



PRESIDENTIAL CLASSIC COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Do you accept a deposit to hold our spots in the meet?

A: Registration must be paid in full to secure spots, as we anticipate the event will fill to capacity and a wait list will form. Registering before the Early Entry Deadline (September 25, 2019) is strongly advised. In addition, you will be taking advantage of the reduced pricing.

Q: Who should I contact if I am having trouble with the USA Competitions online registration process?

A: Email Lindsay Gallego at lindsay@usacompetitions.com for any challenges concerning online registration

Q: How do I change a meet entry (scratch, substitution, level change, spelling or birth date change) after it has been processed through the USA Competitions online registration system?

A: Email any/all competition roster changes directly to Sharyn@usacompetitions.com . Any changes made (to your roster in the USAC online registration system, or to the USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation System) after you have submitted a meet entry must be communicated directly to the Meet Director.

After Wed., January 14, 2020, pre-event roster changes will no longer be processed. Substitutions will no longer be accepted. No further entries will be processed, and scratches should be reported at the coaches meeting on site.

Interested in adding an athlete after January 14th? Contact Sharyn@usacompetitions.com to inquire if there is availability to add the athlete on event day, at the competition venue.

Q: Must a visiting foreign club have a USA Gymnastics membership number before registering for the competition?

A: A foreign club may register athletes for the competition before applying for USA Gymnastics membership. However, the membership should be applied for immediately after, to guarantee that you (and the Meet Director) receive the **required** member numbers well before the competition date. Here is a link to the membership application:

https://usagym.org/PDFs/Forms/Member%20Services/Membership/foreignathlete_coach_judge.pdf The cost per athlete/coach is \$50.00. Follow instructions on the form for submission to USA Gymnastics. Do Not send the form to the Meet Director.

Q: When will our club receive a refund for scratched/injured athletes?

A: Refunds are issued after the January 14, 2020 injury scratch deadline for the competition passes. This is done because additional changes to your roster before a deadline may affect the amount of refund to be issued to your club.

Q: If our club has a refund pending, may we apply that amount towards an addition to our meet roster? How is that done?

A: Yes, a credit balance (pending refund) may be applied toward a new entry. This is done (before January 14) by emailing Sharyn@usacompetitions.com directly, rather than registering the new athlete via the online registration system.

Q: Do you have an idea of the Presidential Classic schedule (what days levels compete)?

A: Men compete on Friday & Saturday only. Women compete Friday through Monday.

Women: Level 10's may begin on Friday and will compete all day Saturday. Level 9's compete on Friday & Saturday. Levels 7 and 8 compete Friday through Sunday.

For Levels 1-6 and Xcel, we can only predict what is most likely. We are unable to 100% guarantee the schedule until the December 20, 2019 release date for the Presidential Classic. Levels 1-4 will likely compete on Sunday/Monday. Levels 5 and 6 will compete somewhere between Fri-Sun. Xcel levels compete on Sunday & Monday.

Coaches may email Sharyn@usacompetitions.com with schedule requests/preferences. We make every attempt to honor requests wherever the schedule permits

Q: How does Team competition work? Is it required?

A: Team competition is voluntary and awarded by level every session. To enter the Team competition, you must have a minimum of 3 athletes at the level you wish to enter. Top five teams are awarded.

Q: How do you divide the athletes for awards?

A: On competition day (after scratches), athletes in each session are divided by birth dates into small awards groups within their level. On individual events, 50% + 1 places are awarded. In the All Around, 100% of the athletes are awarded.

Q: How is the event weekend final schedule & information communicated to clubs?

A: The event weekend finalized information and schedule link will be posted December 20, 2019 on the Presidential Classic page at www.presidentialclassic.com. A notice of the posting will be emailed to participating clubs. Athlete rosters will be individually emailed to clubs after the Christmas holiday, once all USA Gym memberships have been verified.

Q: What is the cost for Spectator Admission? Do my athletes/coaches also have to pay admission?

A: Spectator Admission to the Presidential Classic is a special event ticket at the ESPN Wide World of Sports. Spectator admission may be advanced purchased via Disney Sports Reservations links on the Presidential Classic website or purchased throughout the weekend at the competition venue.

DAILY ADMISSION ADULT \$32.50 LENGTH OF EVENT \$52.50

DAILY ADMISSION CHILD (3-9) \$18.50 LENGTH OF EVENT \$31.00

Registered athletes and participating coaches (with verifiable USA Gymnastics Pro Membership) will receive credentials which will give them access to the venue throughout the entire event.

