

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014













This past November, the gymnastics community lost one of its most knowledgeable and experienced officials. Cindy Sielski impacted countless people in gymnastics. As a coach, Brevet official, former NY State Chairman, current NAWGJ-NYN Director, former Region 6 Technical Chairman, friend and incredible mentor, her love for gymnastics, will serve as a beacon for future generations. She has touched the lives of many and will be missed by all.

The 2014 championship season is on the horizon. It is important for coaches to review the policies for entering the Regional Championships [Level 9/10; Level 7/8 and Xcel]. Information is enclosed detailing the on-line registration process. This procedure allows the State Championships to be less hectic – but clubs will be responsible for adhering to strict registration deadlines. Please take the time to review the material in the Newsletter.

Don't forget – the 2014 Region 6 Congress will be held August 1 – 3 in Providence, RI. EARLY BIRD registration is open at http://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U310/6/. Don't miss this educational opportunity servicing the Women's Program; Men's Program; Officials; Club Owners and Recreational staff. There is something for everyone.



Cindy Sielski

Warm wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2014.



* REGION 6 * CONGRESS * 2014 * August 1-3 * Westin Providence

Providence, RI

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REGION VI

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CONGRATULATIONS 2013 TOPS TEAM MEMBERS

















Anna Huber Rochester Gymnastics Academy, NY TOPs A Team **Developmental Camp**



Annie Mills Gymnastics Learning Center, MA TOPs B Team



Alexandra Richardson **Rochester Gymnastics** Academy, NY **TOPs A Team**







Jessica Johanson NEGX, CT TOPs B Team



Tessa Sutton Rochester Gymnastics Academy, NY TOPs B Team



Natalie Scibetta NYC Elite, NY **TOPs B Team**

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ELECTIONS

2014 is an election year for the position of State Administrative Committee Chairman.

PROCEDURE

The Director of Program Administration and the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman will solicit nominations from the Professional Membership via e-mail and web site. The election will be conducted online at www.usa-gymnastics.org from April 1 – April 15. State officers are elected by a vote of the entire Women's Professional Membership in their respective state. The winner must be elected by a majority [1 over 50%] of the votes cast. Elections will be completed by April 15th and the term of office will begin July 1, 2014.

CRITERION FOR NOMINATION

All candidates must be Professional Members in good standing and at least 21 years of age. Candidates must have been active within the State's program for minimum of [2] consecutive years.

It is strongly recommended that the candidates have:

Financial skills

• Working knowledge of the program

Organizational skills

• Willingness to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position.

· Communication skills

[Duties and Responsibilities Operating Code p. 25 – 26] http://usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Rules/operatingcode.pdf

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State Administrative Committee Chairman

Nomination Form

State:			
Name of Nominee:			
Address of Nominee			
Town/City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell		
E-mail			

Nomination will NOT be accepted without complete information

RETURN TO: Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)

Region 6: Kathy Ostberg – region6usag@gmail.com or 365 Spring St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Postmark Deadline: FEB 28, 2014



2014 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL INFORMATION www.region6usag.org

LEVEL 9/10

DATE: April 11 – 13, 2014

HOST: USA Gymnastics Region 6

Region6usag@gmail.com

SITE: MassMutual Center

1277 Main St

Springfield, MA 01103

ACCOMMODATIONS: Springfield Marriott

2 Boland Way

Springfield, MA 01115

1800 - 228-9290

Code: USA Gymnastics Region 6 Room Block

\$114.00++

ROOM BLOCK OPENS 3/26/14

Coaches wishing to secure rooms may contact Region6usag@gmail.com prior to this date

QUALIFYING CRITERIA: 34.00 at the State Championships

Injury Petitions: Rules and Policies p.19

http://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Women/injury2013.pdf

FORMAT: Modified Capitol Cup

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00

www.meetmaker.com

DEADLINE: 3/25/14

Entries received after 3/25/14 are subject to a \$25/ gymnast fee.

