



2011



Dear Team Coach,

Illinois Gymnastics Institute Parents Booster Club and Todd Gardiner wish to thank you for registering for the [13th Annual IGI "Chicago Style" Invitational](#) gymnastics competition to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 11th, 12th and 13th, 2011. This meet features over 4,000 gymnasts from all over the United States competing Level 4 thru Elite. John Roethlisberger returns to entertain before the Saturday evening session, and Special Olympics gymnasts will again perform Friday evening. Cash prize awards totaling \$5,000 will be given to the top optional teams.

The meet is hosted at **Navy Pier** which is a premier attraction in downtown Chicago featuring 50 acres of parks, promenades, shops, entertainment and restaurants with something for everyone. The 170,000 square foot competition arena in Festival Halls A & B will have six gyms with three sessions daily for a total of 53 sessions during the event. The college meet held on Friday evening in Festival Hall will have separate admission from the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic meet.

Our Host Hotels are the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile and the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers with a meet rate of \$127 per night, providing close proximity to every major attraction in Downtown Chicago. Our website, www.ChicagoStyleMeet.com, provides direct links to Chicago Tourism and attraction information web sites, as well as a direct reservation link to the host hotels. If you have any questions about the hotels or if you need assistance with hotel reservations, please e-mail us at hotels@ChicagoStyleMeet.com.

Final registration will be done by e-mail. Registration will be complete once final payment and the registration file is received, and session assignments will be e-mailed to you shortly afterwards. E-mail inquires about registration can be sent to entries@ChicagoStyleMeet.com, and general inquiries about the meet can be sent to info@ChicagoStyleMeet.com.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Scazzero
Augie Wossner
Carolyn Rotonda
Meet Co-Chairpersons

Marty Malecki
Meet Director

13th Annual IGI “Chicago Style” Invitational

WHEN

February 11th - 13th 2011, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

COMPETITION SITE

Chicago’s Historic Navy Pier “Festival Halls A and B”

600 East Grand Avenue

Chicago, IL 60611-3428

Website: www.navypier.com for information about the facility and tourist attractions

SIX COMPETITION GYMS in NAVY PIER FESTIVAL HALLS A & B

“STATE STREET GYM”

“LAKE SHORE DRIVE GYM”

“MICHIGAN AVENUE GYM”

“RUSH STREET GYM”

“WACKER DRIVE GYM”

“LASALLE STREET GYM”

THREE SESSIONS PER GYM EACH DAY

| | <u>Open Stretch/Warm-up</u> | <u>Timed Warm-up</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Session One | 8:00 AM | 8:30 AM |
| Session Two | 12:30 PM | 1:00 PM |
| Session Three | 5:00 PM | 5:30 PM |

Specific schedules for each club will be e-mailed to the club’s designated contact person shortly after the club’s registration is complete and full payment has been received. (See entry information that appears on one of the pages that follow.) Schedules by club will be posted on our web site by the end of November, and the schedules by session will follow in December (at www.ChicagoStyleMeet.com).

All coaches must check-in at Room 317, no more than one hour before the start of each session. Please be prepared to show your USA Gymnastics credentials and to display them in order to be on the competition floor. There is no gymnast check-in.

COMPETITION FORMAT and EQUIPMENT

- ❖ **Modified Capitol Cup**
- ❖ **6 competition gyms, with two sets of warm up and compete equipment**
- ❖ **Two-judge panels will be used for all events in all levels**
- ❖ **AAI competition equipment is provided by Midwest Gym Supply, Inc., and includes: AAI Elite Vault Tables, AAI TAC/10 Vault Boards, AAI Elite Uneven Bars, AAI Elite Adjustable Reflex Balance Beams, 42' x 42' Competition Spring Floors, 8' x 60' Warm-Up Tumbling Strips**
- ❖ **All landing, safety zone and supplemental mats are provided by Midwest Gym Supply, Inc., in accordance with the USA Gymnastics apparatus requirements for the applicable Junior Olympic or Elite levels that will be competing in each competition gym**

ON-SITE MEDICAL SUPPORT

ATI Physical Therapy and Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush will provide on-site medical support at the IGI Chicago Style Meet. They will staff the First Aid Station on the competition floor, and will be summoned to one of the competition gyms in the event of a potentially serious injury during warm-up or competition.

