you do not send the results electronically to Cyndi Zimmerman you will be charged a \$1.00 additional fee per gymnast.



Illinois USA Women's Gymnastics Newsletter

Sept-Oct 05

Region5.com/Illinois

USAG new R&P <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/rules-and-policies/>

Will be posted on line by November 1st



Judges Selection This year The Committee will be choosing our judges via email on a scheduled timetable. Schedule is week to week starting with

- Level 8, 9, 10 Referee, then
- Level 8, 9, 10 State Judges and 2 alternates
- Level 6, 7 Referee
- Level 6, 7 State Judges with 2 alternates
- Level 4, 5 State Referee for North and South
- Level 4, 5 State Meet Judges and 2 alternate for both

- The selections will be sent directly Norbert via an email, and he will be collating the results and notifying the Assignor of the results. Judges can contact Norbert individually seeking any input as to the results.

State Series Meet Host The Following Clubs Bids were accepted_

- **Level 4, 5 State** South – Dynamite; North – GymNasti @ Wheaton North. new field house
- **Level 6,7 State** Midstate, Springfield Convention Center but changed to **Chatham Intermediate School Field house** due to a scheduling conflict that was an error by the Coordinator of the Convention Center
- **Level 8, 9, 10 State** EnerGym Dekalb @ NIU Field house

Athletes Moving into Illinois Please help us out by having the athletes verified at the level that you wish to compete them at. A simple call to the parent to verify a meet that they may have qualified in and then going to the website of the State and looking it up will help our Tracking of the gymnasts and verify that they can qualify towards the State series.

Reminder is your responsibility to verify mobility in your athletes and document this to the level Chair.

Meet Directors

1. Please do this immediately; Club, Meet Directors Name, email (most important), sanction #, (when they get it), what program using. Emailed to gymmom4@aol.com
2. After your competition:
 - Please be advised that we are asking that all Meet Data, Scores, Sanction Number, Pro Numbers, athlete USAG numbers, Birthdates, Athletes Name, and Club are submitted
 - Via the US Mail (follow procedures published in Illinois R&P)
 - Via Internet electronically to State Tracking administrator Cyndi Zimmerman
 - Electronic Format can be found on line at Region5.com/Illinois.
 - We ask that they be submitted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the competition. Since we now posted the scores on line people are now accustom and expect scores to be posted immediately. You helping in getting to the Tracking Administrator would be most helpful.
 - If you are unable to send electronically to Gymmom4@aol.com a **\$1.00 additional fee per gymnast is due.** Data entry of every score would then have to be done by the State Tracking administrator.

Do you have direct link to your meet information on you website please send the exact URL to the Meet information o your website to Gymmom@aol.com . We will place this link next to you competition location on the Illinois Calendar

When emailing your scores to Cyndi Zimmerman at gymmom4@aol.com please be sure to email the sanction number for that meet

Club information at the USAG I am asking that all Club owners **check** the information **TODAY** and on a regular basis <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/membership/memship-howto.html>

- That USAG has on your Club, Address, Telephone numbers, Email addresses, Fax numbers,
- List of your Athletes that USAG has listed on your roster
 - If you notice an athlete that does not show up this give you an indication that there is a problem and must be resolved. If this is done it will save every meet director that have them attending their meet a lot of time and angst during Competition Season
 - General Gymnast numbers and the new Level 1 – 3 can not be used for Level 5 thru 10 competition
 - Please keep your athlete levels as up to date as possible. A Level 7 athlete that is registered with the USAG as a Level 4 makes it very difficult for all administrators of this sport keep an accurate count of levels when needed

Partners in Gymnastics We are planning at this time our Congress for next year. It will include

- Congress Education for:
 - Preschool
 - Recreational Classes
 - Cheerleading
 - Compulsory
 - Judges/Coaches
 - Round tables discussions
 - Safety Courses
- Training Camp for Athletes to learn new Compulsories
- Recognition Banquet

2005 – 2006 Seniors We are looking for gymnasts that will be graduating this year from High School. Please click here for the form. Fill out the form on line and submit ASAP. Right Now we are only trying to identify the seniors. You will be asked to fill out another form later in the season with more detailed information

Tumbling On USA and Sue Olson It is hard to say good-bye and walk away, especially to the friends who have been so good to me over the years but I am very excited about my future. I have closed Tumbling On, USA and dedicated my life to the ministry. I am currently taking classes through Concordia University to obtain my colloquy, (Ministry of Religion, commissioned) I am now teaching Kindergarten at a small, impoverished Lutheran school on the East side of Chicago. I don't expect most people to understand, and perhaps it sounds peculiar ... For several years I have felt that the Lord has been trying to lead me into a new direction and after much prayer and thought, I am finally doing something about it.

