

**Subject: Important! - New USA Gymnastics Sanctions Policy**

**Please give this information wide distribution within your areas.**

Please carefully read the following information on new Board of Director approved policies regarding the hosting of USA Gymnastics sanctioned events.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Men's Program or Membership at USA Gymnastics.

Thank you,



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TO: USA Gymnastics Committee Members  
FROM: Cheryl Jarrett, vice president of member services  
Erica Koven, director of member services  
RE: New USA Gymnastics Sanctioning Policy

USA Gymnastics is committed to promoting a safe environment for its members, participants, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff in all of the gymnastics disciplines.

Consistent with this commitment, USA Gymnastics is instituting a new sanction policy to ensure that all meet directors, as well as the club(s), independent organization(s), and/or committee(s) they represent, adhere to the USA Gymnastics Standard of Care policy and procedures.

**Effective January 2012**, the following criteria will be required to be a meet director and/or host a USA Gymnastics-sanctioned event or activity:

- Club(s), Independent organization(s), and/or committee(s) must be a registered business\* or member club to sanction events.
- A meet director must be a current professional member in good standing and must be affiliated with a registered business\* or member club to sanction events.
- USA Gymnastics-related activities – TOPS testing, Future Stars, Jump Start, camps, clinics, educational courses, etc. – can only be hosted by a USA Gymnastics registered business\* or member club.
- USA Gymnastics National/Regional/State Committees may only award meets to clubs, independent meet director(s) and/or organization(s) that are registered businesses\* or member clubs.

In addition, any organization that was awarded a 2012 event sanction prior to this policy change is required to comply with the new policy. Failure to comply with the new sanction policy will result in the sanction becoming null and void.

Please click [here](#) to view the USA Gymnastics Standard of Care.

**USA Gymnastics Tiers of Affiliation**

**Registered Business\*** – *Clubs and organizations may begin to apply online to be a Registered Business on Monday, November 14, 2011.*

- MUST sign and adhere to the USA Gymnastics Standard of Care agreement
- Has the ability to host sanctioned events
- **Pays no additional fees**

**Member Club** - *Current Member Clubs are in compliance with the new sanctioning policy. No further action required.*

- MUST sign and adhere to the USA Gymnastics Standard of Care agreement
- Has ability to host sanctioned events
- Pays Member Club fee
- Receives additional marketing/educational benefits

**Non-Member Club (non-registered business)**

- Has not signed USA Gymnastics Standard of Care agreement
- Does **NOT** have the ability to host sanctioned events
- May register athletes and have them compete in sanctioned event