



# ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

August 1, 2008—July 31, 2009

Athlete membership registration fee is \$53 per athlete.

Clubs can save \$5 per athlete by registering online

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I understand that there will be an additional \$25 fee for each application processed. Rush processing guarantees membership number availability in our database and/or online membership search. If Rush processing, your membership will be available within three business days of receipt in our office. Same day turnaround on Rush processing requests cannot be guaranteed.

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**Note:** Normal processing time is 3-4 weeks from the date of receipt in our office. Please do not fax any form more than once. Duplicate faxes may result in duplicate charges to your credit card. When faxing groups of applications, please use a fax cover sheet indicating the total number of applications submitted. Rush processing guarantees membership number availability in our database and/or online membership search. If Rush processing, your membership will be available within three business days of receipt in our office. Same day turnaround on Rush processing requests cannot be guaranteed.

**Athlete Member Information** (all fields marked \* are REQUIRED)  New Athlete Registration  Previous Athlete Member# \_\_\_\_\_  
\*First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth (MMDDYYYY) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_ \*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Sex \_\_\_\_\_ \*Citizen: Yes No

**Club Information**  
Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Program Information\*** (required — check all that apply)  
 Men's Artistic Level \_\_\_\_\_  Women's Artistic Level \_\_\_\_\_  Acrobatic Level \_\_\_\_\_  Rhythmic Level \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group Gymnastics / GymFest / TeamGym Level C \_\_\_\_\_ Level D \_\_\_\_\_  Trampoline & Tumbling Level \_\_\_\_\_

## Athlete Member Agreement — ALL signatures are required for acceptance of membership

In consideration of my membership in the United States Gymnastics Federation (USA Gymnastics), and my participation in USA Gymnastics sanctioned events, I agree to be bound by each of the following:

**1. Readiness to Compete:** I will only participate in those USA Gymnastics competitions for which I believe I am physically and psychologically prepared to compete. Prior to participation in USA Gymnastics events, I will have practiced my exercises, and will perform only those exercises which I have accomplished to the degree of confidence necessary to assure I can perform them by myself, without injury.

**2. Medical Attention:** I hereby give my consent to USA Gymnastics and the Host Organization of any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event to provide, through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical/athletic training attention, transportation and emergency medical services as warranted in the course of my participation in USA Gymnastics sanctioned events.

**3. Waiver and Release:** I fully aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risk

of catastrophic injury, paralysis, and even death, as well as other damages and losses associated with participation in a gymnastics event. I release USA Gymnastics, the Host Organization, and sponsor(s) of any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, along with the employees, officers and directors of these organizations (collectively the "Released Parties"), from any claims, losses or damages arising from or in any way connected with my participation in the event, including claims, losses or damages arising from or occurring as a result of the negligence of any one of the Released Parties, but not including claims, losses or damages occurring as a result of the intentional or reckless conduct of any one of the Released Parties.

**4. Online Member Search:** I understand that the information provided will be listed on the USA Gymnastics online search: Athlete name, Athlete member number, Club number, and State. This information will be password protected and USA Gymnastics will use its best efforts to limit access to professional members of USA Gymnastics and club owners. USA Gymnastics does NOT release individual members' information to third parties.

\*Signature of Gymnast: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gymnast's Primary Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Required for any athlete who is not yet 18 years old:** As parent or legal guardian of this athlete, I hereby verify by my signature below, that I fully understand and accept each of the conditions listed in the Athlete Membership Agreement for permitting my child to participate in any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event. I release the Released Parties from any claims, losses or damages arising from or in any way connected with my child's participation in the event, including losses or damages occurring as a result of the negligence of any one of the Released Parties, but not including claims, losses or damages occurring as a result of the intentional or reckless conduct of any one of the Released Parties. Whenever possible, USA Gymnastics suggests both parents/guardians be required to sign below, and the parent/guardian(s) should keep a copy of this form.