No entries will be accepted after 3/29/14

SCHEDULE: Friday April 11 Level 10

Saturday April 12 Level 9
Sunday April 13 Level 9
Level 9

*FINAL MEET SCHEDULE WILL BE DETERMINED 3/26/14

EQUIPMENT: AAI

ADMISSION: Day Pass Adult / \$15 / Senior & Student [12 and under] \$10

All Session Pass Adult / \$25 / Senior & Student [12 and under] \$15

REMINDER: If you have athletes qualify to Level 9 Easterns and / or Level 10 Nationals, you must fill out entry forms at Regionals, immediately after each session. You will need a separate club check per level [NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED].



2014 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL INFORMATION

www.region6usag.org

LEVEL 7 & 8

DATE: April 26 – 27, 2014

HOST: Brestyan's Gymnastics SITE: Woburn High School

88 Montvale Ave Woburn, MA 01801

ACCOMMODATIONS: Boston Marriott Burlington 1 800 228-9290 or 1 781 229-6565

One Burlington Mall Rd Code: USA Gymnastics Region 6

Burlington, MA 01803 Cut off – April 4, 2014

\$104.00 ++

EQUIPMENT: AAI

FORMAT: Capitol Cup

AGE GROUPS: Level 8 [8-11] [12] [13-14] [15+]

QUALIFYING CRITERIA: Level 7

Qualification will take place at the state championships. Top 7 gymnasts

Regardless of age group will qualify as the State Super Seven.

Level 8

Qualification will take place at the state championships. Top 7 gymnasts regardless of age group will qualify as the *Super Team*. There is no bye squad in this session. The top 7 gymnasts in age group [8 – 12]; top 7 gymnasts in age group [13 – 14]; and the top 7 gymnasts in age group [15+] will qualify as the state team. The 8^{th} gymnast in each age division

will advance to a Mixed State Team.

An additional 48 qualifiers [All Stars] will be selected on a % of a % formula.

Athletes in the All - star session will compete on all-star teams.

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00

www.Meetmaker.com

DEADLINE: 3/25/14 [CT / MA / RI]

4/1 / 14 [NY/ VT / MA - L 7]

4/8/ 14 [ME / NH]

Entries received after the deadline are subject to a \$25 / gymnast fee

No entries will be accepted after 4/12 / 14

ADMISSION: Day Pass Adult \$15 / Senior & Student [12 and under] \$10

Weekend Pass Adult \$25 / Senior & Student [12 and under] \$15

SCHEDULE Saturday Level 7 – Super Seven

Level 8 - [13 - 14] State Team

Level 8 - Super Team

Sunday Level 8 - [15+] State Team

Level 8 - [8 - 12] State Team

Level 8 - All Stars



2014 XCEL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL INFORMATION

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SILVER; GOLD; PLATINUM; DIAMOND

DATE: May 31 – June 1, 2014
HOST: USA Gymnastics Region 6

Region6usag@gmail.com

SITE: Shrewsbury High School

Holden St

Shrewsbury, MA 01545

ACCOMODATIONS: Hilton Garden Inn

35 Major Taylor Blvd Worcester, MA 01608 [508] 735-5700 Cut off Date – 5/7/14

\$125.00++

EQUIPMENT: AAI

FORMAT: Modified Capitol Cup

QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

Qualification will take place at the State Championships. States not hosting Championship events may determine
the qualifying criteria.

 The top [7] gymnasts in each division will qualify as the state team. An additional 60 qualifiers [All Stars] will be selected on a % of a % formula. This formula will be determined using the State Xcel membership as of 2/1/14.

ENTRY FEE: \$80.00

Deadline to Register: Wednesday following the State competition

No entries will be accepted after 5/21/14

www.meetmaker.com

ADMISSION: \$10.00 / Adult \$5.00 / Student [12 and under] – Senior

SCHEDULE: <u>Saturday - Silver / Gold</u>

Session 1 Silver All Star
Session 2 Silver State Team
Session 3 Gold All Star
Session 4 Gold State Team

Sunday - Platinum / Diamond

Session 5 Platinum All Star
Session 6 Platinum State Team
Session 7 Diamond All Star
Session 8 Diamond State Team



SOME VERSIONS OF GOOGLE CHROME CONFLICT WITH THE REGISTRATION PAGE, PLEASE USE ANOTHER BROWSER FOR THIS PART OF MEETMAKER.COM

We welcome Region 6 to MeetMaker we hope to make your regional entry as easy as possible. We encourage you to fill out a profile and roster now so it will save you time later.

