

FALL ISSUE

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NEWSLETTER



With Thanksgiving just around the corner....

We have so much to be thankful for

*including your ongoing friendship
& commitment.*

We wish you and yours an especially

Happy Thanksgiving and many more to come!

The U.S.T.A. Executive Board



2011-12 - U.S.T.A. CALENDAR - (Includes *Other Important Dates*)

*GymTyme's February Meet has been changed to February 11

DATE	CITY/STATE	EVENTS	CLUB, CONTACT
OCTOBER - 2011			OCTOBER - 2011
10/8-9	Grand Rapids, MI	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
10/15	Marshalltown, IA	Day with the Judges	MAT, Ron Brooks
10/15	Bellefontaine, OH	ALL	Gloria's Tumbling, Gloria Herring
10/15-16	Orlando, FL	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
10/22	Somerset, KY	ALL	Top Notch Gym, Tammy Spencer
10/22-23	Kewanee, IL	ALL (Adv, two 5 skill passes)	Patti's Gym, Sarah Oldeen
10/22-23	Montezuma, IN	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
10/29	Kendallville, IN	ALL	Flipz & Stix, Sarah Holbrook-Lipscomb
10/29-30	Johns Creek, GA	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
NOVEMBER - 2011			NOVEMBER - 2011
11/5	Winder, GA	Tri-State T&T Clinic	Extreme Tumbling, Tiffany LaBarbera
11/5	Jewell, IA	ALL	Extreme T&T, Melissa Hocking
11/5	Clarksville, TN	ALL	American Twisters, Kellie Olson
11/6	Crystal Lake, IL	ALL	Fox Valley T&T, Stacy Jauch
11/6	Woodhull, IL	TU (Adv, two 5 skill passes)	Flipside Power Tumbling, Kelly Brooks
11/12	St. Louis, MO	ALL	Concordia Turners, Jeri Inman
11/12	Columbus, OH	ALL	DCW Tumblers, Michelle Shimmel
11/12-13	Morehead, KY	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
11/12-13	Marshalltown, IA	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
11/19	Parke County, IN	ALL	Team Energy, Natalie Montgomery
11/19	Waterloo, IA	S-ADV/ADV TR & DM	Waterloo T&T, Lee Whitmore
11/19	Somerset, KY	ALL	Somerset Elite Trg Ctr. Aislyn Frei
11/19-20	Bloomington, IL	NTJC JUDGES' COURSE & TEST	NTJC
11/20	Rock Island, IL	ALL	Quad Cities Xtreme, Stacey Kelly
11/20	Knoxville, IA	ALL	Flip Squad T&T, Bryce Whitmore
DECEMBER - 2011			DECEMBER - 2011
12/3	Gallipolis, OH	ALL plus Synchro	Will Power Tumbling, Debbie Barber
12/3	TBA (Louisville, KY)	ALL	GymTyme, Holly Logsdon
12/3-4	Canton, IL	ALL	YMCA Tumbling Tornados, Paula Grigsby
12/3-4	Salem, IL	ALL	Studio 50, Rae Ann Gore

