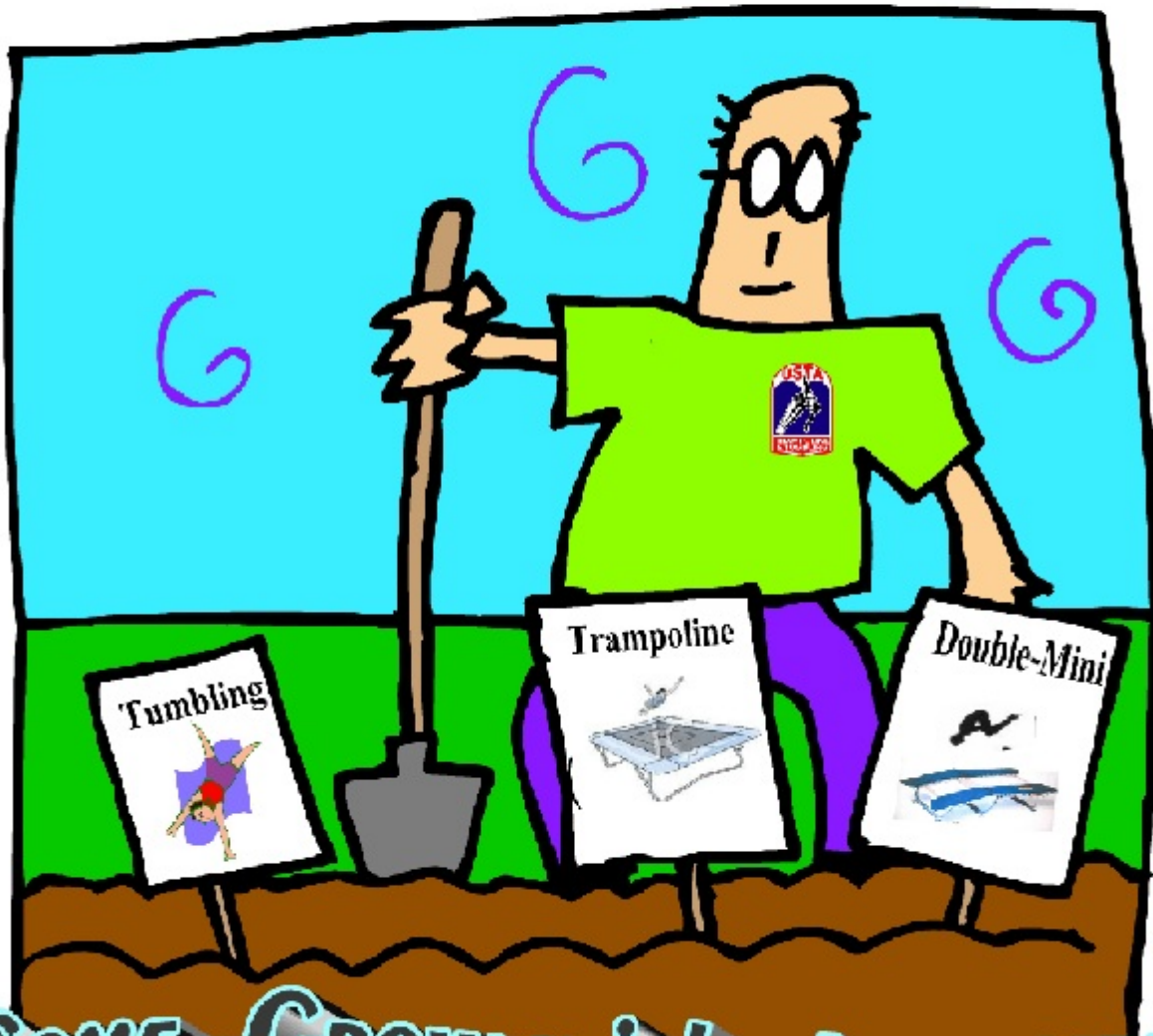


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NEWSLETTER



COME, GROW WITH THE U.S.T.A.

From our President, Debbie Barber

I am anxious to see all the State Raffle Baskets at Nationals. Be sure to remember that the upcoming National Championship deadline is May 8 - postmark.

Best of Luck to everyone at their State Championship!

PLEASE!

Some of you still need to sign back into your team information on the web and make sure all of the information is filled in and up-to-date...your mailing address, telephone numbers, email address, etc.

