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## Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Program

Illinois Awards Banquet May 20th Please visit website for more info

Erna Whachtel Scholarship Award Seniors please visit the Website regarding the Erna Whachtel Scholarship Award

Pro-members Renewal Pro-members; during the course of the year we have a few situations of coaches renewing their background check with insufficient time to get the green light for competition. Please do not expect to receive the Green light at the minimum of at least 10 DAYS. I would plan on at the minimum 2 weeks. So everybody as we get close to State Series CHECK your card for

- expiration of membership
- Expiration of Background Check **MUST HAVE GREEN LIGHT** (Later saying you paid applied does not meet the requirement)
- Expiration of Safety Course

It would be EXTREMELY difficult for all, meet director, committee member and you but most importantly **your ATHLETES**, if you were refused entry to the Competitive floor for lack of proper and up to date credentials. Please understand this is NOT what we would like to do but what **we have to do**. IF YOU FOLLOW these steps NOW you will not have the problem later.

Please also understand that due to New procedures in the USAG Membership on-line verification process CHECKING USAG NUMBERS AT STATE MEET CAN NOT BE DONE.

Bring your card with you if you have not already appeared on the State Entry Form

### Event Specialist

- Who is Eligible Level 8, 9, 10
- Must have competed in a regular USAG Sanction meet AS AN EVENT SPECIALIST
- Then must enter the State Meet as an Event Specialist

**Xcel** Illinois USAG is excited to announce the First ever **Xcel State Invite**. This meet will be held in conjunction with the Level 8, 9, 10 State Championship March 23-25. Exact competition date and time has not yet been set. Here are a few pieces of information

- Entry Fee \$40
- Entry Deadline same as Level 8, 9, 10
- No prior Xcel competition requirement,
- Must be **registered** USAG Xcel athlete

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**From:** USA Gymnastics

**Subject:** Secret U.S. Classic is coming to Chicago!



May 26, 2012 ★ Chicago, Illinois

## The Secret U.S. Classic is coming to Chicago!

For the third straight year, Chicago will host the final qualifying event for women's gymnastics for the Visa Championships, which determines which gymnasts advance to the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials - Gymnastics. Formerly known as the CoverGirl Classic, the Secret U.S. Classic, which features some of the USA's top female gymnasts, is scheduled for May 26 at the UIC Pavilion. The Junior women compete at 11:30 a.m. and the Senior women compete at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the [Secret U.S. Classic website](#).

Tickets will go on sale on March 3 at 12:00 p.m. CT, but USA Gymnastics Members can purchase tickets before the general public! The Secret U.S. Classic pre-sale starts at 10:00 a.m. on March 2 and ends 10:00 a.m. on March 3. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets and use the password: USAG.

Gym Clubs can also save on tickets by purchasing as a group! Gym Clubs can save up to \$20 on Full Day Packages which includes both the Junior and Senior competitions on May 26 and earn great incentives such as FREE tickets and FREE t-shirts. To order tickets, [click here](#) to download the form or use the attached form below.



# TICKET ORDER FORM

Ticket Packages	Public Price	Gym Club Price	Early Bird Price*	Quantity	Total
<b>Full Day Package (5/26)*</b>					
Gold Level Seating	\$60	\$50	\$40	x _____ = _____	
Silver Level Seating	\$50	\$40	\$30	x _____ = _____	
Bronze Level Seating	\$40	\$30	\$25	x _____ = _____	
<b>Junior Women's Session - 11:30 am</b>					
Gold Level Seating	\$30	\$25	\$20	x _____ = _____	
Silver Level Seating	\$25	\$20	\$17.50	x _____ = _____	
Bronze Level Seating	\$20	\$17.50	\$15	x _____ = _____	
<b>Senior Women's Session - 5:00 pm</b>					
Gold Level Seating	\$40	\$35	\$30	x _____ = _____	
Silver Level Seating	\$30	\$25	\$22.50	x _____ = _____	
Bronze Level Seating	\$25	\$22.50	\$20	x _____ = _____	

\*Full Day Package includes both Junior and Senior Women's sessions on May 26. All ticket prices include applicable facility fees.

**UIC Pavilion Seating Map**

Times indicate any seating section preference:

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Sub Total = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handling Fee + \$5 (1 per order)  
 Total Due = \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Schedule**  
\*Times subject to change

Secret U.S. Classic		
Junior Women's	Saturday, May 26	11:30 AM
Senior Women's	Saturday, May 26	5:00 PM

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check \* \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to the University of Illinois)

**VISA** USA Gymnastics is proud to accept Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders are placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats are on hold exclusively for Gym Clubs. Tickets are not refundable after purchase.

