

Section 1: USA GYMNASTICS MEMBERSHIP

I. ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP

100% of all Athletes appearing in a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned Event must be pre-registered Athlete Members of USA Gymnastics and must be able to produce or have their coach supply a current, valid registration number assigned by the USA Gymnastics Member Services Department.

- A. Athlete Membership is effective once an USA Gymnastics Athlete Member number has been assigned to the competitive athlete.
- B. Athlete Member numbers are assigned only after:
 - 1. Proper payment of **\$50** per athlete is received. Memberships are payable either by check (made payable to USA Gymnastics) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express). Athlete Members may now register also in the Group Gymnastics or Tumbling/Trampoline category for no additional cost.
 - An Athlete Member may add the General Gymnastics or Tumbling/Trampoline category during the season at no charge by contacting the USA Gymnastics Member Services (1-800-345-4719).
 - 2. Athlete Member Application forms must be fully completed with all required information and signatures. The Athlete membership application may also be completed and submitted online at the USA Gymnastics website at www.usa-gymnastics.org. **The \$5.00 administrative fee is discounted when registering online.**
 - Any application requiring processing in less than the normal three to four week processing time (from receipt in the national office) requires an additional \$25 "RUSH" processing fee.
- C. Member benefits are paid out upon receipt of application; therefore, memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- D. Athletes, coaches and/or judges from countries other than the United States who wish to participate in USA Gymnastics Sanctioned Events must be registered members. The USA Gymnastics Member Services department provides a discounted, insurance-only membership strictly for foreigners competing in USA meets at the rate of \$25.00. Foreign Memberships do NOT receive benefits of membership other than the required insurance coverage. The form is available in Forms Section at www.usa-gymnastics.org/forms.
- E. The Athlete membership season begins each August 1 and runs through the following July 31. Athlete Members joining at any time during the season will receive benefits for the remainder of the season. All Athlete Memberships are automatically null and void each July 31.

II. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Professional Membership in USA Gymnastics is required for participation as an official, coach, judge, and meet director or other professional capacity during any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event.

- A. Professional Membership is open to any coach, judges or gymnastics professional that is a minimum of 18 years of age. Safety Certification is also a requirement for Professional Membership. Professional members receive many education benefits, such as Technique and USA Gymnastics magazines.
- B. A USA Gymnastics Professional Member must hold a Professional Membership for each and every discipline in which he or she is participating:
 - 1. Women's Professional Membership is required to participate in Women's events.
 - 2. Men's Professional Membership is required to participate in Men's events.
 - 3. Rhythmic Professional Membership is required to participate in rhythmic events.
 - 4. Group Gymnastics Membership is required to participate in General Gymnastics events.
 - 5. Sports Acrobatics Membership is required for Sports Acrobatic events.
 - 6. Tumbling and Trampoline Membership is required for Tumbling/Trampoline events.
- C. The annual fee for Professional Membership in one discipline is **\$85**. Each additional discipline added to the Professional Membership is \$25. Therefore, the cost for a combined Professional Membership is as follows:

1. Two disciplines (e.g., Rhythmic and Women's)	\$123
2. Three disciplines	\$148
3. Four disciplines	\$173
4. Five disciplines	\$198
5. Six disciplines	\$223
- D. Professional Memberships are payable either by check (made payable to USA Gymnastics) or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express). Call 1-800-345-4719 to apply over the phone. Applications with credit card payments may be faxed to 317/692-5212. Application for Professional Membership may also be completed and submitted online at the USA Gymnastics website at www.usa-gymnastics.org. **The \$5.00 administrative fee is discounted when registering online.**
 - Any application required processing in less than the normal three to four week processing time (from receipt in the national office) requires an additional \$25 "RUSH" processing fee.
- E. Professional Memberships are valid for one year from date of payment. Renewal notices are sent to each Professional Member at least 45 days prior to the renewal date.

- F. Professional Memberships are current and valid only after the applicant has received confirmation of current membership from the USA Gymnastics Member Services department or has a current number listed on the USA Gymnastics website. A Professional Membership that has merely been applied for or is in the state of being processed is NOT VALID.
- G. Professional Members are REQUIRED to visibly display their Professional Membership card on their person when participating in USA Gymnastics Sanctioned events. A confirmation paper from Member Services copied from the website is valid until the membership card is received.
 - Membership cards will be sent to Professional members in four to six weeks from the processing of their membership.
 - **For online registrations, cards will be available for printing online by January 1, 2004.**
- H. A Social Security number is required on all Professional Member applications.
- I. USA Gymnastics reserves the right to revoke or suspend memberships for violations of its conduct standards – see Code of Ethics.

III. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACCREDITATIONS

- A. SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
 - 1. Is required to obtain a Professional membership. **Professional membership will not be released until a valid Safety Certification is obtained.**
 - 2. Recertification is required every four years.
 - 3. Course schedules are listed in Technique magazine and on the USA Gymnastics website at www.usa-gymnastics.org.

IV. OTHER USA GYMNASTICS MEMBERSHIPS

Call USA Gymnastics Member Services (1-800-345-4719) or visit our website at www.usa-gymnastics.org for application forms and more information for the following types of membership:

- 1. Instructor
- 2. **“A Club” Member**
- 3. Member Club
- 4. Industry
- 5. **Junior Professional (16 & 17 year old coach/judge)**