In addition to finding differences in the information on the web and on file in the National Office, we are finding a lot of blank information.

Again, overall - Everyone is doing a GREAT job registering their clubs, coaches, and athletes on our new system.

THANK YOU!

WANTED: Lucie Denault Brown Entertainment is looking for a young (18 - 21) trampolinist that can do some dives on 3m (feet first dives:) for their shows in Lake George this summer from June to the end of August. They teach the performer how to dive and do clown dives. There are 3 shows of 20 minutes each. Decent student salary includes transportation and accommodation.

Contact: Lucile Denault
ph: 407-792-2283 / skype: Brownent
www.billbrownentertainment.com

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LOOKING TO PURCHASE:
a used Double-Mini

Contact: Deena Moore, GA
D.E..E.N.O.S.
Deena@deeenos..com
ph: 912-531-3584

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dennis Harget

Dennis Harget, Marilyn-Dennis School of Gymnastics, Hamilton, Ohio, was inducted into the Hamilton Athletic Hall of Fame!



Dennis graduated from Hamilton High School in 1949. He competed in gymnastics for three years under fellow Hall of Famer, Jim Grimm, and qualified for the national championships as a junior and senior. He finished ninth as a junior and third as a senior, missing out on the national championship by two-tenths of a point. He was a teammate of fellow Hall of Famer Fred Belden. Harget went on to The Ohio State University, where he competed in gymnastics for two seasons. After college he earned first place in diving in the one- and three-meter diving board events at the Midwest Open during his two years in the Air Force. He also started the Marilyn-Dennis School of Gymnastics and Tumbling, where he has been the coach for 48 years. The school has hosted two national championships in 1980 and 1986, and Harget was named National Coach of the Year in 1985 and 2000. He coached the state AAU gymnastic team champions in 1965 and 1967 and was inducted into the United States Tumbling Association Hall of Fame in 2000. Harget has coached 167 national champions in tumbling, trampoline, and double mini-tramp. He also has coached nearly 50 national team champions and has held an International Tumbling Judges Certificate for eight years. Harget was the technical vice president for 12 years in the USA.

Dennis also received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Hamilton, Ohio. Many of his past students, including



Marci Schneider, TumbleMania, traveled from Florida to attend the ceremony.

Thanks -

Jim Dowling, Stingrays Tumbling & Trampoline (GA), for developing and updating the Universal Entry Form. So many of you have let us know how much you like using the form!

Congrats -

Rona Flockhart, Elite Power Tumbling (IA), and Jayme Crook on the recent marriage!

Sarah Mofield, NTJC Judge (KY), on the birth of her son, Titus Matthew.

Cayla Myers, Cayla's Power Tumbling Cheer & Dance Center (IL_S), on the birth of her son Brody Michael McCoy.

Tabitha Price, NTJC Judge (KY) on the birth of her son, Owen Chase.

Sympathy to -

Rosa and Henry Young, American Tumbling & Trampoline (OH), on the passing of Rosa's sister.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Patti & U.S.T.A.

We have received your memorial Partner of Youth gift in memory of Bud Grigsby. Your donation will help provide a multitude of healthy opportunities to a needy child or family who will be able to enjoy all our YMCA has to offer. It is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a very special member of our Y.

On behalf of the YMCA Board of Directors, the YMCA Staff & myself, thank you very much for this memorial gift.

God Bless
Paula Grigsby, Executive Director

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ATHLETE/COACHES: We have been asked to remind Athlete/Coaches that when they are coaching, they need to change into proper coaching attire to be on the floor.

NTJC JUDGES: We have also been asked to remind judges to score athletes independently without looking at the other judges' scores. The Superior Judge will let you know if you are out of range and need to review your score and deductions. It is important that you are confident in your scores and ability to judge.

RECENT CLARIFICATIONS:

ATTIRE: Our current rule states "Sport bras that show **MUST** match the majority color of the upper half of the leotard or be the athlete's flesh color. Deduction 0.3 pt. per pass".

QUESTION: Now athletes are starting to wear sport bras that match the majority of the upper half of their leotards, but they have a white square in the middle of the back with a logo or design in it.

ANS: Must be a solid color with **NO** logo or design showing **or be a solid flesh colored**.

