



# USA GYMNASTICS INFORMATION

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## A Message from the USA Gymnastics Director of Safe Sport, Toby Stark

By now - hopefully - you've heard about our new Safe Sport Policy. What you may not know is that the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy replaces the Participant Welfare Policy. Earlier this year, USA Gymnastics staff and leadership made significant changes and improvements that strengthened the Participant Welfare Policy such that it was renamed the [USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#).



The vast majority of the updates came from the U.S. Center for SafeSport jurisdictional guidelines and the Deborah Daniels recommendations, as well as the inclusion of child protection best practices.

All roads within the Safe Sport Policy lead back to protecting our gymnasts to the best of our ability. At the end of the day, any new safe sport policy or initiative must accomplish that singular goal.

As you review it, you will see true **prevention** in the Proactive Policies (pages 4-5). These were created to prohibit boundary violations and prevent grooming behaviors.

You will also see a strong focus on appropriate **response**. 'Appropriate response' means fulfilling one's legal reporting obligations, meeting USA Gymnastics member requirements, and responding with belief and compassion if a youth discloses abuse or misconduct to you.

Additionally, the Policy demands increased **accountability** throughout the organization and its membership, as well as increased **categories of misconduct**, from two to six. The Participant Welfare Policy addressed sexual misconduct and physical misconduct. The new Safe Sport Policy has expanded the definition of misconduct to also include verbal/emotional misconduct, bullying, hazing and harassment.

The new Safe Sport Policy is about **Zero Opportunity** [for

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misconduct], and **Zero Tolerance**. We all have to work together for it to achieve what we want...what we need it to achieve: Gymnasts who are protected from misconduct to the best of our ability. USA Gymnastics staff and board of directors, gym owners, coaches, parents, judges and volunteers - we all have our role...our responsibility. And we have to support each other as we move forward in this important mission.

Please. Please make it a priority to review the new Safe Sport Policy so you fully understand its content and what you need to do to be in compliance. Because compliance is mandatory for USA Gymnastics membership. It's also the right thing to do. It's the right thing to do for the gymnasts you are responsible for, and it's the right thing to do for your business. There is too much at risk...too much at stake...both for you and your gymnasts.

[Click here](#) to view the Safe Sport Policy.

[Click here](#) to view the webinar "What's New in the Safe Sport Policy."

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be emailed directly at [safesport@usagym.org](mailto:safesport@usagym.org).

## Member Services

### Trampoline & Tumbling T210 Update for Coaches and Judges

The Trampoline and Tumbling program would like to update all trampoline and tumbling members on the T210 (Trampoline & Tumbling Annual Update) requirements for coaches and judges.

- For **coaches**, it is **no longer required**: beginning with the 2017-2018 season, coaches are no longer required to take T210.
- For **judges**, it is **required**: due to the mandatory judging recertification requirement beginning this season (October 1, 2017-July 31, 2018), all those who recertify will automatically receive T210 certification valid through July 31, 2018. After July 31, 2018, judges will be required to renew their T210 certification each season.

### Check Expiration Dates

Professional members, please take a moment to check your U101: Safety Risk Management & Background Check Certification dates. Many professional members still have expired certification dates. As a reminder, all certifications **MUST** be current in order to coach or judge at a USA Gymnastics-sanctioned event. Don't be caught off guard the day before your meet. Check your certification dates today!

### USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation

Attention Meet Directors! Do you use [AllGymnastics.com](http://AllGymnastics.com) or [myGymMeet.com](http://myGymMeet.com) to collect your meet registration fees? If so, contact them today to learn how their product now integrates with the [USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System](#).

**Please note:** USA Gymnastics does not endorse any meet



registration company or product. The integration services provided to such companies is a tool to ensure participants attending sanctioned events are valid members of USA Gymnastics.

## Club Services

### Sanctioned Event Tool Kit

USA Gymnastics requests that meet directors use the sanctioned event logo on all event communications. Use the tools provided on this [webpage](#) to brand your meet as an official USA Gymnastics competition. Place the logo on all information, invitations, website, meet results, email blasts and event follow ups.



### Parent Resource

The [USAGymParents.com](#) website features new content on the first of each month. Visit the website for articles, videos and podcasts to pass along to the families in your gym.



### Member Club Benefits

[Click here](#) to view the Member Club Benefits. Member Club will begin to receive their kits this month.



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## Upcoming Events

### 2017 Artistic World Championships

The 2017 World Championships wrap up on October 8. Tonight is the women's all-around finals, with the event finals split between Saturday and Sunday. Tune in on TV or online to cheer on Team USA. USA Gymnastics is proud to provide daily live streaming from the venue. Visit [usagymworlds.com](#) for details.



### 2017 Pan American Championships

The 2017 Pan American Championships for Acrobatic and Rhythmic Gymnastics are coming to the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, Fla. Competition will take place October 13-15. Tickets for the event will be available onsite at the Ocean Center Box Office, with a non-transferable day pass available for \$25 and a non-transferable all-session wristband for \$40. All persons over the age of two must have a ticket to enter. Credentialed participants do not require a ticket. Training sessions are closed to the public. For more information, visit [USAGym.org/17PAGU](http://USAGym.org/17PAGU).



### 2017 T&T World Championships & World Age Group Competition

Sofia, Bulgaria, will host the upcoming T&T World Championships and World Age Group Competition November 9-19, 2017, at the Armeck Sports Hall. [Click here](#) to learn more!



### 2018 Gymnastics Triple Cup Weekend

A big weekend of gymnastics is coming to Chicagoland in 2018! In a span of two days, fans can see three exciting events at the Sears Centre Arena, March 2-3, that between them feature top and rising stars from the USA and around the world - AT&T American Cup, Nastia Liukin Cup, and Elite Team Cup.



Tickets are on sale now! [Click here](#) to purchase. Member Clubs can save on group tickets for 10 or more by downloading the [Gym Club Ticket Order Form](#).

## Education

### W200 Coaches Course

Register today for the W200 Development Coaches Course Hands-on-Training held in Seattle on Sunday, October 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-register online up to 48 hours prior to the live course. [Click here](#) for more information.



**Acrobatic National Judges Course**

USA Gymnastics invites you to attend the 2017 National Judges' Course November 10-12 in Roseville, Calif. The course will provide both coaches and judges the opportunity to work with the materials, and gain more understanding of both the Junior Olympic and elite rules. The course is strongly advised for all judges, state rated and higher. We encourage any coaches who would like to audit the course to attend. The registration deadline is October 31, 2017. [Click here](#) for details.