**\*Take Advantage of this Exclusive Early Bird Offer valid through April 15th!**

### REPLY TO:

**UIC Pavilion**  
 Attn: Lauren Finlon  
 525 S. Racine Ave.  
 Chicago, IL 60607  
 Phone: 312.413.5770  
 Fax: 312.413.5774  
[Lfinlo2@uic.edu](mailto:Lfinlo2@uic.edu)

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**Enter Gym Club Name Here:**

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(Important for tracking your Gym's orders)

**USA Gymnastics:**  
[Tickets@usa-gymnastics.org](mailto:Tickets@usa-gymnastics.org) or 312.227.5050

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State series information

### Open Championship

**Illinois USA Gymnastics** will once again send the winning Combined Team for Level 4,5,6,7. If the winning team declines we will drop down to 2nd and then to 3rd if needed. Illinois USAG will supply a State leotard for the top athletes and their Entry Fee to the competition. If a team chooses to bring more athletes they may do so at their expense both entry and Leotard Please See website for more information (will be posted at a later date)

### Region 5

#### 2012 USA Gymnastics OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS at ESPN Wide World of Sports/Disney (Orlando, Florida)

USA Gymnastics is hosting the second annual nationwide invitational for Women's Levels 4-8 and Xcel. New this year, there will be a Level 8 team event for the finale of the Open Championships called **USA Gymnastics Level 8 National Team Challenge**. The competition will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012. Each region will bring 8 gymnasts. 5 scores will count for team score. The format of the meet is modified capital cup.

#### The criteria for Region 5 is as follows:

- 1.) Region 5 will invite the top 8 all-around gymnasts (regardless of the age group) from the 2012 Level 8 Regional Championships to participate.
- 2.) If one or more of the top 8 all-around gymnasts decline, the invitation would be offered to the next athlete with the next highest all-around score.
- 3.) Region 5 will pay for each gymnast's registration fee into the competition.
- 4.) Each gymnasts will receive a Region 5 leotard which is to be worn during competition.
- 5.) Each gymnast's coach(es) will receive a Region 5 t-shirt to wear during the competition. If there is a training day, the designated coach(es) will receive a second t-shirt.
- 6.) Each athlete/coach will be responsible for their own transportation and lodging.

Business USAG

<http://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/12sanctionpolicy.pdf>

Be prepared for the Olympic boom!

12/05/2011

[\[http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/images/post\\_images/4089.jpg\]](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/images/post_images/4089.jpg)

As we head into the 2012 Olympic Games in London, USA Gymnastics is providing Member Clubs with various marketing tools to assist in your grassroots marketing effort. USA Gymnastics goal is that all clubs will utilize these resources to help market their program and grow our sport. Working together and building our base will help everyone succeed. So how do club owners and coaches prepare for the 2012 Olympic Boom? Below are a few simple ways USA Gymnastics can help your club:

1. BANNERS – AVAILABLE NOW! Four 3x6 foot banners are available now for just \$250, including shipping! These banners use the 2008 'Life Needs Balance' and 'Life Needs Strength' and the 2010 'Life Needs Agility' and 'Life Needs Confidence' imagery and include enough white space for clubs to add their own contact information, logos and social media links. Click here<[http://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Member%20Club%20Site/banners\\_oct11.pdf](http://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Member%20Club%20Site/banners_oct11.pdf)>; to place your order today!

2. FREE PRINT ADS – DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX MID-DECEMBER! USA Gymnastics has free print ads available online which you are welcome to customize and use in your club marketing efforts. All you need to do is add your contact information to personalize your message. If you would like hard copies of the print ads, click cheryhere<<http://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/11SpringBreakInsert.pdf>>; to place your order, for a small fee.

3. FREE COMMERCIALS FOR YOUR WEBSITE – DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX MID-DECEMBER. As a USA Gymnastics Member Club, you will have access to two 30-second commercials produced by our national advertising agency. These spots teach parents everything their child can learn from Gymnastics – specifically confidence and agility. These commercials are easy to embed on your website or post on your social media outlets. Commercials will be delivered to you via email mid-December.

4. COMMERCIALS FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION – AVAILABLE JANUARY 10, 2012. Want to support our sport even more? Air high-definition commercials on national television during the Olympic Year. Member Clubs also have the option of purchasing one version of the commercial for \$100 or both versions for \$150 to air on local stations or as an advertisement in a local movie theater or other venue. The ad will allow clubs to easily add its own logo and information at its conclusion.

Norbert Bendixen  
As always have a "Happy Handstand"  
Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairman