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Dear Washington Professional Members,

We have all received a lot of information the last couple of days regarding the future of USA Gymnastics. Concerns have been raised regarding the funds in the state and regional accounts. We have been assured that we can run as we normally would. Further any decision that is eventually made by the USOC will not impact state and regional funds.

We have also been informed that all sanctions, member benefits, club memberships etc. are still in place. Existing sanctions are still valid and new ones are being issued. Competitions will continue as planned, including the Junior Olympic National and East/West Championships, as planned.

Email List: The email list for this newsletter was generated from the current professional membership list at the time of the newsletter, from the USA website. If you want to change an email address, please do so on the USA website under your profile. To ensure that all Washington Professional Members are receiving updates and information, please encourage all the coaches in your club to renew their memberships, if they have not done so already. Finally, if any Washington Professional Members are not receiving this newsletter, please ask them to verify their email address at USA Gymnastics, as several emails are coming back as undeliverable.

Fall State (Compulsory and Xcel): Fall season is underway for both our Compulsory and Xcel gymnasts. There seemed to be a little confusion as if Xcel was hosting a Fall State Championship, I am assured by our Fall State meet hosts that they are planning on hosting Xcel as well as Compulsories. The Meet Reservation is available on the USA Website, so please register your gymnasts as soon as they qualify, so our meet host has up-to-date information on who is planning on attending the Fall Championships.

Reporting Meet Scores: Meet hosts in the State of Washington are required to send a copy of the sanction as well as the meet results to the State Chair. Results must be postmarked within seventy-two hours after the conclusion of the meet. Results should have a separate list for each level, not all levels combined.

Coaches: Please send the following information for *all new qualifiers* in an excel spreadsheet with the gymnasts first name, last name, club, level, meet name and score achieved. If you plan to use out of state meets for qualification purposes, you must send the meet results to the State Chair.

Results and new qualifiers can be emailed to susriley@hotmail.com or mailed to Susan Riley 3616 South Rd #B3 Mukilteo, WA 98275.

2019 Level 9 Western Championships will be held in Spokane, Washington, May 10-12, at the Spokane Convention Center, hosted by the Spokane Sports Commission.

2019 Jr. Olympic National Championships will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 18-19, at the Indiana Convention Center.

2019 Washington State Clinic will be held at Emerald City Gymnastics, July 26-28.

2019 National Congress will be held in Kansas City, Missouri August 8-11 at the City Convention Center, in conjunction with the U.S. Gymnastics Championships. Registration will open soon.

State Administrative Committee Budget: The State Administrative Committee Budget is still being constructed using the last four years expenses as a guideline. It is taking longer than expected since there was not a previous budget to base estimations from. The goal is to have as much money go to benefit the athletes and coaches as possible. One key element that determines the coming years budget will be the income generated. Last year, the committee decided to provide the state clinic free to our members. This cost the state approximately \$15,000.00. The main expenses were the honorariums, travel and hotel for clinicians. The result is moving forward our starting balance sheet is approximately \$20,000.

Communication and Social Media: We will continue to send out all information via email as it is our primary source of communication. An “official” Facebook page entitled ‘USA Gymnastics Washington’ has been started. All Professional Members should have received an email invitation. If you did not and would like to be apart of the official Facebook Group, please send a request from the page itself. Once again, everything “official” will be sent out via email and you do not need to be a member of the Facebook page to get the information.

State Administrative Committee Contacts: At our meeting on October 29, it was reported that the Sectional Representatives received very little feedback on topics that were to be discussed in our meeting. Please understand we want to hear from you. Communication is key in us working together for the betterment of gymnastics in our state.

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Good luck this season, please do not hesitate to contact me or your representatives with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Riley
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State Administrative Committee Chair