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EDUCATION EVENTS

National Congress

June 19-21 Philadelphia, PA

Safety Certification (Live)

June 7 Camarillo, CA

June 14 Burbank, CA

June 14 Decatur, GA

June 14 Stroudsburg, PA

June 18 & 22 Philadelphia, PA

June 27 Plain City, OH

June 28 Woodward, PA

Preschool Fundamentals: Hands on Training (II)

June 11 Minnetonka, MN

June 14 Stroudsburg, PA

June 18 & 22 Philadelphia, PA

June 28 Roswell, GA

June 28 Asheville, NC

Welcome to the New E-Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of Member News, USA Gymnastics' official E-newsletter for the Member Services department! This electronic newsletter is a new benefit for our members and will contain important and useful information concerning Member Services.

Professional, Junior Professional, Instructor, and Introductory Coach members as well as Member Clubs and Industry members will receive Member News. The newsletter will be emailed monthly by the USA Gymnastics Member Services department and should arrive on the first business day of the month. Additionally, the E-newsletter will be available on the USA Gymnastics website Member Services page.

Member News will include monthly updates in three areas: membership, education, and club news. Topics such as membership requirements, benefit updates, special events and offers, educational courses, and new program announcements will be covered. Each issue will also feature an educational article of interest to gymnastics professionals.

We want to help you maximize your member benefits, be productive and efficient in your work, and feel connected to USA Gymnastics. The information provided through Member News will compliment and expand on information presented through our other publications such as Technique and our website. We hope you enjoy this new service and welcome your feedback. Enjoy!



**Don't Delay! --
Start Your Background Check Today!**

As the new season approaches it is important to remind everyone that Background Checks are now mandatory for all USA Gymnastics Professional Members.



In keeping with the standards set by the United States Olympic Committee, as well as many youth sports organizations, schools and recreational programs in America today, USA Gymnastics has implemented a background screening process to help ensure a safe and secure environment for our members and all gymnastics participants. This process also includes all USA Gymnastics employees, Board members, and volunteers.

Effective December 2007 background checks became mandatory for all new and renewing professional members. USA Gymnastics is proud to announce a working partnership with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) through which we will engage in a comprehensive background screening program, USA Gymnastics has partnered with the National Center for Safety Initiatives in order to complete the checks.

The background check normal processing time is 3 to 4 weeks, therefore USA Gymnastics Member Services Department urges all Professional members to start their background check at least 3 to 4 weeks prior to their membership renewal date and/or the date they must be on the floor at a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event.

For more information and to start the background check process please [click here](#).

Please feel free to contact Member Services at 1-800-345-4719 or email membership@usa-gymnastics.org with any questions.

If you have completed your background check, Thank You, and don't forget to remind a friend.



NATIONAL CONGRESS & TRADE SHOW

"Gymnastics Excellence Through Education"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

USA Gymnastics National Congress & Trade Show

You are invited to take part in this yearly event where leading gymnastics professionals will gather to:

1. Hear nationally recognized speakers on a variety of gymnastics topics
2. Attend additional pre and post conference educational courses
3. Earn continuing education credit through USA Gymnastics University
4. Visit the Exhibit Hall and win great prizes in the Mega Raffle
5. Attain access to 14 tracks on all disciplines, business, sports science and more
6. Update and expand their knowledge base
7. Hear best practices on appealing to today's kids and parents
8. Attend the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Gymnastics
9. Network with other coaches, judges and club owners/directors from across the country
10. Be a part of the national education event for the sport of gymnastics!

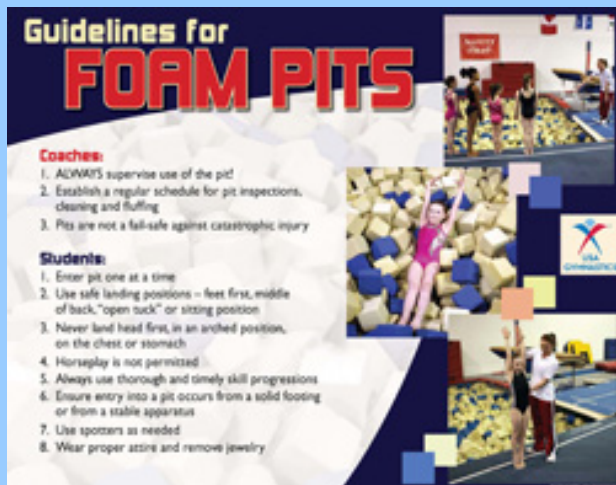
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Registration will be available onsite at the Pennsylvania Convention Center

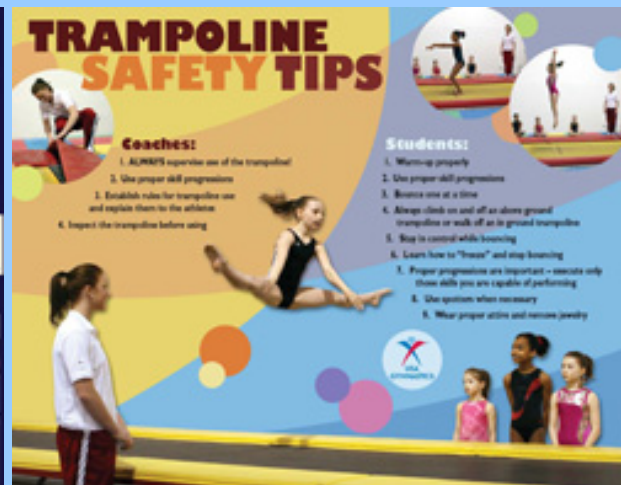
New Safety Posters Available

USA Gymnastics has produced two new safety posters - one on pit safety and one on trampoline safety. The posters will be included in Member Club Marketing Kits which will be distributed this month. If you are a USA Gymnastics Member Club you will get these posters for free! If you are not a Member Club and would like to order posters, they can be ordered for \$10 each plus shipping. You can order posters or become a Member Club by calling 1-800-345-4719 or by visiting our website.





Foam Pit Tips



Trampoline Tips



USA Gymnastics is a non-for-profit organization which is the sole national governing body (NGB) for the sport of gymnastics in the United States. Our mission is to increase public awareness of, and encourage participation in, all aspects of gymnastics, and to support athletes in their pursuit of competitive excellence.

Tell us what you think! We'd like to hear from you about what information you'd like to see in Member News. Contact us by [clicking here](#).

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