DATE	CITY/STATE	EVENTS	CLUB, CONTACT
12/3-4	Newton, IA	ALL	MAT, Ron Brooks
12/10-11	Noblesville, IN	USTA NATIONAL TEAM TRIAL & SUPER INVITATIONAL	E-Z Starz/Gymnastics Expressions, Nancee Truelove & Nick Young
12/27-29	Canton, IL	Tumbling Tornados Christmas Camp	YMCA Tumbling Tornados, Paula Grigsby
JANUARY - 2012		JANUARY - 2012	
1/7 - 8	Indianola, IA	ALL	Indianola Tumbling Center, Joyce Vickroy
1/14	Terre Haute, IN	ALL	Ostan's T&T, Ostan Wyndham
1/14	TBA (Louisville, KY)	ALL	Gymnastics Expression, Nick Young
1/15	Ottumwa, IA	ALL	Team Flip, Tasha Bacon-Kimmel
1/15	West Palm Beach, FL	ALL	Gymnastics Revolution, Mary Ellen Wagner
1/21	Belvidere, IL	ALL	GAR, Whitney Miller
1/21-22	Olney, IL	ALL	IL Gymnastics Club of Olney, Donna Henby
1/28	Trussville, AL	ALL	Gipson's Gymnasics, David Gipson
1/28	Jenison, MI	ALL	Horizon Complex, Crystal Brink
1/28	Cincinnati, OH	ALL plus Synch	Gymnastics Central, Jim Bartley
1/28-29	Iowa Falls, IA	ALL	University of T&T, Steve Wilson
1/29	Mahomet, IL	ALL	Top Star Gym, Missy Weder
1/29	Maquoketa, IA	TU & DM	Dubuque Gymnastics Club, David Hohmann
FEBRUARY - 2012		FEBRUARY - 2012	
2/4-5	Clermont, FL	ALL	Rush T&T, Karys Blake
2/11 *	TBA (Louisville, KY)	ALL	GymTyme, Holly Logsdon
2/11-12	Stratford, IA	ALL	Elite Power Tumbling, Rona Flockhart
2/11-12	Edwardsville, IL	ALL	Edwardsville YMCA, Lori Althoff
2/12	Romeoville, IL	ALL	Tumbling on USA, Matt Terlep
2/12	Hartland, MI	ALL	Bounce at Hartland, Paul Starosciak
2/18-19	Noblesville, IN	USTA NATIONAL TEAM TRIAL & SUPER INVITATIONAL	Flipside & 5 Star Elite/ Amber Van Natta & Paulette Konstantaras
2/25	TBA - AL	ALL	Contact Jim Dowling, ALLSTAR TnT
2/25	Morehead, KY	ALL	Dynamite Twisters, Nicolle Wolf
2/25-26	Monticello, IL	ALL	Monticello Gym, Vicki Foran
2/25-26	Marshalltown, IA	ALL	MAT T&T, Ron Brooks
2/26	Abingdon, IL	TU (Adv, two 5 skill passes) & DM	Double "D" Tumblers, Debbie Dwyer
MARCH - 2012		MARCH - 2012	
3/3	Winder, GA	ALL	Extreme Tumbling, Tiffany LaBarbera
3/3	Parke County, IN	ALL	Tumble Express, Sara Stalicop

DATE	CITY/STATE	EVENTS	CLUB, CONTACT
3/3	Webster City, IA	TR & DM	Superior T&T, Brad Whitmore
3/4	Melcher, IA	TU	Aero-Twisters, Thomalu Elliott
3/10	Somerset, KY	ALL	Somerset Elite Trg Ctr, Aislyn Frei
3/10	Wellington, FL	ALL	TNT Gymnastics Center, Christine Tiska
3/10-11	Pana, IL	ALL	Kris' Power Tumbling, Kris Metzger
3/17-18	Hammond, IN	USTA NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS & SUPER INVITATIONAL	Twiststars T&T, Gail White
3/24	Danville, KY	ALL	KC's Tumble Zone, Kathy Case
3/24-25	Waverly, IA	ALL	Plum Creek Tumbling, Bill Kirschenman
3/24-25	Galesburg, IL	ALL (Adv, two 5 skill passes)	Jumpin' J's, Judy Worden
3/25	Grand Rapids, MI	ALL	Grand Rapids Gymnastics, Jenn Smith
3/31	Johns Creek, GA	ALL	ALLSTAR TnT, Jim Dowling
3/31	Buckner, KY	ALL	Gymnastics Expression, Nick Young
3/31	Carmel, IN	ALL	Flipside, Amber Van Natta
3/31	Rio Grande, OH	ALL	Will Power Tumbling, Debbie Barber
3/31- 4/1	Joliet, IL	ALL	Dynamos II, Bonnie Barrow
3/31- 4/1	Mattoon, IL	ALL	Mattoon Academy, Lis White
3/31 -4/1	Winterset, IA	ALL	Winterset Gym, Holli Floden
APRIL - 2012			APRIL - 2012
4/14	Parke County, IN	ALL - Amanda Howe Memorial Meet	Indiana Teams
4/14-15	Effingham, IL	ALL	Cayla's Tumbling & Cheer, Cayla Myers
4/14-15	Waterloo, IA	TR & DM	Waterloo T&T, Lee Whitmore
4/15	Orlando, FL	FL USTA & AAU STATE MEET	Reflex Gymnastics, Richard Masters
4/21	TBA - AL	AL/GA Pre-State Fun Meet - ALL	ALLSTAR TnT, Jim Dowling
4/21	Grand Rapids, MI	MI USTA & AAU STATE MEET	Aerials & Baranis, Diane Roedema
4/21-22	Pana, IL	S-IL USTA STATE MEET	Prairie Land T&T, Bryan Yoder
4/21-22	Morehead, KY	KY USTA STATE MEET	Dynamite Twisters, Nicolle Wolf
4/21-22	Des Moines, IA	IA USTA STATE MEET	University of T&T, Steve Wilson
4/28	TBA	OH USTA STATE MEET	Will Power Tumbling, Debbie Barber
4/28-29	Bloomington, IL	N-IL USTA STATE MEET	Gymnastics, Etc., Michael Van Spankeren
4/29	Zionsville, IN	IN USTA & AAU STATE MEET	Ostan's T&T/Flipz & Stiz, O Wyndham/J Eash
MAY - 2012			MAY - 2012
5/5	Johns Creek, GA	AL/GA USTA & AAU STATE MEET	ALLSTAR TnT, Jim Dowling
5/5	St. Louis, MO	MO AAU & USTA STATE MEET	Concordia Turners, Jeri Inman
5/6	LaVista, NE	ALL	Metro Stars