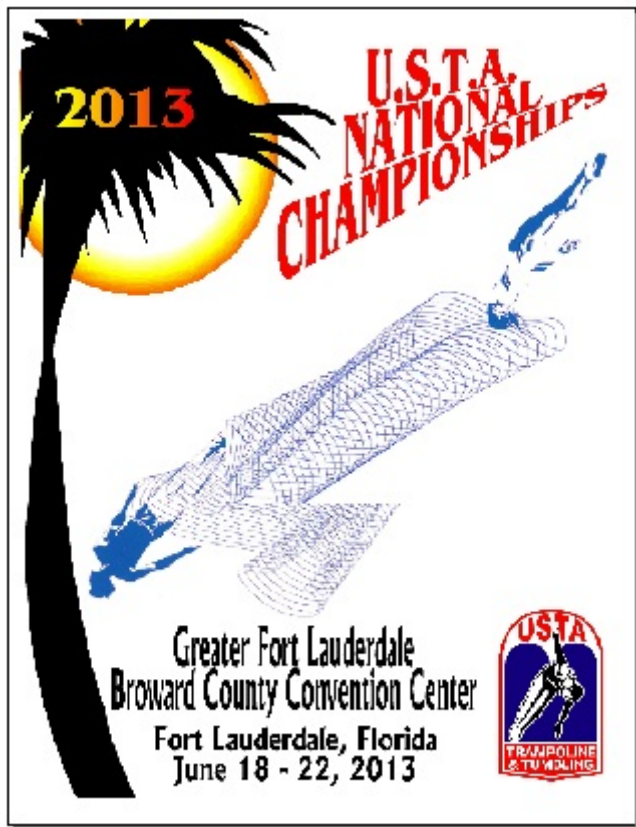
QUESTION: We are also seeing sport bras that are in the same color spectrum as the majority of the upper half of the leo, but really are not an exact match. (Think of it as painting your wall a specific color, but when you run out of paint, you buy more paint, but it doesn't match.)

ANS: **MUST** match **or be flesh colored**.

HANDBOOK CORRECTION: The difficulty for a Triffis Pike on trampoline and doube-mini should be 1.9 pts. The handbook lists it as 1.8 pts. Please be sure to make the correction in your copy of the rules.



The Advanced/Elite List is posted on the USTA web page and is emailed to each State Chair after it is updated with Meet Results. Please be sure to check it often and let us know if you find any errors.



The 2013 USTA National Championship Packet is on the USTA web page - www.usta1.org. If you haven't printed it out yet, be sure to do so now! You won't want to miss out on anything!

Enclosed with this newsletter is the sign-up sheet for the Coach/Judge Welcome Reception, the Coach/Judge Cruise, and the Volunteer Form.

The **DEADLINE** for everything is postmarked by May 8, 2013.

- ❖ Entries
- ❖ Nominations (see form for specific instructions)
- ❖ Coach/Judge Cruise
- ❖ Welcome Reception
- ❖ Program Ads
- ❖ Advance Ticket Orders
- ❖ Volunteer Form

If you have ANY questions, contact the National Office by phone 863-420-3905 or email ustapatti@verizon.net.

State Chairs, we know this is your busiest time of the year, but we want to remind you and all of your clubs to put all of your good ideas into your state's Raffle Basket for Nationals.

The State Basket that sells the most raffle tickets will receive a scholarship for their state to award at the following year's State Championship! We can't wait to see how creative everyone is!



Mark your calendar for the 2013 USTA National Convention & Congress which will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, Iowa, September 27-29, 2013. The Technical Committee Meeting (open to everyone) will be Friday, September 27; the Convention Educational Sessions, Lunch and Banquet will be Saturday, September 28; and the Congress Meeting will be Sunday, September 29.

It is a great opportunity to meet people, pick up great ideas, ask questions, get geared up for the new season, and have a lot of fun!



OKLAHOMA/TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS:

TUMBLING: S-Beginner, Emma Cunningham; Beginner, Grace Maxwell; A-Beginner, Mallory Reames; S-Novice, Tonya Flores; Novice, Lauren Ratcliff; Intermediate, Reagan Lanier; S-Advanced, Kamery Wilson; Advanced, Kacie Pierce. **DOUBLE-MINI:** Beginner, Faith London; Novice, Haley Glass; Intermediate, Jordan Gresham; S-Advanced, Gracie Pena; Advanced, Katelynn Barnette. **TRAMPOLINE:** Beginner, Kyla Dean; Novice, Tana Kord; Intermediate, Brandi Molina; S-Advanced, Katelynn Barnette.

