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USA Gymnastics and 2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin have joined forces to provide a competitive opportunity for Level 9, 10 and/or elite gymnasts, the Nastia Liukin Cup. Proceeds from the Nastia Liukin Cup will go into the Nastia Liukin Fund, a charitable fund within the National Gymnastics Foundation.

USA Gymnastics is honored to partner with Nastia in creating this unique opportunity for young gymnasts. Nastia's gymnastics accomplishments are incredible. She is known and respected for her integrity, sportsmanship and sense of fair play. Her interest in helping others and dedication to gymnastics led to the creation of the Nastia Liukin Cup and Nastia Liukin Fund.

The inaugural Nastia Liukin Cup is scheduled for March 5, 2010, at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. The Nastia Liukin Cup will be held the evening prior to the prestigious Tyson American Cup and use the event's podium. Our plan is to provide these athletes with the same type of event environment that our national teams experience.

Gymnasts will be chosen to participate in the Cup from a series of invitationals known as the Nastia Liukin Cup Series. The Series will be promoted throughout the competitive season with individual meets each selecting a minimum of two athletes to compete in the Cup from their respective fields. The events already committed to participate in the Nastia Liukin Cup Series are listed below.



- CGA Parents Club Coaches Spectacular, Covington, Ky., Jan. 15-17
- Flip Fest Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 15-18
- Cereal City Classic, Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 22-24
- Rock-n-Roll Classic, Broadview Heights, Ohio, Jan. 22-24
- Parkettes Invitational, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 29-31
- Wisconsin Dells Gymnastics Vacation Classic, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Jan. 29-31
- The Fiesta Bowl Classic, Chandler, Ariz., Feb. 5-7
- WOGA Classic, Plano, Feb. 13-14
- Buckeye Classic, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 19-21
- Circle of Stars, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 19-21
- Excalibur Cup, Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 19-21
- IGI Chicago Style Meet, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12-14
- Pikes Peak Cup, Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 19-21
- Presidential Classic, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Feb 19-21
- The Long Beach Open, Long Beach, Calif., Feb. 26-28

Gymnasts who qualify for the Nastia Liukin Cup will receive a Nastia Liukin-designed leotard and a warm-up from GK Elite, two tickets to the Tyson American Cup (March 6) and recognition during the event. They will also receive a chance to mix and mingle with Nastia and other gymnastics legends.

We look forward to the success of the Nastia Liukin Cup and welcoming everyone to Worcester in March for both events. For those who cannot attend, you can enjoy the Tyson American Cup on NBC Sports, and the Nastia Liukin Cup on Universal Sports. For more information, go to www.usa-gymnastics.org/events. Have a great beginning to the New Year!

See you in the gym.

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