

# gym update

## Liukin elected to FIG Athletes' Commission



**2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin of Parker, Texas, was elected as a member of the International Gymnastics Federation's Athletes' Commission.** She was elected by the members of the women's artistic gymnastics community at a meeting held in London in conjunction with the 2009 World Gymnastics Championships.

"It is an honor to be on the FIG Athletes' Commission and represent the athlete voice," said Liukin, who has five Olympic and nine World medals to her credit. "Athlete reps attend the technical meetings, where we can speak but not vote. I look forward to continuing the communication between the athletes and the FIG, and I hope I can help the athletes have more of a voice and to have more of an impact." ✉

## AND THE GAMES GO TO ... RIO DE JANEIRO



On Oct. 2, 2009, the International Olympic Committee awarded the 2016 Olympic Games to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during its meetings in Copenhagen, Denmark. The other cities in contention for the 2016 Games were Chicago, Ill., Madrid, Spain, and Tokyo, Japan. ✉

## USA GYMNASTICS NAMES U.S. TEAM FOR 2009 WORLD TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**2009 World Cup gold-medalists Logan Dooley** of Lake Forest, Calif., **Steven Gluckstein** of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and **Kalon Ludvigson** of Pocatello, Idaho, headline the U.S. Team that will compete in the 2009 World Trampoline and Tumbling Championships, Nov. 7-15, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The U.S. Team for World Championships was determined by placement in the World Championships Selection Points System. Athletes gained points based on placements at three events: U.S. Elite Challenge; Visa Championships; and the Final Selection Event, which concluded on Sept. 26. The top two athletes in the selection system rankings automatically qualified for the team and additional athletes were named by the selection committee

### 2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM TRAMPOLINE

#### MEN

Michael Devine, Winnebago, Ill./J and J Trampoline  
 Logan Dooley of Lake Forest, Calif./World Elite Gymnastics  
 Steve Gluckstein, Atlantic Highlands, N.J./Ultra Twisters  
 Neil Gulati, Laguna Beach, Calif./World Elite Gymnastics  
 Austin White, Newport Coast, Calif./World Elite Gymnastics, alternate

#### WOMEN

Hayley Butcher, St. John, Ind./Midwest Training  
 Nani Vercruyssen, Honolulu, Hawaii/Hawaii Academy  
 Alaina Williams, Amarillo, Texas/Matrix

### SYNCHRONIZED TRAMPOLINE

#### WOMEN

Nani Vercruyssen and Alaina Williams

#### MEN

Steven Gluckstein and Logan Dooley  
 Michael Devine and Austin White

### TUMBLING

#### MEN

Kalon Ludvigson, Pocatello, Idaho/Team Revolution

#### WOMEN

Susannah Johnson, Roanoke, Va./Capital Gymnastics  
 Amy McDonald, McKinney, Texas/Eagle's Wings Athletics  
 Leanne Seitzinger, Stafford, Va./Novaks  
 Kaitlin Tortorich, Haymarket, Va./Capital Gymnastics

### DOUBLE MINI-TRAMPOLINE

#### MEN

Tony Doles, Lubbock, Texas/Upsidedowners  
 Kalon Ludvigson, Pocatello, Idaho/Team Revolution  
 Stephen Raymond, Orlando, Fla./Stick It! Gymnastics  
 Austin White, Newport Coast, Calif./World Elite Gymnastics  
 Corey Whitfield, Detroit, Mich./AGT Flipcity, alternate

#### WOMEN

Aubree Balkan, Carlsbad, Calif./Bounce California  
 Sarah Gandy, Reno, Texas/3TI  
 Sarah Prosen, Apple Valley, Minn./Gypsy Flyers

The senior elite champions at the Final Selection Event, held Sept. 25-26 in Las Vegas, were: trampoline – Dooley and Vercruyssen; tumbling – Ludvigson and Seitzinger; double mini – White and Balkan; and synchronized trampoline – the team of Dooley and Gluckstein. ☒

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## ARTEMEV GETS MARRIED

2008 Olympic Team bronze medalist Sasha Artemev and Brianna Springer were married in Maui in September. Brianna is a junior and competes in gymnastics for the University of Denver. The couple resides in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Congratulations! ☒

## Attention Club Owners: Promote Your Summer Camp

To register and promote your summer camp in the USA Gymnastics Summer Camp Directory, go to [www.usa-gymnastics.org/camps](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/camps) and follow the directions!

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[www.usagym.org/ineligible](http://www.usagym.org/ineligible) ☒

## USA Gymnastics Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving: Office closes at noon on Wednesday, November 25, remains closed November 26-27.

Christmas: Office closed from December 24-January 3. Office re-opens Monday, January 4, 2010.