MeetMaker is a 3 step process:

- Step 1: Fill out a Gym profile
- Step 2: Create a Gym Roster (can be downloaded from the USAG web site)
- Step 3: Go to the registration link for the meet you are entering and click the gymnast you want to enter.

If you filled out a Profile and Roster previously it is still in our system. You can upload and update your current gymnast and coaches roster right from the USAG web site. This will update gymnast levels and all experation dates for coaches as well as the U100.

Create a Profile:

- 1. Click the "Sign Up a New Gym" link
- 2. Enter all the information in the profile page
- 3. In the Organization box click "Add New Organization" click the [arrow] and select USAG, then fill in your club number. Then click "SAVE"
- 4. Click the "Save" button on the bottom off the screen

Create a Roster:

- 1. From your MY GYM page click the "MY ROSTER" link
- 2. You can hand enter your gymnast or select the IMPORT FROM USAG LINK
- 3. To hand enter click the "ADD NEW GYMNAST" box (fill in all the information on this page)
- 4. Scroll down and enter your coaches on this page too.

Edit Gymnast and Coaches In Current Roster:

- 1. On the "MY ROSTER" page click the Edit link next to the gymnast you want to edit their level
- 2. Scroll down to the "Level Grid" Click the "EDIT" box next to their level and select the correct level
- 3. Click the "SAVE" button and the "SAVE" the gymnast to return to the ROSTER page
- 4. Do the same for your coaches (you can update the expiration dates here too).

Register

- 1. Click the "MEETS" link on the top menu bar (the "MY METS" are for the meets you have already entered)
- 2. You can enter a gymnast on the "DIRECT ENTRY" screen if you are missing a gymnast if not scroll down to the gymnast grid
- 3. Click the box for each gymnast the is going to compete (and any boxes that pertain to that gymnast)
- 4. Click the coaches that will be attending
- 5. Click the "CONTINUE" box at the bottom, Then enter your payment info; You will recive a registration email and you can see the entry in the MY MEETS link on your home page

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There are help tutorials on the help page. The HELP link is on the top of evey MeetMaker web page. If you have any questions about our service or would like to have your meet listed for online entries. Please contact our customer support, at support@meetmaker.com.

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Regional Report from Larry Goldsmith USA Gymnastics Region 6 J.O.Chairman

This past September and October the region hosted our "Working Together for Nationals" and the "Rising Stars" training camps. We have expanded the number of clinics in order to raise additional monies for the athletes in the region. We had 4 clinics this season: Rising Stars – Long Island at New Image Gymnastics, Working Together for Nationals, Rising Stars – Roots Gymnastics, Rising Stars – Compulsories at Gymnastics and More, and Rising Stars – Working with Coaches and Judges at Bright Raven Gymnastics.

Working Together for Nationals is a clinic where the gymnasts are invited based on tier qulaification to Level 9 Eastern Championships or Level 10 J.O. National Championships or by petition. The goal of this clinic is to have the top gymnasts work with some of the top coaches and judges in the region (along with National clinician- **Tammy Biggs**) to better prepare them for the National Championships.

The Rising Stars clinic is the major fundraiser for the region and all gymnasts are eligible to enroll. It is a wonderful experience for gymnasts of all levels to work with excellent coaches from across the region. We had a tremendous turn out for all of these clinics and every clinic was sold out. If coaches are interested in their athletes attending one of these great clinics, they must get their entries in as soon as the information becomes available. Each entry is dated when received and I can only allow a maximum number of athletes into the clinic to allow for a safe, learning experience.

A special 'thank you' to Kathy King (Bright Raven). This is the 15th year that Bright Raven has hosted the Rising Stars clinic! Thank you to the other gym hosts - Keri and Frank Demarinas (Roots), Jen and Dan Scannell (Gym and More) and Robin Thomas Harper (New Image). They have opened their gyms to the hundreds of gymnasts involved with these Regional clinics. They are hard working, professional and dedicated to USA Gymnastics.

