



## 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. Registering before the Early Entry Deadline (November 5, 2020) 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](mailto:lindsay@usacompetitions.com) or Shane Cummings at [Shane@usacompetitions.com](mailto:Shane@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: Changes made to your roster in the USA Competitions online registration system after you have submitted a meet entry are **not** forwarded to the Meet Director. Contact [Sharyn@usacompetitions.com](mailto:Sharyn@usacompetitions.com) directly with any roster changes

**After Tue., January 12, 2021, 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 12<sup>th</sup>? Contact [Sharyn@usacompetitions.com](mailto:Sharyn@usacompetitions.com) to inquire if there is availability to add the athlete on event day, at the competition venue.*

### Q: What is the refund policy if my athlete should need to scratch due to COVID (after the refund deadline)?

A: If an athlete should miss the competition due to COVID, a Doctor's note must be provided (pre-event weekend) to receive credit for fees paid. **The credit assigned to the specific athlete** may be applied towards a USA Competitions event in 2021-2022. The credit will expire on April 30, 2022

### 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](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 12, 2021 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 12) by emailing [Sharyn@usacompetitions.com](mailto: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.

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

For Levels 1-6 and Xcel, we cannot predict. December 20, 2020 is the release date for the Presidential Classic.

Coaches may email [Sharyn@usacompetitions.com](mailto: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 (*except Level 10/Open Women, which is awarded after the last level 10/Open 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, 2020 on the Presidential Classic page at [www.presidentialclassic.com](http://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 (once the pricing and link is provided to us by Disney). Tickets may also be purchased throughout the weekend at the competition venue.

***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 7:00am. ***\*\*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](mailto: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. ***Please provide all attending coaches' cell phone numbers and email addresses, so that we can directly communicate vital and pertinent event weekend procedures.***

**Q: What do you provide for Coaches Hospitality?**

**A:** Grab & Go snacks (individually wrapped) and bottled 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 \$10.00 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 other Disney properties.

**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, 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](http://www.rotationsheets.com) . The rotation sheets will show your team's starting event and squad each session. Coaches may determine the competition order of their athletes on each event.

Please download and print a copy of the rotation schedule or take a picture with your phone. *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:** We encourage you to make your reservations as soon as the Disney host hotel and package information link is posted on our website at [www.presidentialclassic.com](http://www.presidentialclassic.com) . You may also call Disney Sports Reservations directly at **407-939-7810** once the group reservation information is loaded into the system and open for booking. Tell them you are participating in the Presidential Classic!

***Group rates and packages will be available at multiple Disney resorts on property.*** Reserve early and make any necessary adjustments to your stay once the competition schedule is released on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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.