Paramedics will also be on-site to provide immediate care and transportation to off-site medical facilities when necessary.

ATI Physical Therapy provides researched-based services in physical therapy, work conditioning/hardening, functional capacity assessments, sports performance enhancement, sports medicine, and women's health. ATI attributes their exceptional outcomes to providing patients with one-to-one care, leading-edge techniques, and customized treatment plans. (www.ATIpt.com)

The physicians of Midwest Orthopaedics have received specialized training in orthopaedic surgery and in subspecialty areas within the field of orthopaedic medicine and can diagnose and treat even the most complicated and rare orthopaedic conditions. The physicians are supported by a professional staff of physician assistants, registered nurses, athletic, physical and occupational therapists, cast room and X-ray technicians, and administrative personnel. Midwest Orthopaedics is ranked by U.S. News World and Report as "Top 10" in Orthopedics in the nation and are the official team physicians for the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox. (www.RushOrtho.com)

The ATI and Midwest Orthopaedics staff will work with the Meet Director to complete the USA Gymnastics' Incident/Injury Report Form for any injuries that occur at the meet. The medical personnel will complete their portion of the form as needed, obtain the Meet Director's signature and will then give the form to the coach or parent of the injured athlete. The parent/guardian of the injured gymnast is responsible for submitting the completed form to the insurance company, by following the instructions included on the form. Coaches should ensure that an Incident/Injury Report Form is completed at the time of the injury, because we cannot complete a form without an evaluation by the on-site medical personnel.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel room block will not be available for reservation until 12/01/2010 at 10AM CST to provide the best opportunity for all of our attendees to book at our host hotels.

“The Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile”

540 North Michigan Avenue

1-800-266-9432

A one night, NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required for each room reserved.

\$127 per night

“Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers”

301 North Water Street

1-800-233-4100

A one night, NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required for each room reserved.

\$127 per night

Free shuttle transportation is provided between the host hotels and Navy Pier continuously from 7:00 AM until 10:30 PM daily.

More hotel information can be found at www.ChicagoStyleMeet.com/hotel.php, and hotel assistance can be requested by an e-mail to hotels@ChicagoStyleMeet.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ **Special Olympics Illinois will perform a gymnastics exhibition on Friday, and a donation will be made by the meet to support their achievements.**
- ❖ **A gymnast party will take place Friday evening from 7:00 – 11:00 PM, with DJ and refreshments at the Marriott Hotel 5th floor Salons E – H.**
- ❖ **A coaches’ and judges’ Texas Hold ‘Em party will take place Saturday evening from 9:30 PM – 12:30 AM, with appetizers and open bar (1 hour) at the Marriott Hotel 5th floor Salons E – H.**

ENTRY FEES

- ❖ **Compulsory: (Level 4 - 6) \$ 95.00 per Gymnast (\$105 after 11/01/10)**
- ❖ **Optional: (Level 7 - Elite) \$120.00 per Gymnast (\$130 after 11/01/10)**
- ❖ **Team: (All Levels) \$ 50.00 per Team**
- ❖ **All entry fees for Junior or Senior National Team Members are waived.**

DEADLINE

- ❖ Entry Request Forms and a \$100 deposit are due at our mailing address below by October 1st, 2010.
- ❖ Please return your club's personalized Chicago Style Excel Registration File via email to entries@ChicagoStyleMeet.com and mail **payment in full** by November 1st, 2010 to the mailing address listed below.
- ❖ The meet sells out, so please register early.
- ❖ Register all gymnasts you anticipate to compete, as adding gymnast at a later date is nearly impossible as all sessions are full.
- ❖ No gymnast or team will be entered in the meet until payment in full is received.
- ❖ **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON WILL BE MADE AFTER DECEMBER 31st, 2010**

Coaches please to check your gymnasts' birthdays, USAG numbers, name spelling and coaches' USAG pro membership, safety certification and background check dates for accuracy in reporting of competition information and awards. We also need accurate leotard sizes for the gymnasts' commemorative gift of a Motionwear custom-designed Chicago Style leotard.