Thank you to the coaches and officials who have volunteered their time at the following clinics:

Rising Stars-Long Island

Barbara Tiess, Mary Tiess, Caryl Crasa, Kevin Tiess (Expertiess) Chris Cote (NEGX), Briana Dipinto (Gym and More), Roxanne Deshaies (Dudziak's), Julie Hyngh, Taylor Dinapoli, Amanda Depaola, Cindy Ferrara, Robin Thomas Harper, Jackie Perulla (New Image), Pete Neu, Hannah Forti (FGA), Michelle Manga (Nina's), Anthony Espinoza (Chelsea Piers), Wayne Thoden (Nastics), Terri Rich, Jeff Levine (Richmond), Valeri Koltchine (Sports Fitness and Fun), Oskar Romero (Gold Medal), Jack Smith, Randy Nebel (NYC Elite), Sasha Babykov (Mid Island), Vicki Lee Tucker (Dutchess County), Alison Tosi (Excel), Matt Towers (GMRP), Coach Mary (Aviator), Judges: Diane Preeves and Pat Tosi, USA Gymnastics National Staff Members: Tammy Biggs and Ivan Ivanov.

Working Together for Nationals – Roots Gymnastics

Dan Scannel (Gymnastics and More), Blaine Jefferson (NEGX), Eric Quaal (World Class), Marlyce Morace (Daggetts), Patrick Palmer (Mass Gym Center) Tammy Biggs (National Staff), Officials: Kathy Ostberg, Diane Cote- Burke, Mikki Geenty and Lorraine Duffy

Rising Stars - Roots

Marlyce Morace (Daggetts), Krystal Polychronis (Walkers), Tracey Gannon (Aim High), Matt Yellis (Atlantic), Patrick Palmer (Mass Gym Center), Shari Cirrito (Thames Valley), Mary Elges (All Star), Robert McElroy (GLC), Janie Murakovskaya (NESA), Justin Hall (Shoreline), Laurie DeFrancesco (Arena), Rett Ware (South Shore), Steve McSparren (Aim High), David Rine (Niagara), Kari Demarinis (Roots), Kristin Paradis (Brentwood Commons), Shaun Goldsmith (Niagara), Sharon Cochardo (Blaze), Kristin Comley (Brentwood Commons), Keith Boccaccio (NE Air Time), Carlos Castro Rosas (NESA), JJ Klenda (Maine Academy), Rodica Marcov (Quiggs), Christy Lee (Roots), Stacey Jones (Dunne's), Josh Orton (GLC), Paul Neale (Off the Wall), Danielle Guidi (GM-RP), Katie Oulette (South Shore).

A special thank you to Cheri Jackson (Aim High) for all of her help to make this clinic a success.

Rising Stars – Compulsories

Christine Auger, Dave Auger (10.0 Academy), Brock Freehling (CT Gym Academy), Jason Watkins (Cape Cod Gymnastics), Jacqui Olsen (Elite Gymnastics), Brandon Hutchinson (Phantom Gymnastics), Andrea Toth (Brestyan's), Shixin Mao, Pete Degenhardt (MGC Waltham), Jen Scannell, Dan Scannell (Gym and More).

Rising Stars – Working With Judges and Coaches

Ami Sabari, Craig Bednarczyk, Marisa Fruscio (World Class), Gary Gregory, Lauren Gresens (CNY), Youlia Coss, Mitko Dimitrov (RGA), Jamie Winkler (Galaxy), Peter Sielski (Orchard Park), Kurt Stumpf, Keith Stumpf (Stumpfs), Danielle McQuery, Matt Bond (Valley), Sharon Hirsch (Greater Buffalo), Sarah Anken (Victor's), Kaity Watson (STGA), Maria Mastriciccio, Melanie Janiga (Hamburg), Maribeth Robinson (GTC) Officials: Val Stoughton, Jim Burton, Gail Caspare, Barb Quackenbush, Cindy Sielski, Carol Goldsmith, Jeanne DeKeyserling, Karen Gurnett, Sarah Jane Clifford, Linda Bowser.

The Rising Stars is the major fundraiser for the region and is really a great experience for the gymnasts. It should not be missed. The application and information for this clinic is published in the winter newsletter. If you would like your athletes to attend Rising Stars, please get your entries in early, as the clinics fill up quickly.