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5/12	Gallipolis, OH	OH AAU STATE MEET	Will Power Tumbling, Debbie Barber
5/19	Quincy, IL	ILLINOIS AAU STATE MEET	Gem City Gymnastics, Zeke Cernea
5/19	Somerset, KY	KY AAU STATE MEET	Somerset Elite Trg Ctr, Aislyn Frei
5/19-20	Clarksville, TN	TN USTA & AAU STATE MEET	American Twisters, Kellie Olson
JUNE - 2012			JUNE - 2012
6/2	Waterloo, IA	IA AAU STATE MEET	Waterloo T&T, Lee Whitmore
6/2	West Palm Beach, FL	USTA FL State Clinic	Gymnastics Revolution, Mary Ellen Wagner
6/19-23	Madison, WI	USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Kris' Power Tumbling, Kris Metzger
JULY - 2012			JULY - 2012
7/13-15	Cincinnati, OH	Clinic - All Levels	Gymnastics Central, Jim Bartley
TBA	Houston, TX	AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS T&T	LOC
AUGUST - 2012			AUGUST - 2012
8/4	Marshalltown, IA	IA State Meeting	State Chairperson, Steve Wilson
8/11	Lansing, MI	MI State Meeting	State Chairperson, Yvette Wafer
8/11	Cincinnati, OH	OH State Meeting	State Chairperson, Glenn Vandergriff
8/18	Lexington, KY	KY State Meeting	State Chairperson, Tammy Spencer
8/26	Decatur, IL	IL State Meeting	State Chairpersons, G White & D Irish
SEPTEMBER - 2012			SEPTEMBER - 2012
9/28-30	Rockford, IL	USTA Congress	USTA Executive Board

CAUTION: Are you coaching without being Safety Certified?

At the 2011 U.S.T.A. Congress, a rule was passed requiring that all U.S.T.A. paid coaches **MUST** be U.S.T.A. Safety Certified beginning 2011-12. If you are not currently Safety Certified, it is time for you to acquire your Certification. Certification is good for four years; therefore, if you are not sure if your certification has expired, please contact the U.S.T.A. National Office.

Safety Certification is available through the U.S.T.A. Web Page - usta1.org. The current cost of our Safety Certification is \$25. A \$5 penalty will be added after April 15, 2012; therefore, the cost will be \$30.

You will be required to enter your U.S.T.A. Safety Certification number when you register for the 2012 U.S.T.A. National Championships. If you are currently a paid U.S.T.A. coach and certified, a Safety Certification Card will be enclosed in this mailing. Please put it on your lanyard facing out behind your Coach ID.

