

LOUISIANA NEWSLETTER

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SEND VIA EMAIL ANY NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR GYMNASTICS COMMUNITY.

THINGS TO DO

- Updating and checking email.
- Check all equipment and update emergency action plans.
- Coaches' education programs.
- Register early for the most important congress yet!
- Have fun in the sun!

LOUISIANA BOYS- JUDGES- CODE OF POINTS

Well its summer time and we all know what that means. Vacations, summer camps, fireworks, and no school for two and a half months. Now we can get the boys and girls into the gym early for summer training.

This is the time of the year for high quantity of skills and strength training. They will need it, as everyone is trying to get ahead so they can claim a higher podium position this year.

Congratulations to all boys and coaches that successfully competed at state meet. Special congrats to the boys that qualified to regional and national championships. Another special thanks goes to the Louisiana judges who performed as

professionals under a cloud of last second unfortunate events. Without the judges hard work and commitment, there would have been no competition.

A very, very special congratulations to Richard Pearson, Ben Gonsoulin, and Garrett Carr for earning college scholarships for both their academic and athletic success. Good luck to these young men and there future endeavors.

NEW CODE OF POINTS IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Just kidding! The code is near completion. You can almost stop biting your nails! You should continue using last years rules until an official announcement from the FIG and USAG. Do your best to prepare

your optional gymnasts for anything.



VITALLY IMPORTANT CLUB AND COACHES INFORMATION

All communication between the state director and clubs will be moved to email only! Email is the current way to send information fast and inexpensively. I am mandating that all clubs and coaches update their email addresses as it will be the only way to receive information from the state. I will not send out any

hard copies of information. I have already sent one email concerning the states website that required a response. I have received no response to date. It is time for clubs and coaches to step up to the plate and be concerned with the state's problems. If the state has a problem, we ALL have a prob-

lem. The responsibility is ours to do WHATEVER IT TAKES to remedy any situation that arises. The state's largest problem now is that we need a website yesterday. (check your email)

JUDGES WORKSHOP UPDATE

Sorry for the delay in registration information. Here it is!

June 18 Floor & Pommels

July 16 Rings & Vault

August 13 P-Bars / H-Bar

To complete registration send check or money order to Hashim written to La. Men's Gymnastics in the amount of \$150. Deadline for entries is June 16.

The first workshop will be

held at Technique. I am willing to have the second and third workshop sessions at your gym. Otherwise, they will be at Technique Gymnastics.

** Remember the workshop is specially designed for parents and coaches. It will be a great pretest review for current judges.

All information will cover current compulsory and code

of point information.

** Remember the benefits of the course. If you learn the information well, you will have the opportunity to become a judge. If you pass the test and judge Louisiana meets, your son's entry fee will be waived for all state-wide competitions.

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THE GREAT GESTALT GYM-HOP

What does this mean? It is just a fancy name for bringing together gym boys and coaches to train during a weekend at each others gyms during the summertime to strengthen community relations. I already know of a few coaches who love the idea. I would like to here from gyms that would like to host the first gym-hop. I think this is an awesome opportunity to enjoy the company of

the states best gymnasts and at the same time pick the brains of coaches for tips and tricks of the trade.

Let's start something that can strengthen the fun and competitive spirit of our boys gymnastics program. Many of us have only a few boys in the gym and could use the change in atmosphere to fuel better performances.

FYI: Gestalt- a term that

describes the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Example:

The whole is different from the sum of the parts.



Get the idea? Bringing our boys and coaches together has the ability to build a larger, stronger, more beneficial community.

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2005- 2006 STATE CLINIC

I would like to add something this year to who and what the state clinic benefits. Chuck McLallen had the best idea to date offering monetary compensation to visiting coaches that brought boys. I would simply like to bring in a clinician who is known for his enthusiastic and motivational attitude. We need a clinician

who not only is nationally accredited but has an abundance of personality and passion for the sport. I am hoping with everyone's support we can bring in Steve Butcher of Mission Valley YMCA Gymnastics in California. I have met with Steve many times and he never fails to creatively motivate

any person to action. Not only will the boys benefit from such a knowledgeable coach, but the coaches will benefit in seeing another type of successful coaching personality.

Steve Butcher is a USAG Jr. National Team Coach , Brevet Judge, and is the head coach of one of California's largest boys' programs. Steve was the junior coach of 1996 Olympian John McCready. He has judged and coached at competitions in Europe, Africa, South America, and North America. He is the secretary for the USA Gymnastics Men's Program Committee and a member of the Men's Technical Committee for the Pan American Gymnastics Union.