



# 2018/2019 ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Paper Application Check or Money Order Payments ONLY.  
Membership will expire July 31, 2019.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

All fields marked \* are REQUIRED.

Parent/Guardian: \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian: Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Email \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## ATHLETE INFORMATION

Athlete: \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete: Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nickname will be provided to meet directors in place of first name for use at competitions.*  
\*Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
*If same as parent/guardian write SAME.*  
\*Email \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Citizen:  Yes  No, please provide name of country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Race:  African American  American Indian  Asian  Caucasian  Hispanic  Pacific Islander  Two or More Races  choose not to respond  
*Submission of this information is completely voluntary. Data collected is provided annually to the United States Olympic Committee to strengthen diversity among all Olympic sports.*

## MEMBER CLUB INFORMATION

\*Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Club Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Write the level(s) that apply on the line provided under the discipline

Women's Artistic Level/Xcel Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Artistic Level/Xcel Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rhythmic Level/Xcel Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check box if a Trampoline & Tumbling gymnast  Check box if an Acrobatic Gymnast  Check box if a GfA Gymnast

## SAFE SPORT INFORMATION

Athlete safety and well-being are USA Gymnastics' highest priority, and the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy is one of the most powerful tools the organization has for athlete protection

As the parents and guardians of a minor who is member of USA Gymnastics as an athlete or a junior professional/instructor, you need to be fully aware of the Safe Sport Policy, its mandates and member requirements, as well as understand the roles each of us have in athlete safety.

### 1. The Safe Sport Policy and what it means for your child.

The Safe Sport Policy requires mandatory reporting, defines six types of misconduct, sets standards to prohibit grooming behavior and prevent inappropriate interaction, and establishes greater accountability.

### 2. What is now required of your gym in protecting your child.

Your gym must have a policy consistent with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy and include, at a minimum, a description of conduct that will not be tolerated; Proactive Policies; and a process for receiving and handling complaints regarding conduct violations.

Additionally, a member club is not permitted to hire or associate with anyone on the USA Gymnastics Permanently Ineligible for Membership List or a state sex-offender registry.

### 3. What you, as a parent or guardian, can do in protecting your child.

Accountability is key for USA Gymnastics' safe sport efforts to make a difference. It is appropriate and important for parents to ask essential child protection questions.

**Please ask** your gym about its policies and become familiar with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy's Proactive Policies to make certain the gym and its staff are complying.

**Please review** the Proactive Policies with your child so he/she understands the requirements in place at the gym and/or for his/her coach.

And lastly, **please talk** to your children about the six categories of misconduct (sexual, physical and verbal/emotional abuse, bullying, hazing and harassment) and the prohibited behavior addressed in the Proactive Policies. Let them know they are empowered, and encouraged, to speak up should any of the six types of misconduct or prohibited behaviors be directed at them or others.

USA Gymnastics is committed to building a culture of empowerment that encourages our athletes to speak up, especially about difficult topics, and promotes a safe, positive training environment. We need you, along with the entire gymnastics community, to work with us to make gymnastics stronger, safer and more empowered.

### Make A Report

**If child abuse is occurring**, call 911 immediately. If you suspect or know of child abuse, call local police and child services. Once reported to law enforcement, report it to the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

**To report sexual misconduct:** If you suspect or have knowledge of sexual misconduct, contact the U.S. Center for SafeSport immediately.  
Online: [safesport.org/report-a-concern](http://safesport.org/report-a-concern). By phone: 720.524.5640.

**To report non-sexual misconduct to USA Gymnastics:** Report all forms of safe sport non-sexual misconduct (physical misconduct; verbal/emotional misconduct; bullying; hazing; and harassment) to USA Gymnastics. Online: [usagym.org/safesport](http://usagym.org/safesport) Hotline: 833.844.SAFE (7233) Email: [safesport@usagym.org](mailto:safesport@usagym.org)

*USA Gymnastics mandates that all members follow state and federal laws governing reporting of child abuse. If you are 18 years of age or older and are subject to USA Gymnastics Safe Sport policy, you are required to report all instances of possible child abuse or neglect to law enforcement and state child services.*

Parent/Guardian initial here to acknowledge that you have received and read the information the above regarding understanding the USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport Policy.

## MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Membership Agreement relates to specific types of membership and are intended to be read in conjunction and as a supplement to, while not replacing but only amending where applicable, the Terms and Conditions governing use and access to [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org). This Agreement creates a legally binding agreement between you and USA Gymnastics ("USA Gym," "we," or "us"). As used in this Agreement, the words "you", "your" or "user" are synonymous and refer to the person using the site or services.