2011 U.S.T.A. –Congress – Secretary’s Report
September 25, 2011 – Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Welcome to all of our members to the 2011. We are so excited about our new clubs joining and our returning clubs adding new athletes to their rosters. Congress, and thanks to all of our wonderful clinicians, demonstrators, judges, coaches, safety committee, ethics committee, technical committee, judging committee, and the executive board. We appreciate your support throughout our season, and look forward to a wonderful new season.
3. **Introduction of Executive Board** : followed; Debbie Moser, **President**, Patti Lingenfelter, **Executive Director**, Paula Grigsby, **Vice-President**, Dana Johnson, **Technical Vice-President**, Linda Billiet, **Technical Chair**, Gloria Herring, **Ethics Chair**, and Debbie Barber, **Recording Secretary**.
4. **Agenda**: No changes or additions to the agenda was noted, so a motion carried to approve the agenda. **Secretary’s Report**: It was noted that the secretary’s report was on file at the national office, and reported in the newsletter and can be found on line as well. It was open to the floor for any questions, a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was approved.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**: was provided for each member in attendance and was open to the floor for any questions and/or comments regarding the report. It was also noted that the report is also on file at the national office. Motion was made and approved to accept the treasurers’ report.
6. **2011 National Congress Weekend**: It was made mention that the opportunity for this weekend was great, and the experience was most appreciated. Offered additional praises for our guest clinicians. We realize how busy you are and truly appreciate your efforts to do the best for our athletes.
7. **2011 USTA National Championships**: Hosted by the Executive Board in Charleston, WV, June 21-25, 2011. No negative emails ever received, and a lot of compliments were recognized to the CVB of Charleston. Any questions, or statements were opened to the floor....it was mentioned that Charleston has continued to support the event in their local advertising.
8. **2011-12 National Team Trials**: December 10-11 Noblesville, Indiana hosted by GymExpress, and EZ Tumbling, February 18-19, 2012 Noblesville, Indiana hosted by 5 Star, and Flipside, and March 17-18, 2012 in Hammond, Indiana hosted by Twiststars. The super invitational was stressed and emphasized to help support the host clubs.
 - Qualifications: You have to be advanced prior to the first team trials of you attend. It is an Elite team trial, therefore; you will have to an elite difficulty during the team trial event. We are returning to the three (3) team trials and athletes will keep their two (2) highest score placements. We use a point system, for first place the athlete will receive 100 points, second place 99 points, third place 98 points, etc.....As an incentive to attend all three team trials a small token gift will be given to each team trial athlete that attends all three meets. Number of girls and boys on the team will be determined from the girl/boy ratio after the second trials. It was noted that it was usually 24 girls and 12 boys.
 - Girls will compete first, boys will compete second. Trampoline and Double Mini will be competed on Saturday, and Tumbling will be competed on Sunday at each of the team trials.
 - It was encouraged to look in the handbook regarding team trials.
 - National Team will go on a trip during the 2012 Labor Day Weekend in West Palm Beach, Florida....open work out, pizza party, clinic, beach, travel to Orlando to downtown Disney and go to the Cirque show.
9. **2012 USTA National Championships**: June 19-23, 2012 in Madison, Wisconsin hosted by Kris’ Power Tumbling. Mentioned the information for Madison were at the check in table, and will be available on the USTA website.
10. **2012 USTA National Congress**: September 28-30, 2012 in Rockford, Illinois at the Clock Tower.
11. **2013 USTA National Championship**: Will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida hosted by the Executive Board. June 18-23, 2013.
12. **Vice-President’s Report**: This was given during the banquet, and no new discussion was held at this time.
13. **Safety Committee Report**:
 - New revised manual will be available on the USTA website, as well as a new test.
 - It was noted that most certification is getting ready to expire and will be required to re-certify. Note that safety certification is good for every 4 years. On your team roster it notes who is certified and must be a coach that is listed on your roster. Safety Certification is available online as well as a hard copy available here as well.
 - Thanked the safety committee for their work.
14. **Ethics Committee Report**:
 - Athlete pledge was re-addressed and would like to encourage all meet directors to adapt this pledge as part of their opening meet announcements and have the athletes to take an active roll in this pledge.
 - Would like to reiterate that we have a zero tolerance for solicitation.
 - We would also like to put an Ethics comment in each of the newsletters.
 - Thanked the ethics committee for their work and being available whenever needed.
15. **NTJC Committee Report**: Thanked the NTJC Committee. Service Gifts were recognized for the judges that had 5, 15, and 20 years of service with USTA.
16. Roll Call was given at this time with 47 voting members present at the meeting.