MAILING ADDRESS

Make your check payable to and mail to:

Illinois Gymnastics Institute Parents Booster Club

Attn: Chicago Style Meet Director

P. O. Box 429

Westmont, IL 60559

(PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING TO THE IGI GYM)

ADMISSIONS

Tickets will be sold at the venue; there are no advance sales

- ❖ \$15 for general admission
- ❖ \$25 weekend pass for general admission
- ❖ \$7 for students (ages 5 – 10) and seniors
- ❖ \$15 weekend pass for students and seniors
- ❖ Free admission for children 4 and under
- ❖ Separate NCAA session admission charge

COMPETITIVE AGE AND AGE DIVISIONS

Dates for determining competitive ages, which are based upon the Illinois and Region 5 championship meet dates, are as follows:

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|-------|----|------------|
| Level | 4 | 03/20/2011 |
| Level | 5 | 04/03/2011 |
| Level | 6 | 03/27/2011 |
| Level | 7 | 04/10/2011 |
| Level | 8 | 05/01/2011 |
| Level | 9 | 04/17/2011 |
| Level | 10 | 04/17/2011 |

(See championship meet schedule on the IL USAG web site, www.ilusag.com)

Using the age determination dates above, each level will be divided into three (3) age divisions. Based upon the ages of the gymnasts entered in the meet, the age divisions will be set so that the numbers of gymnasts in each age division within each level are approximately equal. However, the mix of ages can vary considerably from one session to another session of the same level. This means that the age divisions within any one session of a given level may not be as equally balanced as the age divisions are across all sessions in that level.

AWARDS

It is our goal to make this aspect of our competition truly memorable and rewarding for every athlete. Awards will be held after each session in assigned rooms with the same competition gym name on the 2nd floor (e.g., Michigan Avenue Gym). Please follow the signs for your competition gym and use the escalator outside the Festival Hall entrance to proceed to the 2nd floor for awards.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- ❖ Every gymnast will receive a commemorative gift acknowledging her participation and individual achievements
- ❖ **AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO 50% OF GYMNASTS**
- ❖ Individual Events by age group (three age groups per level)
- ❖ All-Around by age group (three age groups per level)
- ❖ Achievement ribbons for Level 4-5

ADDITIONAL LEVEL 10 / ELITE AWARD

Level 10 and Elite gymnasts will have an opportunity to qualify for the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup. (Details about the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup Selection Process for the IGI Chicago Style Meet appear on a separate page that follows.)

TEAM AWARDS

Team Awards for Levels 4 through 9 are presented after the last session **EACH DAY** for **EACH LEVEL**, 1st through 5th place. (Session 222-4 will only present Team Awards for 1st through 3rd place.)

Team Awards for Level 10 are presented after each session in the Michigan Avenue Gym and in the Rush Street Gym.

Team designations must be made prior to the start of competition. Upon check-in before each session, the coaches will receive a team designation form that can be used to designate (or change) their team members. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that their team has been properly designated before competition begins in their session. If a club has more than five (5) compulsory gymnasts or four (4) optional competing in a session and they fail to designate their team members, they will be removed from the team completion and will forfeit their team entry fee.

The top scores will be counted as follows:

Compulsory (Level 4-6): Five (5) team members; only the top 4 event scores are counted. (If a club only has 4 compulsory gymnasts competing in a session, they may participate in the team competition. However, all 4 event scores will be counted.)

Optional (Level 7-Elite): Four (4) team members; only the top 3 event scores are counted. (If a club only has 3 compulsory gymnasts competing in a session, they may participate in the team competition. However, all 3 event scores will be counted.)