In consideration of your child's membership in the United States Gymnastics Federation ("USA Gymnastics"), the membership is being obtained by the parent or legal guardian of an individual under the age of 18 (a minor) because of your child's desire to participate in USA Gymnastics-sanctioned, -sponsored, or other events, you agree to this Membership Agreement ("Agreement"):

### GENERAL AGREEMENT

Membership in USA Gymnastics is a privilege and may be withheld, suspended or terminated based upon policies and standards approved by the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors.

You agree that as the parent/guardian of a member of USA Gymnastics, you have read, understand and agree your child will abide by and be bound to the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policies as well as the Code of Ethical Conduct. You also agree that all safe sport rules, policies and procedures whether published by USA Gymnastics or the U.S. Center for SafeSport ("Center"), as well as all applicable criminal codes, govern your child's conduct. You specifically acknowledge that your child is subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and you agree that any sanctions imposed by the Center or USA Gymnastics may extend to your child's participation in all National Governing Body events or other activities; sanctions may be posted on our website or in other public forums and may include information describing the misconduct at issue.

### USA GYMNASTICS POLICIES

You agree that you will become familiar with all applicable policies insofar as those policies apply to your child or his/her membership with USA Gymnastics. These include, but are not limited to: rules of competition, safe sport and related U.S. Center for SafeSport policies, handbooks and regulations, anti-doping rules and policies, and any other rules and policies as may be amended from time to time. You also agree if we inform you that as condition of membership your child is required to obtain additional training or other information related to certain designated subjects, he/she will do so in a timely fashion.

### READINESS TO COMPETE

You agree that your child will only participate in those USA Gymnastics competitions for which you believe he/she is physically and psychologically prepared to compete. Prior to participation in any USA Gymnastics-sponsored, -sanctioned or other event(s), you agree your child will have sufficiently and proficiently practiced his/her exercises and agree to only perform those exercises which he/she has accomplished to a degree of confidence necessary to assure that he/she can perform them by his/herself, appropriately and without unreasonable risk of injury.

### MEDICAL ATTENTION

You give your consent to USA Gymnastics, its employees, agents or other authorized personnel, to include but not limited to the Host Organization of any USA Gymnastics-sponsored, -sanctioned or other event, to provide through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical or athletic training attention, transportation and emergency medical services as required in the course of your child's participation in USA Gymnastics-sponsored, -sanctioned or other events. You acknowledge and understand that USA Gymnastics is neither a medical provider as that term is defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (110 Stat. 1936 et seq.), nor holds itself out as a provider of medical services.

### WAIVER AND INDEMNITY

For USA Gymnastics, the entire and exclusive liability of USA Gymnastics shall be as stated in the USA Gymnastics bylaws and other policies, including these and any other applicable terms. You agree not to hold USA Gymnastics liable for any loss or damage incurred as a result of your membership. Your exclusive remedy shall be as set forth in these terms.

You further acknowledge and affirm that you are fully aware of, and appreciate the risks inherent in the sport of gymnastics. Such risks may include but are not limited to catastrophic injury, paralysis and death.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, in no event shall USA Gymnastics (including its officers, directors, employees and agents), or any hosting organization be liable to you for any loss, damage or injury of any kind including any direct, indirect, special, incidental, exemplary, consequential or punitive losses or damages, or damages arising out of or in connection with your membership or participation in a USA Gymnastics sponsored, sanctioned or other event.

Your acceptance of these terms is your release of USA Gymnastics (including its officers, directors, employees and agents), and/or any hosting organization, from any claims, losses or damages arising from or in any way connected with your participation at an event, including claims, losses or damages arising from or occurring as a result of the negligence of any party with the exception of claims based upon the intentional or reckless conduct of any party.

The foregoing does not affect any liability which cannot be excluded or limited under applicable law.

USA Gymnastics reserves the right to investigate and prosecute any suspected breaches of these Additional Terms. USA Gymnastics may disclose any information as necessary to satisfy any law, regulation, legal process or governmental request.

As parent or legal guardian of this athlete, I hereby verify by my signature below that I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT and provide ACCEPTANCE OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

\*Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Athlete Member Benefit

Athlete members receive a variety of benefits which include the membership card, the right to compete in USA Gymnastics sanctioned events, and secondary insurance coverage when participating in USA Gymnastics sanctioned competitions.

### Athlete Membership Payment Details

The athlete membership is valid for one competitive season, August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. The non-refundable/non-transferable membership fee is \$59.00 when using the check or money order payment option.

**Return completed form and payment to:** USA Gymnastics, 130 E. Washington St. Ste. 700, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attention: Member Services

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Member Services Department at 800.345.4719 or [membership@usagym.org](mailto:membership@usagym.org) with any questions or concerns.