I'll give it a little time and then someday I'll just drop in at some big meet to say hi to everyone (or at least to those who remember me) I am not dropping off of the face of the earth and would love to stay in touch with you. I value all of my friends in the gymnastics and tumbling world. Please feel free to email me at TumblingOnUSA@aol.com.

A "just for fun" fact: September 10th, 2005 was my 25th anniversary at Tumbling On, USA and today, October 24th it was officially closed.

Pax! Sue Olson

Prep-Optionals Guidelines There will be posted on the Illinois USAG site region5.com/Illinois ideas on this program.

The Region 8 Hurricane Relief Fund is the centralized fund-raising effort of USA Gymnastics and its community to support the relief effort (<http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/hurricane/region8donationpage.html>). Providing an avenue for those who want to provide financial support, the fund will provide assistance across all disciplines, and is being administered by a steering committee consisting of Deb Kornegay, Kevin White, Nancy Hawkins, Jay Thornton and Ron Froehlich. USA Gymnastics also is looking ahead to what types of assistance and information will be needed as athletes, professional members and clubs begin the relocation and/or recovery process, and USA Gymnastics is working with industry partners and grassroots leadership to develop a cohesive, proactive plan that will assist our members as they relocate, rebuild and recover.

U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Presented by Allstate Induction Ceremony, Dec. 8, 2005, in Chicago, Shannon Miller, who has won more Olympic and world medals than any other U.S. gymnast, and the 1984 Men's Gymnastics Team that earned the USA's first Olympic team gold medal are among the newest selections to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Presented by Allstate. The United States Olympic Committee announced the Class of 2006 inductees in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Class of 2006 will be honored during the Ill., at the Harris Theatre. Additionally, a nationally televised special will air early in 2006 showcasing the moments that catapulted the Class of 2006 inductees to U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame status. Broadcast details will be announced at a later date.



Regional Bids

- Level 9 /10 Regionals
 - April 15,16,17
 - Midwest Academy of Gymnastics @ Benedictine College
- Level 8 Regionals
 - Devaus IN

Regional Training Camps Please visit the Region 5 website at Region5.com for the latest information regarding the upcoming training Camps. Region5.com

FORWARD PROGRESS CAMP (Training Level 9 and up only)

November 4-6, 2005

Midwest Academy of Gymnastics, Warrenville, IL

Hotel Info on camp website.

Entry Fee is \$95.00 per gymnast per training camp. Make all checks payable to: REGION 5. Only one check per club per camp. If you send more than one check it will be returned to you, or if you include more than one camp on one check, it will be returned.

All coaches and judges are welcome to attend for free.

Send all entries to Dan Miller at Arena Gymnastics, 2701 Black Rd, Joliet, IL 60435. or ArenaGymIllinois@aol.com

To register athletes I need: ANY Entry Form with Club name and address, EMAIL address, Fax # and Gymnast's Name, Age, Last year's Level, This Year's level, and USAG#. Money must be in my hand to hold spots for camp. If the camp fills before I get your money, Sorry you are not in the camp. **FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE DON'T SEND THEM.** Please fill out the form **COMPLETELY!**

Coaches: Failure to meet the requirements listed for each of the training camps may result in your club not being allowed to attend that training camp the following year. It is unfair and far too difficult to work with these gymnasts that are not qualified to attend the training camps while other qualified gymnasts get turned away due to limited space.

Reminder that these are required for all athletes wishing to be part of the All Star Team Selection and that Judges who wish to judges at Regionals.
Also These Camps are the primary Money maker for the All star Team Trip and the JO National And Eastern Apparel.

Memorandum

TO: All USAG, NAWGJ officers
RE: Clarification on raising scores at State Meet
DATE: 10/15/05

Confusion has arisen on the procedures for raising a score at the end of a State meet to qualify the gymnast to the Regional Championships. (Usually the gymnast is very close to qualifying.. .up to 0.1 0)

Please refer to page 44 of the Rules and Policies.

J. Inquiry Regulations #3. "Inquiries must be submitted to the Meet Director or Meet Referee within 5 minutes of the completion of the squad's competition on that event. "

If the inquiry results in a score change, that score must be reflected in the official results which determine the medal/award placement.

The confusion is this: In some areas of the country, the score has been changed AFTER the awards are given, thus allowing the gymnast to qualify to the next competition, but not receive the appropriate award. This is an incorrect procedure and must not continue.

The decisions made by the National Committees are outlined in the Rules and Policies. No committee has the authority to alter the Rules and Policies for matters that are above State Level.

Please publish this clarification in your next newsletter so all coaches and judges are informed and the athletes are assured of equality across the country.

Thanks for your assistance.