We require teams to be designated to give smaller clubs an equal opportunity to compete for team awards. If all of a club's gymnasts in a given session were allowed to contribute toward the team score, larger entrants would have a significant advantage by having more opportunities for high event scores and being able to discard more low scores than a smaller entrant. Larger entrants are welcome to enter multiple teams. Note that the posted team results will not include any of the names of the designated gymnasts, to allow all members of the club in a given level to celebrate their team's accomplishments.

CASH PRIZES

Each Day cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 Level 8-10/Elite teams:

A minimum of **\$1,000** to Level 10/Elite

A minimum of **\$ 500** to Level 9

A minimum of **\$ 250** to Level 8



As a participant in the USA Gymnastics’ Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup Series, the IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet will be choosing four (4) qualifying gymnasts to participate in the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup is scheduled for March 4, 2011, at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville, Florida, and is intended to provide a competitive opportunity for some of the USA’s top Junior Olympic gymnasts. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup will be held the evening prior to the prestigious AT&T American Cup and will use that event’s podium. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup will be televised by Universal Sports, USA Gymnastics’ official cable and digital media partner.

At the IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet, qualifiers will be selected from one of two (2) qualifying groups: two (2) qualifiers will be selected from the Level 10 sessions conducted in the Michigan Avenue Gym (sessions 321, 322 and 323) and two (2) qualifiers will be selected from the Level 10 sessions conducted in the Rush Street Gym (sessions 421, 422 and 423). In each qualifying group, the qualifier will be the Level 10 gymnast with the highest all-around score among the eligible gymnasts. In the event of a tie, the USA Gymnastics all-around “Tie-Breaking Procedures For Presentation Of Awards” (Part Two, Section VI, III.C.1.) will be used to select the qualifier: a. The gymnast with the highest individual event score will qualify. b. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the second highest individual event score will qualify. c. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the gymnast with the third highest individual event score will qualify. d. If the gymnasts are still tied, then the flip of a coin in the presence of both coaches will break the tie to qualify.

Only Level 10 or Elite gymnasts will be eligible, regardless of their age division for the IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet. Although age divisions will be used for the results and placement within the IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet, the gymnasts within each qualifying group will be treated as a single group to determine that group’s qualifier for the Nastia Liukin Cup. Any gymnasts below Level 10 will not be eligible. Any gymnast that has already qualified for the Nastia Liukin Cup at another qualifying meet in the Nastia Liukin Cup Series will not be eligible. Current U.S. National Team members, former U.S. National Team members and current or former members of any other country’s national team gymnasts will not be eligible. The IGI Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet reserves the right to consult with USA Gymnastics to resolve any questions of eligibility or awarding of qualifying spots using the procedure described above.

Gymnasts who compete in the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup will receive a Nastia Liukin-designed leotard and a warm-up from GK Elite; two tickets to the AT&T American Cup and recognition during the event; and the opportunity to meet Liukin and participate in a team photo. Qualifying gymnasts will also be featured on USA Gymnastics’ Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup web site. In the first year, through the Nastia Liukin Fund, net revenues from the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup were utilized as scholarships for young gymnasts who showed ability and had a financial hardship.

PARENTS’ HANDOUT: (next two pages, or check your e-mail for a more complete version)

GYMNAST PARTY!!!!



Friday 02/11/2011

7:00 – 11:00 PM

Marriott Magnificent Mile

5th floor Salons E - H

Come and party with our DJ!!