17. **Technical Proposals:** Thanks to the technical committee, believe that the process went very smoothly and for the last two years most all proposals that have gone through the technical committee have also passed on the floor at congress. At this time Linda Billiet reminded the body of the rules for proposal discussion and led the body into each of the 2011 proposals. Upon conclusion of all the technical proposals, Linda Billiet was thanked in leading us in a good discussion. All proposals passed will be included in the newsletter and handbook.
18. **Silent Auction Results:** Winning bidders were recognized and each claimed their prizes.
19. **Election of Technical Committee Members:** Positions available for two technical members voted by the membership floor. Terry White and Gail White were both nominated and placed on the technical committee. It was then noted that there are also two technical positions voted by the NTJC as well. Those members will be decided and will be notified.
20. **Election of Officers:** Nominations went to the national office. Paula Grigsby, Vice-President, Dana Johnson, Technical Vice-President, and Gloria Herring, Ethics Chair each were appointed by acclamation.
21. **AAU 2011 Junior Olympics:** Was held at New Orleans, Louisiana.
22. **AAU 2012 Junior Olympics:** Houston, Texas. Date is TBA. We believe it will be the last weekend of July/*Beginning of August*.
23. **2013 AAU & SOT Team Trials:** Any team (at least one paid coach and athlete) that attended the 2012 AAU Junior Olympics is eligible to try out. AAU Stars of Tomorrow is members Beginner – Novice (open age division-top one female and top one male is selected) AAU National Team is members Intermediate-Advanced (open age division-top three females, top one male is selected). If placed on team, members will sign a contract that they will compete at the next two AAU Junior Olympic Games.
Date and location of this team trial is still yet to be determined.
24. **Old Business:** From the floor.....Touched base on the collegiate program...such a great program and glad that we moved in this direction. It is felt that this new level developed by the membership is a great opportunity for our older athletes.
25. **New Business:**
 - It was asked if there is a way to have on the USTA website censored areas for privacy for paid coaches membership to uphold privileged information.
 - The Executive Board has decided that starting 2013 the USTA National Championships will be hosted by the Executive Board. This decision was not made lightly but the board has decided to govern our organizations national championship. Great praise and appreciation was given for all the clubs who have hosted these events, and recognize that your assistance is still needed just not in a host capacity.
26. Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.

Submitted By: Recording Secretary, Debbie Barber

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2011 USTA Rule Changes

GENERAL

1. Upon approval of the USTA lawyer, a general USTA liability release waiver is considered “signed” electronically upon obtaining a USTA membership starting 2012-13.
2. During warm-ups, if an athlete performs a skill from a higher level, the athlete will receive a 2.0 deduction on the 1st pass and will be mandated to the next level at the next competition.
3. Any club not attending their state meet the previous season, cannot host any meets in the new season. Exception: States that have 100 or less competitors.
4. Raise coach membership fees to \$20 beginning 2012-13.
5. Raise the safety certification to \$30 beginning 2012-13.
6. Require every paid coach member to be safety certified beginning 2011-12.
7. Beginning 2012-13 Season, all memberships must be applied and paid for on-line
8. Athletes age 7 or over (except special needs) must receive a number score (not just a “0”) in at least one meet prior to State if they salute at State to qualify for Nationals.
9. To compete in your home state meet must compete in at least 1 Invitational in your state prior to your home state meet.
10. Any changes to the calendar must be pre approved/go thru the V.P. who approves all sanctions.

EQUIPMENT

11. Trampoline Riser Height - all risers must be the same level and be a minimum of 36" high. If using bleachers, all judges must sit at the same level and be at a minimum of 36" high. Recommended for invitationals, Required for State, Team Trials, and Nationals.
12. Hurricane or ratchet (which must be padded) straps must be used to secure the D-Mini landing mat.

NATIONALS

13. Nominees for the George Nissen Memorial Award must be a minimum of 15 years old and be made by State Chairs, Executive Board Members, or NTJC Judges.

