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NEWSLETTER



The U.S.T.A. National Championship Deadline is Almost Here!



The U.S.T.A. National Championship Packet is on the web page!

IMPORTANT!

1. When completing your Universal Entry Form for Nationals, be sure all your team and coach information is complete and correct. There have been several cases reported of missing or incorrect data. Be sure to proof all the forms *before* submitting!
2. If you email your entries, print a copy and mail to the National Office.
3. Be sure to contact the National Office to confirm receipt of entry.

All National Deadlines are May 8, 2015.

If you are nominating anyone for one of the awards - be sure to submit the nomination form along with the one page bio (which is to include a picture) and a separate head shot which will be used for the program.

If you are planning on taking the **Coaches & Judges' Bus Trip to Mount Rushmore** on Friday night - be sure to turn in the sign-up sheet right away. The trip will be limited to the first 57 registered and paid.

We expect the **Welcome Reception** to be even bigger and better this year! If you are planning on attending, please pre-register so we can be well prepared.



The U.S.T.A. National Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites in East Peoria, Illinois, September 25 - 27, 2015. Be sure to set save those dates on your calendar!



USTA National Team Trials will be December 5&6, 2015, January 16&17, 2016, and February 13&14, 2016. If you are interested in hosting one of the Team Trials and Super Invitationals - submit your bid (use the State Bid form on the web) to the USTA National Office by June 1, 2015.

The Colorado Spring Break Meet & Clinics were a huge hit with the athletes!

Thanks to Trampoline World of Colorado and the staff for hosting this awesome event! We want to thank the clinicians and judges who helped make everything go so smoothly!

Clinicians - Richard Masters, Joe Pierce, Shawn Moore, & Gail White

Judges - Linda Billiet, Stacey Carman, Salina Good, Meagan Johnson, Patti Lingenfelter, Terra Piercy, & John Strobel

Dear Patti, Gale, and USTA

Thank you for hosting the clinics and the meet.

Sincerely, Charlsie and Thatcher



Dear USTA Executive Board,

Thank you so much for the trip to Colorado Springs! I really appreciate it! I had so much fun on this trip. I have never been to Colorado before and I really enjoyed it. And I got to do what I love while I was there. I know that I will remember this trip forever. Thank you.

Shelby Szudera Wienand



Patti & Linda,

Thank you so much for directing out meet It was spectacular and we couldn't have done it without you. We are looking forward to seeing you real soon!

Mike and Christin Zapp

Congratulations to all of the new babies!

Nicole Manning, Dynamite Twisters (KY), on the birth of their daughter.

Sarah Oldeen, Pattiø Gym (IL-N), on the birth of her son.

Sarah Leser, NTJC (IL-S), on the birth of her son.

Brooke Meeker, American Twisters (TN), on the birth of her daughter.

Paula Grigsby, YMCA Tumbling Tornados (IL-N) on the birth of her granddaughter.

Stella Sponsler, NTJC (IL-S), on the birth of her grandson.

Gloria Herring, Gloriaø Tumbling (OH), on the birth of her granddaughter.

Danny & Dawn Irish, Irishø gym (IL-N), on the birth of their granddaughter.



Congratulations to Tabitha Price, NTJC (KY), and her new husband on their recent marriage!



Get Well Wishes to:

Sarah Oldeen, Pattiø Gym (IL-N).

Richard Masters, Reflex Gymnastics (FL).

Keaghan & Stacy Otto, Tumbling On USA (IL-N)



Deepest Sympathy to:

Jeri Inman, GymStars (IL-S), and family on the recent passing of her father.

Jackie Hamm, NTJC (IL-N), and family on the passing of her father.

Richard Master, Reflex Gymnastics, and family on the passing of his father.

Rae Ann Gore, NTJC (IL-S), and family on the passing of her grandmother.

Deborah Beam, NTJC (KY), and family on the passing of her mother-in-law.

ILLINOIS-NORTH State News -

Gymnastic Academy of Rockford hosted the Northern Illinois State Championships in Belvidere, Illinois. Award Winners were:

Coach of the Year - Ute Heger, GAR



Scholarships Cayla Domagala (5STR) & Courtney Jacobsen (FOXV)

Special Service Recognition - Linda Billiet & Gail White



ILLINOIS-SOUTH State News -

The Southern Illinois State Championships were held in Pana, Illinois, and hosted by KrisøPower Tumbling, Dance, & Cheer. Award winners were:

Joslyn Scherzer - Coach of the Year



Michaela Schuenke (MILJ) - Ryan Brown Athlete of the Year



Delaney Walsh - Graduating Senior Scholarship



Tyler Lackland - Natalie Johnson Sportsmanship Award

IOWA State News -

The 2015 USTA Iowa State Championships hosted by Marshalltown Tumbling & Trampoline, Ron Brooks and all his fabulous volunteers was wonderful!! Well organized and well attended by the Iowa teams and their athletes. Iowa has a great group of coaches, athletes, judges, and families. Each club and all their athletes push each other to set goals and achieve those higher skills.

