



USA GYMNASTICS.

New Jersey

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June Newsletter

Dear Professional Members,

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy the great weather. Please read through the important information that I have included about New Jersey Gymnastics Summer. These events are put together to help you and your programs. I hope that you have great times with friends and family!

**Best always,
Brant Lutska
NJSACC**

Schedule

<http://usagnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/USAGNJ-Schedules-2.pdf>

The calendar for 2017 – 2018 is approved and listed on the website. Please review and make sure you are aware of important dates.

Bids

<http://usagnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/USAGNJ-MeetBidForm2018.pdf>

Bill Psiuk has sent out an email about deadlines for bidding on Sectionals and State Competitions. Everyone should consider bidding and running an outstanding event for our athletes. Instead of complaining about things you don't like, step up to the plate and host a competition.

Tops Testing

<http://usagnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/TOPS-STATE-TESTING-2017-May-2017-.pdf>

Events in the Summer for New Jersey

Our NJ State Administrative Committee Chairperson, Brant Lutska, announces the following opportunities to gain valuable knowledge as well as CPE credits right in our own backyard. **All will be conducted at Bishop Ahr in Edison.**

August 12th – Compulsory, JO Update and X-Cel Update Training Camp -- rules and updates presented by Linda Thorberg and Tom Koll --
6 CPE credits

August 13th -- Compulsory and Xcel athlete Training Camp; judges can earn
6 CPE credits

September 9th – Judges Clinic and anyone interested in coming -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—
5 CPE credits available;

Micro Congress begins -- 4 to 9 p.m. -- **5 CPE** credits available. Linda Thorberg will speak in the morning and Tony Gehman will speak at our state Micro Congress.

September 10th – **Business Seminar** and **child safety clinic** -- 9 a.m. to noon; approved for **3 CPE** credits

Preschool and Recreational Teachers Workshop 1:00 – 5:00.

Judges Watch for announcement of dates and locations for 2018 NAWGJ Regional Congress as well as confirmation of testing dates and locations for re-certification.

Prudential Center

Jason Taub (973) 757-6000

Emails were sent to you about setting up live performances at the Devils hockey games at the Prudential Center. Please consider participating at these events. We need to promote gymnastics in a positive manner and this would be a great outreach program. Jason Taub is our contact at the Prudential Center and he is a great guy to work with. Call and ask for him, he will help in any way that he can.

Safe Sports

<https://usagym.org/pages/education/safesport/>

Please have everyone on your staff take the Safe sports course offered by USOC. This is a good step forward for all of us. We need to support our organization and we need to be proactive in new endeavors that they are proposing.

Moving From different organizations

http://usagnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/USAGNJ_Mobility-Form.pdf

- If a gymnast leaves another organization to join USA Gymnastics, the following procedures must be followed:
- Complete the form online and submit to the state chairman.
- The form asks for certain information and if it is incomplete it will be returned to the sender.
- The form is reviewed by the State Chairman and a final decision is decided based on abilities, scores and if necessary a video review.
- The State Chairman cannot move athletes anywhere they want. The athlete must demonstrate the skills necessary to be at a certain level.
- You will be notified once the final decision is made.

X-Cel Update

Our program is doubling every year and this year we hosted the regional invitational. If you haven't started a program you really need to consider. Think about it, kids sign-up for soccer, practice 3 times and then play in a game. For us, it takes kids years to get to that point. With X-Cel kids can be competing within their first year. Also, the additional information that Jen Skorski provided below is going to open more doors for our athletes!

National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs The purpose of the NAIGC is to expand opportunities for participation in the sport of gymnastics and to promote interaction among collegiate gymnastics clubs by providing structure for competition on local, regional, and national levels; facilitating communication; and building a community of support and camaraderie that encourages sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, & fun.

NAIGC Scholarship Program

In an effort to increase the opportunity for gymnasts to continue competing in college, we have created a scholarship program for the NAIGC! This year, we will be awarding a \$1,500 scholarship to two male and two female athletes who are graduating high school and plan to join an NAIGC club team. In the coming years, we plan to expand this program by starting an endowment to support future athletes. For more information about donating or applying email scholarships@naigc.org.

Hall of Fame Gala

<http://usagnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/HOF-NominationForms2017.pdf>

The committee is working to make this year's event just as wonderful as last years. I would love to see each gym in NJ attend with a table of people. This is an evening of celebrating, honoring and building friendship. This annual event needs everyone's support for future years. Who knows, someday you may be an honoree.