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NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

I hope this finds you all in good health and in the midst of a successful competition season. I have been working closely with the USTA board and the NTJC committee developing the new judging guidelines. Just like you, I have spent countless hours at meets watching the judges hard at work evaluating our athletes. I am pleased that we have turned a new page in our judging system and it is my hope as well as the entire board that we are striving to enhance the quality of our program. We are all here for our athlete, that IS why we do this, and we are diligently working to take every necessary step to improve every aspect of our sport. I look forward to this new chapter and appreciate all feedback on this new approach for the judging training, education and requirements.

ATTENTION ALL STATES: Since the executive board is hosting the 2013 Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in June we thought we would engage each state in this noteworthy fund raiser. We are going to hold a "Basket Raffle" at Nationals this year. Each state is asked to bring a raffle basket with them to Nationals filled with their choice of items filling the basket to be raffled. We are asking each STATE CHAIR to be the guiding hand on this project. We know how very competitive each one is due to the nature of our sport.....so these raffle baskets are sure to be crowd pleasers! What's in it for you and your state you ask???? During Nationals we will sell tickets chances and whichever state's basket raises the most ticket sales, USTA will donate \$500 to that states scholarship fund for the 2013-2014 season. What an awesome opportunity to come together as a state to raise money for your athletes! So put those thinking caps on, and start putting those baskets together!

Last but not least, I would like to be the first to invite you all to a welcome reception when you come to Nationals this year! We will be hosting the reception on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. This will give us all a chance to put our competitive edge aside and casually mingle with one another that we often don't get a chance to do in the hustle and bustle of competition and distance barriers. Please look for more information about the reception in your Nationals Entry Packet. I look forward to seeing you all in Fort Lauderdale!

Best of luck

Debbie Barber
USTA President



A BIG thank you to George Nissen's daughter, Dagmar Nissen Mumm, for providing much of the USTA's history for our facebook page.

Dagmar has written a book titled, *My Father's Dream of an Olympic Trampoline*. The book is the life story of George Nissen and provides the details of the creation of trampoline and our organization. We have three copies of her book for sale - \$25. You can also purchase the book on Amazon.

2013 U.S.T.A. National Championship Hotels

We need to remind everyone that it is important to stay at one of the hotels or motels listed because they are on the same side as the Convention Center. If you stay on the other side of the waterway, you will have to cross over a drawbridge that opens as needed. If the bridge is up and you are running late, you will have to get out and take a water taxi to the venue.

PLEASE!

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

We are finding differences in the information on the web and on file in the National Office and need to be sure the data bases are correct.

Overall - Everyone has done a GREAT job registering their clubs, coaches, and athletes on our new system.

Some of you have left some of the information blank, so please check and be sure everything is complete and correct.

THANK YOU!



Cynthia Willoughby emailed the new Code of Points information to all of the judges. If you did not get your email or if you have any questions, please email Cynthia at:

tumblenanal@aol.com

Host Hotel - Hilton Ft Lauderdale Marina, \$129
1881 SE 17th Street Causeway- across the street from the Convention Center. Free shuttle to the beach (1 mile away). ph 888-554-2131 - ask for: "US Tumbling & Trampoline"
www.fortlauderdalemarinahotel.com - code: usta13
Cut-off Date - May 18, 2013

Renaissance Ft Lauderdale Cruise Port Hotel, \$119. 1617 SE 17th Street - diagonal to the Convention Center. ph 954-626-1700 - ask for: "Trampoline Tumbling - Code UNC"
Cut-off date - May 18, 2013

Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale - \$139
1100 SE 17th Street - 1 mile from the Convention Center . ph 954-527-2700 or 1/800-embassy - ask for: "USTA National"
www.ftlauderdaleembassysuites.com - 3 letter code: UST
Cut-off date - May 18, 2013

Comfort Suites Airport - \$99 + tax
1800 S Federal Hwy. ph 800-767-8700 - ask for "US Trampoline & Tumbling"
Cut-off date - May 27, 2013

Holiday Inn Express - \$99 + tax
1500 SE17th Street (1.5 miles from the Convention Center). ph 954-728-2577 - ask for "US Trampoline & Tumbling"
Cut-off date - May 27, 2013