Congratulations to Coach of the Year, Leah Phipps Xtreme Team, Judge of the Year, Deb Hurley, Senior Scholarship winners: Brooke Mensing University Of Tumbling and Trampoline, Davien Schweitzer and Josephine Briggs of the Moser School of Dance & Gymnastics; Iowa Achievement award winner Chelsea Trotter Marshalltown Trampoline & Tumbling; Sportsmanship winners: Landree Clark Aero Twisters, Matt Kilgore Indianola Tumbling, Sarah VanDeWalle Moser School of Dance & Gymn., Sydney Buseman University of Tumbling & Trampoline, Lyris Kapayou Marshalltown Trampoline & Tumbling, Dezirae Quass Plum Creek Tumbling, Maya Lane Ide Gymnastics, and Peyton Hilpiper of X-Treme Tumbling & Trampoline. The Reegan Robertson Memorial Scholarship and Vickie Wilson Spirit Honor Award went to Brooke Mensing University Of Tumbling & Trampoline, and the Recognized USTA seniors were Brooklyn Henderson and Brooke Mensing from University of Trampoline and Tumbling and Cierra Weipert, Jessie Glanz, Josephine Briggs, and Davien Schweitzer all from the Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics.

I also want to thank all the invitational host clubs and all their volunteers---thank you for your time and organizational skills.

Thank you IOWA for a fabulous year of competition --it has been a great year filled with many experiences and memories for all involved. We look forward to seeing all our friends in Rapid City South Dakota for the 2015 USTA Nationals

The Iowa USTA clubs, coaches, athletes, judges, and all USTA supporters sincerely want to thank Casey Marsh of Waterloo for all his years of service. We always looked forward to your smiles while judging ---you did a great job of making sure the kids felt comfortable and not so nervous with your smiles---We thank you for caring about the USTA and all the athletes and always being fair and doing your best for everyone. Please stay in contact. We wish you and your wonderful family all the very best that life has to offer. I applaud you for doing what is right for your family--as those kids grow up way too fast---no matter how much we need you--your family comes first.

Sincerely, Debbie Moser, Iowa State Chair

NEBRASKA State News -

The Nebraska State Championship will be held at JolRan Gymnastic & Dance Academy in Broken Bow, Nebraska, on May 16, 2015. JolRan is proud to be hosting it there!

OHIO State News -

2015 Ohio All-Star Team

Mary Abrams, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Kaitlyn Bein, Gymnastics Central
Lyla Bordwine, Gymnastics Central
Kennadie Bryant, Gloria's Tumbling
Jenna Burke, Will Power Tumbling
Addison Burke, Will Power Tumbling
Delilah Folk, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Cassidy Folk, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Olivia Geiger, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Ashlyn Gonterman, Gloria's Tumbling
Paloma Gordon, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Hailey Hacker, Gotta Flip Gymnastics
Randy Holmes, Gymnastics Central
Caitlin Johnson, Rock Solid Academy
Caroline Klug, Vandergriff Gym
Katie Lambert, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Kassidy Nafziger, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Peyton Older, Heather's Studio
Julia Raines, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Ashley Roach, Gloria's Tumbling
Amer Russell, Acrocheer Gymnastics
Leanna Skinner, Gotta Flip Gymnastics



Gloria Herring celebrated her 30th year as Gloria's Tumbling! Congrats, Gloria!

This year at the State Championships, Ohio gave out scholarships to Mackenzie Hall (WPT), Tyler Kroll (WPT), Bailey Penhorwood (GLOR), and Allison Penny (GLOR).

USTA National Team Members were also given special recognition.

OKLAHOMA State News -

Oklahoma continued to grow this year with its biggest State Championships ever!

Katie & Josh Thompson,
McIntosh Tumbling -
Oklahoma Coaches of the
Year.



Hailey Harding,
FlipnFly, was awarded the 1st
Oklahoma athlete scholarship.

Athlete Update

Cory Barnes, YMCA Tumbling Tornados (IL-N)
Email received from his father, Bob -

I thought I would give you an update on Cory's experience with diving since all of you are the reason he was able to do this in college. He will be heading for Nationals this year again but it is held in Buffalo, New York, not Florida. He has had a nice career at Lincoln and this will be a nice ending to it. Nobody can believe this is only his second year of ever diving...I always explain to people that he has been doing those flips and twists for many years...just landed on his feet...most of the time! The big news is he received a nice scholarship offer to dive. To receive a D1 scholarship would have never been possible with all of you not in his life - or should I say our life. I love going to watch him dive, but I still really miss going to the USTA meets. I just wanted to take time to say thanks, there is nothing better in the world than the USTA. It is still the #1 thing in our hearts!



Thank you to Dawn
Irish and the Northern
Illinois Clubs for the
Special Service

Recognition Plaques presented to us at the State Championships. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

Gail White & Linda Billiet



Sometimes ðHappiness is being Appreciatedð (no matter how that appreciation is shown)!

Jim, Thank you for all you do.

FOR SALE

We reset our gym and have a 9 x 14, 10 yr. old trampoline which folds, has transporters and has a 2 yr. old black bed on it. If you wanted to replace the black bed for a different bed it would make a nicer trampoline, springs are in good shape..The pads were in bad shape so we had carpet bonded foam on the sides for pads.\$500. Text me your number and I will send pictures.

Nancee Truelove
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Vincennes, Indiana

I am the new Competitive Cheer Coach at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. I will be building our 2015-2016 squad this spring and summer and have heard you may be able to send some fantastic tumblers my way! We expect the squad to equal the ability of our Nationally ranked Warrior Basketball team. The Athletic Department has spent years preparing for this and we have the budget to attend camp, travel to competitions, get new uniforms, and award up to 30 partial scholarships. I have been hired as a full-time coach and we have a fully equipped cheerleading and gymnastic gym for practices. Our goal is to be an extremely affordable option for students and a great stepping stone to a bigger program with full scholarships.

I am also looking for specialist tumblers and stunters (so I will be giving great scholarships to students that don't know how to stunt yet).

Cyndi Mellin, IHCC
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