

Foreign Sanctioning-What You Need To Know

Each year USA Gymnastics sanctions 75-100 foreign sanctions. Foreign sanctions are events that are by U.S. clubs that are interested in having foreign countries participate. Hosting a foreign sanction is a great opportunity for your club and its athletes to receive a unique competitive experience. However, the process of submitting for a foreign sanction can often seem complex or confusing for a meet director who has never hosted such an event in the past.

Below is an overview to the foreign sanctioning process. By reviewing the information below, you can ensure a smooth completion of your next foreign sanction request.

First Step-Submit the Request

- Submit a foreign sanction request form. Forms are available on the USA Gymnastics www.usagym.org click on Member Services, and click on Sanction. You cannot submit a foreign sanction online. It is an in house process ONLY.
- A foreign sanction request must be received at least 120 day prior to the date of the event. Failure to follow the stated time requirements may result in additional fees, or under some circumstances denial of the sanction.
- The cost of a foreign sanction is \$300, regardless of how many countries have been invited to participate in your event. .
- Once a foreign sanction request has been received, the National Office must then notify each of the countries listed on the request gymnastics federations. USA Gymnastics must then allow 11 days for those countries to respond. The participating countries have the right to deny a country from participating in the foreign sanctioned event. The National Office CANNOT release a sanction until the 11 days have concluded.

Second Step-Athletes, Coaches and Judges

Once a foreign sanction request has been granted, the Foreign Athletes, Coaches and Judges may then be processed.

- A foreign athlete, coaches and judges form must be completed by each country that wishes to participate. Forms are available on the USA Gymnastics www.usagym.org, click on Member Services, and click on Sanction. You cannot submit a foreign athletes, coaches or judges online. It is an in house process ONLY.
- The cost is \$30/athlete, coach and judge. Request must be submitted at least 45 days in advance. Forms received less than 45 days in advance will result in additional fees.

Please note- USA Gymnastics cannot process any foreign athlete/coach/judge form unless a foreign sanction request has been submitted and granted. Once the forms have been processed the athlete names and member numbers will be emailed to the participating meet director. At this time, the Meet Reservation System may not be utilized by Foreign Clubs attending events. Meet Directors will be contacted via Member Services with the necessary information regarding Foreign Athletes/Coaches'/Judges attending the event.

For more information please visit the USA Gymnastics website, www.usagym.org, click on Member Services, and then click on Sanction. You may also contact the Member Services Department at 800-345-4719 or membership@usagym.org.