

MI GYMNASTICS NEWS

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Hello Michigan,

The season has begun, at least it will this weekend. I hope everyone had a restful but productive summer.

In preparation for the upcoming season there are still two Region 5 camps to be held. If you are planning to attend be sure to register three weeks prior to the camp date. Remember that coaches can attend free of charge.

Another learning experience for coaches is available at the NAWGJ Regional Symposium. The registration fee for non NAWGJ members has been reduced. Register by Sept. 28th for \$110.00 plus the \$35.00 membership for a total of \$145.00. After September 28th the fee will be \$175.00. This fee includes newsletters, notices of clinics, reduced rates for clinics, etc. To register contact Georgette Dupke or Carole Liedtke at carolereg5@aol.com. The symposium will be held on November 15-17 in Noblesville Indiana.

A third learning experience for coaches will be taking place on September 28 & 29. Claudia Kretschmer and Brian Zook will be conducting a Professional Development Certification Program clinic at Great Lakes Gymnastics. Contact Claudia or Brian to register.

LEVEL 9/10 STATE MEET DATE CHANGE

The Level 9/10 State Meet has been changed to March 22-23, 2003. This change became necessary when the national office changed the date for the America Classic meet to March 15th and 16th. The MI-USAG Administrative Committee hopes this change will not cause major problems for any team. The Level 6 state qualifier will remain on the weekend of March 22nd and 23rd. The meet directors of these two meets will work together to help eliminate the possibility of major conflicts.

PERSONALS

Congratulations are in order for John and Kathryn Geddert who celebrated their Silver Anniversary on August 16th. May you have 25 more happy years together.

While one couple is starting their twenty-sixth year together another couple is starting their first. Congratulations to Jennifer Quinlan and Brian Lewis. May your marriage also span the test of time.

Condolences are extended to the family and club of a long-time member of the MI gymnastics community. Frank Howson of Artistic Gymnastics Academy passed away on Tuesday, September 10th after a long illness. We hope and pray that his dedication to our sport will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

USAG Rules and Policies is on-line

Beginning this year the national office will not send Rules and Policies booklets to any of its membership unless asked. But this does not mean that you can not receive a booklet today. Just go to www.usa-gymnastics.org and you can down load it on your computer. This procedure became necessary for financial reasons. Because so many booklets were returned for wrong addresses it became necessary to confirm your address before a booklet could be sent. If you do not have access to the internet just call Member Services at 1-800-345-4719, confirm your address and a Rules and Policies will be sent to you.

There is one correction to the R & P. Part Two Section 1 on page 19 is incorrect. **The Level 8 mobility score to advance to Level 9 should be 34.00**, not 31.00.

Call for Level 9 and 10 Info

Jim Comiskey, the Level 9 and 10 representative on the MI-USAG Administrative Committee is asking that all clubs with possible Level 9's and 10's e-mail or fax him a list of your athletes, their birth dates and their club name. Please contact Jim with this information by December 1st, 2002.

REQUESTS FOR E-MAILS

Although most clubs were contacted during the past summer for updates on their club information, the MI-USAG Administrative Committee still does not have accurate information on some clubs. All clubs please E-mail J2caugusta@aol.com and daveb4u@aol.com with your correct club name, address, city, zip code, phone number, fax, E-mail and contact person.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA

The Guatemalan Olympic Committee is looking for used equipment for possible donation.. They are looking for springboards and tumbling mats. If you have any items to donate contact

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Do you have any suggestions?? Complaints?? Well here's your opportunity to be heard. Jot down your thoughts and send them to:

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Your thoughts will be discussed at the next scheduled state committee meeting.

To: MI-USAG State Committee

From:

Date:

Re: Suggestions and Comments