Our rule stated

A. To be eligible to bid on the U.S.T.A. National Championships- MUST:

- 5). Bring a competition team to the following year's U.S.T.A. Nationals. (Failure to comply will result in not being eligible to host any sanctioned competition the following year).

Changed the wording to MUST:

- 5). Bring a competition team (athletes must actually register & compete) to the following year's U.S.T.A. Nationals. (Failure to comply will result in not being eligible to host any sanctioned competition the following year).

ATHLETE ATTIRE

14. FOOTWEAR. Shoes, if worn must be - same verbiage as before and add "include no other markings, designs, or decorations other than manufacturer's logo that is not embellished."

GENERAL TRAMPOLINE

15. OUT-BOUNCE. To be considered an out-bounce, must be an automatic repulsion and go straight up & down (arms must be straight up) or the motion will be counted as instability.

ADVANCED TRAMPOLINE

16. For U.S.T.A. National Championships, there is a difficulty cap for the Advanced competition: Trampoline Prelims - 7.5; Trampoline Finals - 7.5

ADV/ELITE TRAMPOLINE

17. Raise the Trampoline Elite qualifying DD to 7.5 (excluding the 2011-12 Team Trials)ELITE
18. TRAMPOLINE ELITE COMPULSORY PASS. Repeated skills will receive a 0.5 pt. deduction.

GENERAL DOUBLE-MINI

19. The Superior Judge will be responsible that when a run-up mat is used to mount the double-mini, it lays flat and is not be pushed up under the double-mini onto the legs/mat so that it angles up higher.
20. The Superior Judge will make determine the distance and deviation from the center (landing grid) deduction, in addition to the landing/instability deduction.
21. The Superior Judge will make penalty decisions (which will negate the need for a penalty judge).
22. Double-Mini, landing on a "sting mat" will result in a 0.9 deduction.

ADVANCED DOUBLE-MINI

23. For U.S.T.A. National Championships, there will be a difficulty cap for the Advanced competition: Double-mini Prelims - 4.8; Double-Mini Finals - 3.2

HOUSEKEEPING

1. In the handbook, the number of athletes needed to host a meet is different in different places. It should be 10.

2. Pg TR-10. Remove “or longer” from 11.1 and 11.2 Correct verbiage appears in DM-10.

11.1 A jump ½ turn will be accepted between 160 and 200 degrees. Short or long will result in a 0.5 pt major deduction. Anything shorter ~~or longer~~ will be called a straight jump. If the skill begins or ends facing the side pad, the pass will be terminated.

11.2 A jump 1/1 turn will be accepted between 340 and 380 degrees. Short or long will result in a 0.5 pt major deduction. Anything shorter ~~or longer~~ will be called a ½ turn. If the skill begins or ends facing the side pad, the pass will be terminated with a loss of skill (unless it is the last skill)

3. Trampoline Double-Mini Beginner age-groups. Should be 11&Over, not 11, 12 & Over



NTJC NEWS

NTJC RULE CHANGES:

1. **FOOD ALLOWANCE.** If multiple day meet, any day other than the last day, if over 8 hours and traveling back & forth to home, can charge the \$10 dinner fee.
2. At **NATIONALS**, if the host hotel offers a free breakfast, the meet director does not have to provide breakfast at the meet (will still receive the \$5 breakfast meal allowance).
3. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Judges be selected by seniority (still be pre-approved by the USTA Executive Board and the NTJC Board. Once contracted, if a meet director needs to cut judges, they must start with the lowest seniority and work up (even if from another state/region).

THE JUDGES' SURVEY for the 2011-12 USTA National Team Trials has been posted on the USTA web page. The deadline to email or fax it to the USTA National Office is **IN HAND** by November 1, 2011. You must be certified in all 3 events and agree to judge all three trials.

THE JUDGES' SURVEY for the 2012 USTA National Championships will be posted on the USTA web page after January 1, 2012. If you want to judge Nationals, you must complete the form and return it to the USTA National Office by the deadline. Surveys will **NOT** be mailed.

CONGRATULATIONS NTJC SERVICE YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

5 YEARS: Marcy Makino (MI), Ann Nicoulin (KY), Eleanor Nicoulin (KY), Laurie Plunkett (SI), Ashley Schwalm (NI), and Gretchen Wight (NI).