Refreshments provided

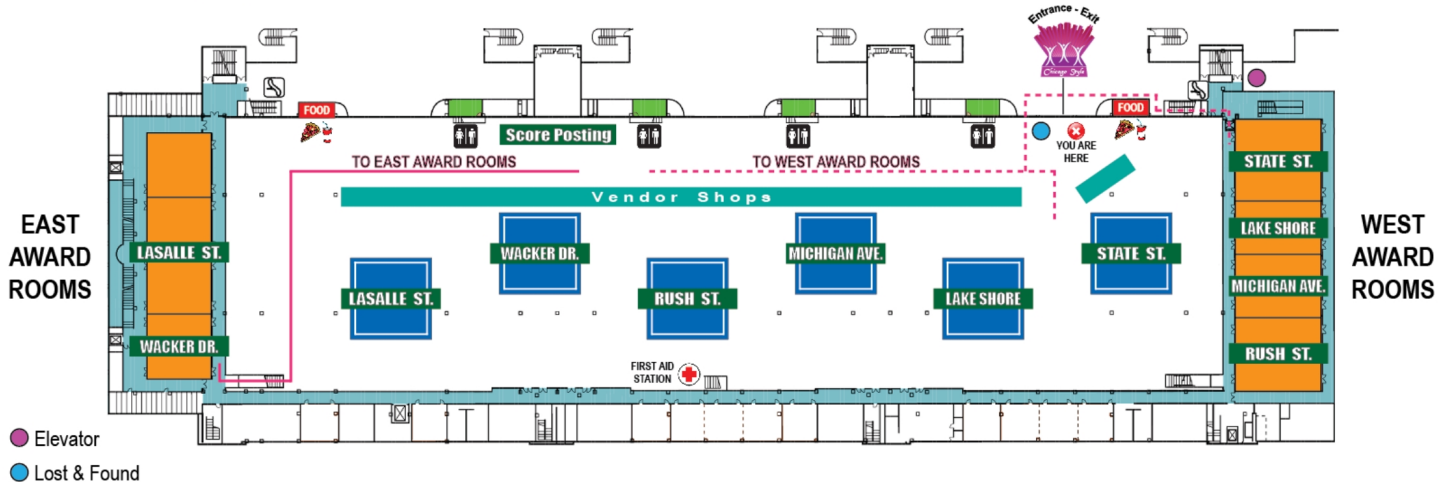
- **Shuttle service will be provided to Navy Pier from the host hotels. Shuttle buses will run from 7:00AM to 10:00PM, and information will be available at the host hotels.**
- **There are 6 competition gyms within the Festival Hall venue at Navy Pier. There will be 3 sessions each day, with warm-up starting at 8:00AM, 12:30PM and 5:00PM. After each session, awards will be presented in separate awards rooms on the 2nd floor at the east and west ends of Festival Hall. Each awards room will be marked with the name of the corresponding competition gym, and signs in Festival Hall will direct you either to the east or the west.**
- **General admission prices are \$15 per day or \$25 for a weekend pass. There will be a separate admission fee to attend the Friday evening NCAA college meet. Discounted pricing is available for students and seniors.**

Please visit our web site, www.ChicagoStyleMeet.com, for more information.



INFORMATION CENTER

Chicago Style Gymnastics Invitational



There are a limited number of elevators at the hotels. So while you may be able to get 40 gymnasts in an elevator, 40 adult-sized people may be a stretch; plus the stop on every floor, on the way down, will take time.

We recommend that you plan to leave your room at the Meet Hotel at least 45 minutes earlier than your gymnasts' warm up time. This allows for approximately 20 minutes to get to the Hotel Lobby, 15 minutes for the bus ride to Navy Pier and 10 minutes to get your gymnast to the entrance of the Festival Hall competition area. There is no check-in required for the gymnasts, so they can skip the admission line at the entrance and proceed directly to their competition gym to meet their coach. Gymnasts should be wearing their club's competition warm-ups, so they can easily be identified at the entrance to Festival Hall. (It never hurts to have a copy of their USA Gymnastics membership card handy, but it is not required to gain entrance for competition.)

The bus drop-off location is to the east of Festival Hall (to the left of the area shown on the map, above). When you enter the building (facing south), turn to the right (west) and look for an escalator, stairway or elevator to go up to the second floor. Continue to the far west end of Festival Hall, where you will find admissions and the meet entrance door.

Event Parking

The East Parking Garage is located underneath Festival Hall, and you can get to the second floor meet entrance by escalator, stairway or elevator.