



2009-2010 USA Gymnastics Request for Foreign Sanction

Application must be postmarked no later than 120 days before competition

\$100 Rush fee will be assessed to requests submitted less than 60 days prior to the event.

Approval of this foreign sanction request allows a club to host a club-level invitational meet.

Country versus country competition is NOT allowed.

Sanctioned invitational meets of current Member Clubs will be listed in *Technique* magazine and online at www.usa-gymnastics.org

Completed applications being paid by credit card can be returned to USA Gymnastics by fax to 317-692-5212

RUSH

I understand that there will be an additional \$100 fee for Rush processing of this sanction request.

Office Use Only

Number _____
Rec'd Date _____
Payment Amount _____
Check Number _____
Postmarked _____
Approval _____
By _____ Other _____

Meet Details: *all fields are required*

1. **Region #** _____ **State** _____ **Date(s) of Meet:** _____ **Entry Fee:** _____

2. **Name of Meet:** _____

3. **Site Address (if different than Club):** _____

4. **Type of Meet:** Women Men Acrobatic Gymnastics for All Rhythmic Trampoline/Tumbling

5. **Level(s) of competition:** _____ FIG rules JO Rules

6. **Participating Countries** (attach extra sheets if necessary)

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
d. _____ e. _____ f. _____

7. **Please check all that apply**

- Event involves athlete(s) from another country
- Event involves USA National Team member(s)
- Event involves Foreign National Team member(s)
- Admission is being charged. Amount \$ _____
- There will be a television broadcast. Network: _____
- Sponsor(s) have been solicited. Name sponsor(s): _____
- Event is for training purposes only
- Event is competition
- Event is an exhibition

Membership request form for foreign judges, coaches and athletes MUST be received NO LATER than 45 days prior to event. All participants must have valid membership numbers. Foreign membership fee is \$25 each.

Meet Director & Club Details: *all fields and Meet Director signature are required*

Meet Director Name: _____ Professional Membership #: _____

Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Club Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

I am a professional member in good standing with USA Gymnastics. I hereby agree that the above referenced event will be conducted in accordance with applicable USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies. I represent that I (a) thoroughly understand the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies, (b) fully assume responsibility for this event and agree to be held accountable for any irregularities that might occur. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to verify that all athletes, coaches, and judges are registered USA Gymnastics members in good standing. **I further certify that no persons permanently ineligible for membership in USA Gymnastics will be associated with this event in any way. A list of ineligible members is located at www.usagym/ineligible.** I understand that among the fines and penalties for (a) any violations of the rules and policies (b) any violation of this certification or any failure to adhere to the approved dates or time lines may include the loss of sanctioning privileges.

I have read and understand the Request for Foreign Sanction guidelines. I further acknowledge that I understand that additional sanction fees may be assessed up to \$250,000 depending on the particulars of the event (i.e. sponsors and television, etc.)

Signature of Meet Director: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information: Enclose check or money order payable to USA GYMNASTICS or provide credit card information:

Visa _____ Master Card _____ American Express _____ Discover _____ Other _____

Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____/_____/_____

Cardholder Name (PRINT): _____

Signature: _____

Cardholder telephone: (_____) _____

Email address for receipt: _____

Sanction fees:

Sanction request	\$300
Late fee (>120 days)	\$100
Rush fee	\$100
Late countries added after original sanction request submitted	\$25

Total to be charged: _____

Return completed application to USA Gymnastics, Attention: Foreign Sanctions, 132 E Washington St. Ste. 700, Indianapolis, IN 46225

2008-2009 USA Gymnastics Request for Foreign Sanction Application Guidelines

Please read the terms of this application before completing. Complete all information and send no later than 120 days before your event date. All information must be complete and all appropriate fees submitted or your request will be denied. Processing and approval of this request will take three to four weeks.

With the increased activity of foreign athlete participation in this country, USA Gymnastics has the responsibility to inform our Professional members of the FIG regulations governing these activities. The FIG and its member federations have jurisdiction over international events (events involving more than one country's athletes). Violations of the FIG regulations can result in restrictions of the member federation and/or its athletes. While USA Gymnastics realizes the cultural enrichment that these types of events provide to our members, strict compliance to the FIG Regulations MUST be followed.

In consideration of the approval of this Request for Foreign Sanction by USA Gymnastics, the meet director and all parties involved in organizing the event agree to the following:

- I understand that the fee for the Request for Foreign Sanction Application is \$300.00. This fee covers all administrative costs and fees to the FIG.
- I understand that I may invite an unlimited amount of countries with FIG recognized federations. I also understand that any requests for additional countries must be received no later than eleven days before my event and will result in a \$25.00 per country additional charge.
- I have read and understand the rules and policies for all disciplines involved in this event.
- I understand my responsibility to read and understand the SANCTIONING A USA GYMNASTICS EVENT WITH FOREIGN ATHLETE PARTICIPATION section before applying on the reverse of this form.
- I understand that it is against FIG regulation to send any invitations for this event until approval of my request has been granted by USA Gymnastics Member Services.
- I understand that travel arrangements should not be made until approval of this event is in place.
- I understand that the use of the word "INTERNATIONAL" is strictly FORBIDDEN.
- I understand that athletes from a foreign country competing in the United States represent only their club at the exchange; they are NOT representing their country as a national team member.
- I understand that FIG has the tax of 1,000 SF for a World Class gymnast in a gala or exhibition. A "World Class" gymnast is defined as one who has competed in an Olympic Games or World Championship. The designation of a "World Class" gymnast is for life. They do not lose that distinction when they retire from normal competition.
- I understand that FIG has a 5% tax on any prize money given at your event.
- I understand that additional sanction fees may be assessed up to \$250,000.00 depending on the particulars of the event (i.e. sponsors and television).
- I understand that Mexico and Canada are included in all foreign sanctioning rules.
- I understand that I must sanction all locations of my event in the situation that it encompasses more than one physical location.
- I understand that as the Meet Director, I must be an active Professional member (with all disciplines requested in this application) and I must hold current safety/risk management certification and background check.
- I understand that as the Meet Director, I must complete and return the meet report form to USA Gymnastics no later than 7 business days after the event.
- Upon approval of the Request for Sanction, I understand that it is my responsibility to contact the foreign club and gymnasts with the invitation to the specific competition.
- I understand that all foreign athletes, coaches, and judges must have the USA Gymnastics Foreign Athlete Membership in place at least two weeks before my event. And, I will distribute the application to the interested foreign clubs upon agreement of their participation.
- I understand that Foreign Athlete Memberships will not be released until the foreign sanction is approved.
- I understand that if my request is submitted later than 120 days before my event, that I may submit the request with all applicable late fees with a written explanation on why the application is late. Furthermore, I realize that USA Gymnastics may deny my request if submitted late.
- I understand that all fees are non-transferable and non-refundable even in the event that a foreign club decides that they will not participate in your event.
- I understand that if I am contacted by a foreign club to participate in my invitational, I may deny their entry.
- I understand that USA Gymnastics may deny this request, if any of these terms are not followed.

**By completing and signing the reverse Request for Foreign Sanction Application,
I acknowledge that I understand and agree to and the above terms.**