



MEN'S ARTISTIC

MISSION

1. To offer a competitive men's artistic gymnastics program for athletes with special needs
2. To grow the sport of artistic gymnastics by creating a program that integrates athletes with special needs into mainstream events

PHILOSOPHY

The HUGS Artistic program allows athletes with special needs the opportunity to compete in an official USAGymnastics setting.

The HUGS Artistic program allows an option for athletes to participate alongside typical gymnasts. The expectations are that the fundamentals of the sport are to be taught and performed, and will be evaluated with the technical standards of artistic gymnastics.

BASIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

- Athletes must have a current USAGymnastics Introductory membership.
- Coaches must be USAGymnastics professional members.
- HUGS competition can be included in any session of USAGymnastics sanctioned meets.
- The Rules are designed so that athletes can compete using the current routines and requirements of Special Olympics Artistic Gymnastics.
- At any level, athletes may perform the Special Olympics routines or optional choreography.
- Athletes may participate in All-Around, or specialize in 1-5 events.

PARTICIPATION LEVELS

HUGS Artistic will include 2 levels of competition. Routine requirements, allowable skills, and judge's guidelines are listed in separate documents.

- HERO
- SUPER HERO

AWARDS

Awards will follow USAGymnastics guidelines. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Meet Director.