

New York State Gymnastics Newsletter

During this time when the gymnastics world is complicated, uncertain and ever changing, it is important that we all support each other to help make our sport as strong as possible. When can clubs open? Can they remain open? Will the governor change the dates and the protocols and will we be able to be prepared? These are all questions that we are struggling with. Many clubs are talking about only competing locally this year. There is much uncertainty about how and if meets will still be able to be held, especially with spectators and social distancing. These are all questions which only our governing officials will be able to answer. Try to remain calm and focused on what is best for the athletes, our clubs and the health and well being of everyone involved. If we focus on these ideals, we will be better able to handle any of the changes which occur.

NY Gymnastics has a new updated website that is very user friendly. A special thank you to Barry Coss for the great work that he has done with the website. The dates and sites of the state championships are still being worked on because several of the venues are colleges and their availability is constantly changing due to the pandemic. Given that there are so many unknowns at this time, we still need to plan for a season as in years past, while understanding that adjustments may need to be made based upon any changing state and local guidelines. I will keep you posted on any updates as they occur.

In my house we have a picture that states "In the middle of crisis lies opportunity. It is the wise person who can find the opportunity in crisis". Gymnastics is a great sport and the coaches and officials are some of the strongest, smartest and most resilient people in the world. We will get through this together. Stay calm, stay focused and look for the opportunity. If there is anything that I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Larry Goldsmith
NY Gymnastics

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Thank You Tina Ferriola

Tina Ferriola has been the NYS Chairman for the past 6 years. She has done a fantastic job and has helped to mold our gymnastics community with her professionalism, fairness, hard work and knowledge of the sport. Let's take a look at her successful career.

Tina Ferriola is the founder and president of three successful gymnastics schools in New York City - NYC Elite Gymnastics. She is the Board Chair for the Athlete Assistance Fund. Tina is also the Board Chair for the not-for-profit National Gymnastics Foundation. She was our USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairman - NY 2014 - 2020. She was the USA Gymnastics Business Ambassador in 2018 and the USA Gymnastics - Club Services, Business Leader of the Year!

Tina and NYC Elite annually host the Manhattan Classic competition with over 3,300 gymnasts [since 2003]. Tina is the mother of 3 beautiful girls.

Thank you Tina for all of your dedication to the state of NY!



Senior Plaques

Each year our graduating seniors are honored at their state championships with a senior plaque. This year when the state meets were cancelled, the senior plaques were shipped to the gymnasts clubs. Due to COVID 19 and the closing of the gymnastic clubs, many of the plaques were returned after they were shipped. If your gymnast was a graduating senior this last competitive season, please contact the awards manufacturer (rich@tonymartinawards.com) and they will ship the plaques out to your club again.

There is a link on our new website where you can order your gymnasts senior plaque for the next competitive season. Go to events, go to state championships and click on the red line in the center of the screen for graduating seniors.



Qualifying for the 2020-2021 competitive season



Given the abrupt ending of last years season, athletes that are repeating the same level that they qualified to states in 2019-2020, can directly be entered into the 2021 State Meets. Athletes that are moving up a level since last season, must attain the State Qualification score in one sanctioned meet.

The Declaration date is February 1, 2020. This is the date when you can no longer drop back to compete at a lower level. Gymnasts may compete at a higher level up to this date. After Feb 1st, it will determine the level the athlete will be for the rest of the competitive season.

Master Compulsory Workshop Dates

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2021

Master Compulsory Workshop

Women's Program Levels 1-5

Atlantic City - June 4-6, 2021

Reno - June 11-13, 2021

Additional details coming soon...