Best of luck on the upcoming season,

Larry Goldsmith lgoldniag@aol.com

REGION VI ATHLETE APPAREL FUND

The Region VI Athlete Apparel Fund supports our gymnasts who qualify to Regional and National meets in their respective levels – Level 10 and Level 9. The fund provides apparel for National qualifiers; a plaque for Regional Team Members, additional awards at Regional meets regional champion gifts and more. In 2013 the entry fee for JO Nationals was paid through the Regional account.

The policy regarding athlete and coach's apparel for the JO National and Eastern Championships has been revised. The Athlete Apparel Fund is solely supported by the funds generated from the Rising Stars Training Camps and individual donors.

The following policies will impact the 2014 JO National / Eastern Championships:

- Every club with potential JO National / Eastern competitors is expected to provide a coach to work as a clinician for a minimum of two sessions at a Rising Stars Training camp.
- Any club that donates \$500 prior to the Level 9/10 State Championships will be eligible for athlete and coaches apparel.
- Clubs that did not volunteer at a Rising Stars Training camp will be charged \$150.00 per athlete. Coaches will be charged an
 additional fee for apparel.
- A hotel has been reserved for the 2014 JO National Championships. Rooms have been blocked for coaches, athletes and family members at the host hotel. Rooms will not be released until the Regional Championships.
- There are no special hotel accommodations for Level 9 Eastern qualifiers.

The following clubs have fulfilled their regional obligation:

10.0 Academy; Aim High Gymnastics; Arena Gymnastics; Atlantic Gymnastics; Blaze Gymnastics; Brentwood Commons; Brestyan's Gymnastics; CT Gymnastics Academy; Cape Cod Gymnastics; Connecticut Gymnastics Academy; Chelsea Piers; CNY Gymnastics; Daggett's Gymnastics; Dudziak's Gymnastics; Dunne's Gymnastics; Dutchess County; Elite Gymnastics Academy; Excel Gymnastics – NY; Exper-Tiess Gymnastics; Farmingdale Gymnastics; Galaxy Gymnastics; Gymnastics Learning Center; Gold Medal Huntington; Gold Medal Rocky Point; Greater Buffalo Gymnastics; GTC Rochester; Gymnastics and More; Hamburg Gymnastics; Maine Academy; MGC – Waltham; Mid Island Gymnastics; Nastics; N.E. Airtime; NEGX; NESA; New Image Gymnastics; Niagara Gymnastics; Nina's Gymnastics; NYC Elite; Quigg's Gymnastics; Off the Wall; Orchard Park; Phantom Gymnastics; Richmond Gymnastics; Rochester Gymnastics Academy; Roots Gymnastics; Shoreline Gymnastics; South Shore Gymnastics; Stumpf's Gymnastics; Thames Valley; Valley Gymnastics; Victors Gymnastics; Walker's Gymnastics; World Class Gymnastics

REGION VI

ATHLETE APPAREL FUND CONTRIBUTION

Name	 	
Club	 	
Address	 	
Amount		

Make checks payable to:

USAG VI – Athlete Apparel

Please mail your contribution to:

Kathy Ostberg – 365 Spring St – Shrewsbury, MA 01545

CALENDAR 2014

2014

FEBRUARY 28	Nastia Liukin Cup	Greensboro, N.C.
MARCH 1 22 – 23	A T &T American Cup Level 9 / 10 State Championships	Greensboro, N.C. Various Locations
APRIL 11 – 13 26 – 27	Level 9 / 10 Regional Championships USAG Collegiate Nationals Level 8 Regional Championships Level 7 Team Challenge	Springfield, MA Providence, RI Woburn, MA
MAY 2 – 4 9 – 11 31 – June 1	Level 9 Eastern Championships J.O. National Championships / NIT Xcel Regional Championships	Tampa, FL Jackson, MI Shrewsbury, MA
AUGUST 1 - 3 2 21 - 24	USAG Region 6 Congress Secret U.S. Classic USA Gymnastics National Congress P & G Gymnastics Championships	Providence, RI TBA Pittsburgh, PA
SEPTEMBER 20	National Gymnastics Day	



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