



# 2018/2019 INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For instructors 18 years and older

Paper Application – Check or money order payment only  
Membership will expire July 31, 2019.

## INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

All fields marked \* are REQUIRED.

\*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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.

### What the Safe Sport Policy means to professional and instructor members.

1. You are required to report a reasonable suspicion or knowledge of child abuse. The policy clearly spells out how and where to report abuse and policy violations, and the information is easily available at [usagym.org/safesport](http://usagym.org/safesport).
2. The Safe Sport Policy prohibits "grooming" tactics, boundary violations and other inappropriate behavior in the Proactive Policies.
3. Gyms must have and enforce their own policies that incorporate the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy.

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.

### What's next?

Accountability is key for USA Gymnastics' safe sport efforts to make a difference. Professional and instructor members need to read and understand the Safe Sport Policy, especially the Proactive Policies. This is not only to be aware of what is required of members, but also to assist in recognizing behavior that is not consistent with the policy. By working together, we can protect our athletes.

Safe sport information and updates are included in Member Services emails and available on the website, [usagym.org/safesport](http://usagym.org/safesport).

### 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.

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 ("Agreement") relate 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 membership in the United States Gymnastics Federation ("USA Gymnastics"), and your desire to participate in USA Gymnastics-sanctioned, -sponsored, or other events, you agree to this 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 a member of USA Gymnastics you have read, understand and agree to 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 conduct. You specifically acknowledge that you are 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 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 you or your 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 you are required to obtain additional training or other information related to certain designated subjects, you will do so in a timely fashion.

### REQUIREMENTS

You agree that as a condition of your membership you will successfully complete the designated safe sport course requirements and a criminal background screening through the National Center for Safety Initiatives. (Background checks from other organizations may not be applied.)

You understand that if these requirements of membership are not met, your membership will be placed in a pending, not-yet-valid status. In a pending status, you will not be permitted to participate in any USA Gymnastics sponsored, sanctioned or other activity.

### 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.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND BY SIGNING BELOW YOU WILL INDICATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructor Membership Benefits

Instructor membership is intended for persons who teach recreational, preschool, and/or pre-competitive gymnastics. Instructor members receive a variety of benefits which include, seasonal discounts on apparel and merchandise sold through USA Gymnastics and complimentary course access to the U100 Fundamentals of Gymnastics Instruction Course and U103 USA Gymnastics Fitness Course.

### Instructor Membership Payment Details

The Instructor membership is valid for one competitive season, August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. The non-refundable/non-transferable membership fee is \$15.00.

**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.