TEAM CHAMPIONS:

Tumbling - McIntosh Tumbling
Double-Mini - Tuck n Tumble
Trampoline - Tuck n Tumble

WELCOME



Come and join us!

The U.S.T.A. is hosting a WELCOME RECEPTION for our coaches and judges!

Tuesday, June 18 from 8 - 10 p.m. at the host hotel, The Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina.

You MUST Pre-register in order to attend!

Contact the USTA National Office and register TODAY! You will need to provide the names of everyone attending.

Mail or Email your reservation to USTA National Office, PO Box 135067, Clermont, FL 34713 or ustapatti@verizon.net.

NAME: _____ JUDGE _____ COACH

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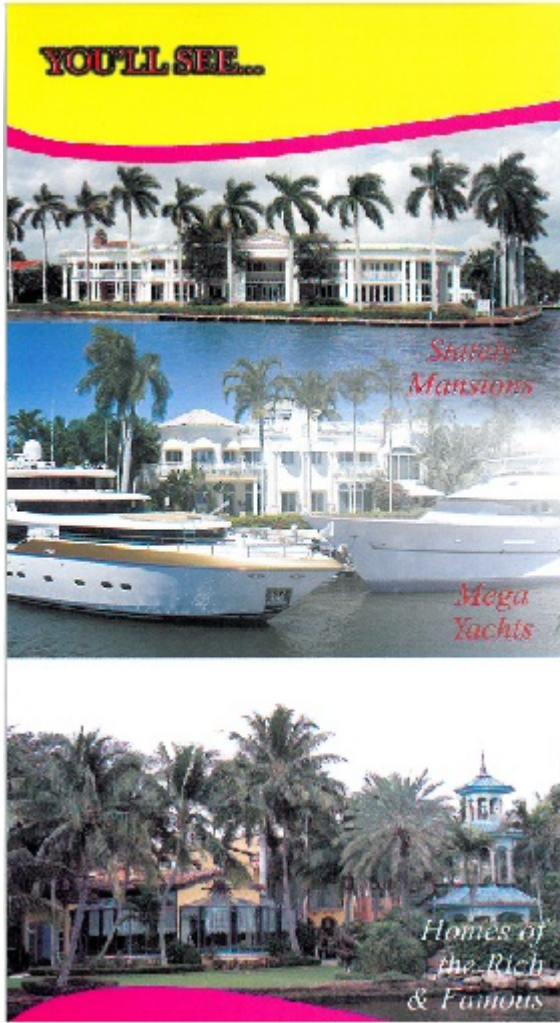
CLUB: _____

email address: _____

cell number: _____

DEADLINE - May 8, 2013

CRUISE WITH THE U.S.T.A.



RIVERFRONT CRUISES
300 SW 1st Avenue
Downtown Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Coaches and Judges - sign up for a private cruise!
We have chartered a Riverfront Cruise for Friday, June 21, from 7 - 8:30 pm.

You will see mansions, yachts, and much more!

Air Conditioned

Finger foods provided

Pay Bar

No children allowed

The cruise will be limited to the first 90 coaches and judges who register!

Please note - If we do not have 60 people sign up, we will cancel the cruise.

Registration fee - \$25 - Make checks payable to the USTA or call with a credit card.

Registration deadline - *IN HAND* - May 8,2013

NAME: _____ JUDGE _____ COACH

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2013 National Volunteer Form

The USTA Executive Board is hosting the 2013 USTA National Championships at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on June 18-22, 2013. We will need MANY Volunteers to run this competition. If you (or anyone you know) have any special talented people (age 16 & over) willing to work, please have them complete this form and return.

If you agree to work at least one four (4) hour shift, you will receive a volunteer pass good for free admission the day you volunteer, free lunch the day you work, a free T-shirt, and our gratitude!

NOTE: This does NOT include Team Trampoline Spotters which are required.

DEADLINE: Postmark or email no later than May 8, 2013

RETURN TO: Patti Lingenfelter, USTA National Office
PO Box 135067, Clermont FL 34713-5067
E-mail: ustapatti@verizon.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone #'s: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax#: _____

Club: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

_____ I will work for 4 hours Date(s) Volunteering _____

_____ I will work All Day Date(s) Volunteering _____

Please Circle your 1st and 2nd choices: **Line-up** **Post Scores**
Awards **Check Scores**
Video Taping **Computer Entry**