Q: Athlete & Coach Waivers & Check-In Procedures; Can a club coach or representative submit all waivers at Check In and pick up all credentials without the athlete(s) being present?

A: NO. Athletes & Coaches must individually submit a signed waiver, pick up their credentials (and athlete gift) at the ESPN WWS competition venue. This can be done any time/day prior to their competitive session. We encourage you to check in early, if your travel schedule permits. Athlete/Coach Check In will be open on Thursday from 2:00pm – 7:00pm and each day of the event, beginning at 6:45am. ***Be sure to take a picture of the back of the credential with your cell phone. If the credential is lost, you will be able to replace it at the ticket counter if you provide a photo of the lost credential.***

Q: Do we need to send our attending coaches names and USA Pro Member numbers in advance, to get them on the Coaches Check-In list for credentials?

A: Yes, please do email coaches pro member information for your club to Sharyn@usacompetitions.com . Even if you listed your coaches on the meet registration form, it is always good to double check they are included in advance of the event. Coaches without verifiable Pro member status will be allowed entry via spectator admission and will not have access to the competition floor.

Q: What do you provide for Coaches Hospitality?

A: Grab & Go snacks, coffee and water will be provided throughout the event. Disney issued dining cards for dining at coaches' convenience, will be distributed at the computer scoring table inside the competition venue *(with a club coach signature & ID)*. *Clubs will receive one \$15.00 dining card for every four athletes in attendance. Clubs with both girls and boys enrolled receive separate gift card allotments.*

Q: Is Disney bus service provided from the host hotels to the competition venue?

A: Complimentary Disney Bus Service is provided to customers staying at **Disney's All-Star Sports, Pop Century and Caribbean Beach Resorts**. It is not a direct route, so allow extra time! Bus service to ESPN is not available at Port Orleans or Animal Kingdom Lodge.

Q: Is there a local gym where our team can train before the event, or will the competition venue be available for pre-event workouts?

A: The ESPN Wide World of Sports facility is not available for pre-event training. We are unable to recommend a local Orlando club, as our event is so large (3600+), it would be an overwhelming imposition to the very few clubs within driving distance to the meet.

Q: Is there a fee for parking at the ESPN Wide World of Sports?

A: The general admission lots provide free parking. The lots are large and there will be numerous sporting events taking place throughout the weekend. Arrive early to allow additional time for the walk from the lot, through the admission gates to the competition venue. **Premium parking is available for a fee.**

Q: How long after a session ends do the awards ceremonies take place? Do we have to return for team awards?

A: Awards, both individual and team, take place within 15 minutes of the end of each session. There is no need to return to the awards area after the session ceremony is over.

Q: Will rotations sheets be available in advance of the meet and on event weekend?

A: Rotation sheets will be posted online the week prior to the competition at www.rotationsheets.com . The rotation sheets will show your team's starting event and squad each session. Coaches will determine the competition order of their athletes on each event, using cards that will be submitted to the judges.

Please download and print a copy of the rotation schedule or take a picture with your phone. A copy of the rotation schedule will be posted at the venue. *Printed copies will be available for coaches on the competition floor.*

Q: Will there be a professional photographer at the event?

A: ESPN Wide World of Sports' exclusive event photography is provided by Game Day Photos. A reservation is required, as they do not photograph all events. Here is their link to online reservation: <https://www.eventswithdisney.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x336884e93> .

No other professional photographers are allowed access to the competition floor.

Q: How soon should we book our hotel reservations?

A: ASAP!! The Disney host hotel and package information link is posted on our website at www.presidentialclassic.com . You may also call Disney Sports Reservations directly at [407-939-7810](tel:407-939-7810). Tell them you are participating in the Presidential Classic!

Group rates and packages are available at 5 Disney resorts on property: Disney's All-Star Sports Resort, Pop Century Resort, Caribbean Beach Resort, Port Orleans Resort and Animal Kingdom Lodge. Blocks will fill! Reserve now and make any necessary adjustments to your stay once the competition schedule is released on December 20th.

Credit card deposits are refundable if cancellations are made up to 15 days prior to your scheduled arrival date

If you plan to arrive early, between February 7th and February 12th, resort prices are even lower, and the rate applies to your entire length of stay!

Complimentary motor coach transportation to and from the Orlando International Airport is provided to guests staying on Disney property, via the Disney Magical Express. Advance reservation is required. Please inquire when making hotel reservations.