10 YEARS: Jenny Hassebrock (SI)

15 YEARS: Tina Baker (OH) and Deb Hurley (IA)

20 YEARS: Jackie Hamm (NI)



9/24/2011 NTJC Minutes

Cynthia Willoughby discussed the NTJC proposals that were passed in our committee meeting on Friday morning (see above). She reminded everyone that for the open book test the answer need to be postmarked by December 15 and if emailed, the judge should verify receipt. Judges attending Congress may pick up their open book tests after Congress is over on Sunday.

Judges were reminded about the use of cell phones while judging, cell phones need to be turned off while judging and when on break may use your cell phone then.

The USTA National Judging Survey will be on the web in January and it is the responsibility of the judge to print it off and return it to the National Office.

USTA National Team Trials will be held December 10 -11 and February 18-19 in Noblesville, IN, and March 17-18 in Hammond, IN. The USTA Executive Board is planning on using the same judges for all 3 team trials.

New flashers will cost \$20 an increase of \$5 from last year.

AAU has adopted a new rule that to be certified to judge an AAU meet and Junior Olympics, dues need to be paid by January 1st, if they are not then you will be required to take an open book test to become a certified judge for AAU.

Reminded judges to ask for a contract before agreeing to judge a meet.

Reminded judges that USTA does not want anything placed on face book about judging/athletes. Many people read this and you do not know who you might offend.

On even years, the USTA Executive Board will accept resumes for the NTJC Committee positions.

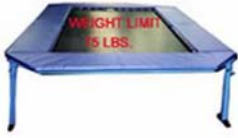
Reminders about arriving 30 minutes prior to the meet starting, you will not get paid until the time of the coaches/judges meeting but this allows for getting lost, traffic, flat tires , etc. judges should also stay for 15 minutes after the last competitor goes to make sure there are no questions and check with the meet director prior to leaving. While judging, remember that once you walk into the meet you are a judge and not a parent or coach - act professionally while you are judging. Bring your rule book, flasher, pens/pencils, and wear the appropriate attire to the meet.

Voting for the NTJC representatives on the Technical Committee to be submitted to the Linda Billiet, Technical Chair . The 5 names submitted were Jackie Hamm, Deb Hurley, Deb Perry, John Kaufman, and Cynthia Willoughby

The sessions started with tumbling . Thanks to Linda Billiet for the handouts she made for all 3 disciplines that we could use a reference.

Jackie Hamm, NTJC Secretary

A Special Thanks to all of the 30+ judges who attended Congress this year! We received many compliments on this year's judging sessions. We appreciate everyone's input! **Congratulations** to the new NTJC Technical Committee Members: Deb Hurley and Cynthia Willoughby.



FOR SALE:

TOT TRAMP - LIKE NEW!

6' x 10' frame w/4" x 8' bed
21 inches high, legs come off
Equipment weight - 165 lbs.
\$785 plus shipping or may pick up

Contact: Debbie Moser
1413 8th Av SE, Dyersville, IA 52040
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ROSS DOUBLE-MINI - \$900

Contact: Jim Dowling
ultimatentprogram@yahoo.com

NTJC Scholarship Board,

Thank you very much for considering and awarding me a \$500 scholarship. I feel very honored that I was selected for such a coveted scholarship and this scholarship money will be crucial to funding my education while continuing to train, coach, and judge. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely, Karissa Diller

BEST Wishes to Mike Case, Coach - KC's Tumble Zone (KY), in his fight against ALS.

WANTED!

There is a vacancy on the USTA Safety Committee!

The Committee meets annually during the USTA National Congress week-end.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Linda Billiet, ustalinda@verizon.net.

To answer the many questions concerning Double-Mini Specifications.

The bed must be constructed from light colored bands, webs, together in such a way that they are not displaced during use. Dimensions of the bed under tension.

Length 2850 mm
Width 920 mm

Height of the bed from the floor under tension.

Mounting end 450 mm
Dismount end 700 mm

Width of the web under tension 4 mm min.

Width of the strings under tension 3mm

Dismount is the same height as the middle



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