\*Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Club Representative Signature —

I have checked this form and verify that all sections have been successfully completed and to the best of my knowledge are correct. I understand that failure to complete any section will result in delayed processing of this form. I have a copy, or original (if processed online), of this form on file at my club.

\*Signature of Club Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:** Memberships are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE. Athlete Membership registration fee is \$53 when submitting form via fax or mail. Full Payment required for processing. Please print clearly, and double check credit card information for accuracy. Enclose check payable to USA GYMNASTICS or provide credit card information:

VISA  MasterCard  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address for receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Totals:**  
Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rush Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

### **A Note to Parents/Guardians:**

1. Athlete Membership registration is available only through your club. A representative of your club must complete the application process. USA Gymnastics CANNOT accept Athlete Membership applications via telephone.
2. Athlete Membership registration dues function as an insurance premium for Secondary Accident Insurance at USA Gymnastics sanctioned events. Dues will not be pro-rated for late-season or delayed registration. See Benefits section for additional insurance information.
3. Athlete Membership is NON-refundable and NON-transferrable.
4. You can find additional membership information at USA Gymnastics online: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org>

### **A Note to Clubs:**

1. Online registration is available only through your club. A representative of your club must complete this process. A copy of the original application must be kept on file at your club.
2. Membership cards are available to print from the web when registering online.
3. Allow a minimum of 6 weeks in advance of your first competition of the season for processing of your Athlete Member applications. Normal processing time is 3-4 weeks from the date of receipt in our office.
4. Athlete Memberships may NOT be registered by telephone since the signed Athlete Membership Agreement must be on file at the club and/or USA Gymnastics for membership to be valid.
5. If any required section of this form is not complete, the membership will be put into a pending status, and no membership benefits will be available until all requirements are fulfilled.

### **USA Gymnastics Athlete Membership Benefits —**

Athlete Membership is required prior to any gymnast taking part in a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event. Athlete Membership includes the following benefits:

1. Right to participate in any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event for which the athlete is qualified.
  2. Athlete Membership card showing proof of membership and a USA Gymnastics decal. This card also entitles you to a 10% discount on apparel and novelty items purchased through the USA Gymnastics Merchandise Department ONLY when you include your Athlete Membership number with your order.
  3. A subscription to *USA Gymnastics magazine*. PLEASE NOTE: The magazine is published six times per year: Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec. You will receive only those issues that are processed for mailing on or after your membership processing date through July 31, 2009. Our Athlete Membership season runs from August 1 to July 31. For example, if your Athlete Membership application is received in our office after August 1, you may NOT receive the Sept/Oct issue of the magazine.
- If you were a registered athlete during the 2007/2008 season, we must receive your membership renewal application no later than August 1, 2008 to ensure that you do not miss out on any issues of the magazine. Please keep us informed of any address changes as the U.S. Postal Service does NOT forward *USA Gymnastics Magazine*.
4. Insurance coverage of up to \$50,000 Secondary Accident Insurance (subject to deductible) if the following conditions are met:

- A. Injury must occur during a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event.
- B. Accident report must be filed by the coach, trainer, or other attendant immediately following any injury preventing the gymnast from full activity for 24 hours or more, regardless of whether immediate medical attention is given. (Meet Directors have accident report forms available at all sanctioned events).
- C. The gymnast's club MUST have a fully signed Athlete Membership Application form (i.e. a copy of THIS form) on file at the club.

5. Athletes 15 years of age and older may attend clinics, congress, and educational courses for the member discount price.

### **Show Your Support!**

Your tax-deductible donations support USA Olympic Athletes, National Team Members, Collegiate Athletes, and USA Gymnastics Grassroots Programs.

To learn more visit [www.usa-gymnastics.org](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org)

Mail or fax completed and signed application with \$53 payment to:

USA Gymnastics Member Services  
Pan American Plaza — Suite 300  
201 S. Capitol Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46225

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If you are paying by credit card, you may fax your completed and signed application to

**317-692-5212**

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**PLEASE NOTE: After Oct 1, 2008 the address is**

**USA Gymnastics  
132 E. Washington St. Suite 700  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**