



November 17, 2010

To The Membership of NHSGA:

First I want to thank you all for being members for the 2009-2010 season and ask for your continued support. Please remember to renew your membership as soon as possible. Pat Simon is doing a great job of e-mailing confirmations back to those who have become members already this year. You can download the forms at [www.nationalhsga.com](http://www.nationalhsga.com). We are sending out this letter to all of those who were members last year, 2009-2010 and to those who are already members for this season. If you know someone who is a member and did not receive this letter please pass this on to them.

We held our 2010 Executive Board Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> and addressed many concerns and corrected some minor issues in our By-Laws. A couple of exciting things have happened. The biggest one, I think, is that we have obtained our tax exempt status, which means we will hopefully be able to offer the gymnasts more "perks" in time. The other exciting "issue" we discussed is having the state's that sponsor high school men's gymnastics join us at the Senior Showcase Invitational. We are still waiting to hear from one states confirmation before we make our final decision to see if this move is a cost effective move. Mike Martin has done an awesome job of working on bringing the men to the meet.

As most of you know the "Call for Nominations" is out there. If you know of anyone who was a member of the NSHGA last year and would like to run for an office please have them fill out a nomination form. Nominations are open from November 10, 2010- midnight December 10, 2010, Nominees will be posted on the website from Dec. 12-Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Voting will take place from December 20, 2010-January 20,<sup>th</sup> 2011 via postcard.

The 2011 Senior Showcase Invitational will once again be held in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. It is a beautiful location with a beautiful beach. We will be using a bigger gym this year due to the comments from our survey and the possibility of the men joining us this year. The dates are May 19<sup>th</sup> for the practice, 20<sup>th</sup> for the prelims/team competition and the 21<sup>st</sup> for the finals.

We will also be enforcing a **strict late fee policy for ANY forms that are NOT turned in on time**. So if you have late gymnasts, you need to have them "fork over" the late fee. Better yet, give them a deadline way ahead of when it is really due and save everyone some money. Also, coaches who are joining the NHSGA at the time of SSI need to send their membership forms and dues to Pat Simon.

Another tid bit of information, we are working on getting the last two seasons of the All American Athletes and All American Academic Gymnasts turned into an online calendar and online yearbook. To make this a palatable document I would like to obtain photos of the gymnasts from the top 5 in each event. So coaches—please have your gymnasts send me a photo via e-mail and make sure they tell me what event they were elite on and what year they are sending it to me in regards to.

Have a great season and stay healthy.  
Happy Handstands,

Margie Canfield-NHSGA President and 2010 Executive Board Members

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (season) Applying For **2010-2011**

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE write clearly, e-mail address is important as we will try to send out most communications through e-mail.**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ USA Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ NFHS Judge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type Applying For:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Active Member:** Any adult who is currently coaching or judging women's high school gymnastics or has had a minimum of 5 years coaching/judging at the women's high school level is eligible to become a voting member.

**Professional Member:** Other professionals, who have a strong commitment, participate in and have an involvement in High School gymnastics may become professional members. This may include judges, certified officials, technicians and other individuals who have an area of expertise and are actively involved in High School gymnastics programs and activities. Votes for these members will be counted individually at ½ value of a vote of a Active Member.

**Associate Member:** Any person of integrity, working with or interested in gymnastics shall be eligible to become and associate member. Associate members shall have no voting rights in the corporation.

**Send completed form and your \$25.00 membership fee to:**

(\$20.00 membership through your state association of 15 or more members submitted at once)

**Patrick Simon, NHSGA Sec/Treasurer, 105 Wilcox Road, Milford, CT 06460**

**Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership is effective from August 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Membership enables a high school coach to:

-Vote in the NHSGA elections (membership application must be postmarked before April 1<sup>st</sup>) in order to participate in the election); submit their athletes and teams for All-American Honor and National Rankings; have a gymnast compete at the NHSGA Senior Showcase; coach a gymnast at the NHSGA Senior Showcase Invitational; receive periodic newsletters; attend and have a voice at the annual NHSGA meeting, receive yearly All American Calendars and Yearbooks (via pdf on line).

**Remember to write in the type of membership you are applying for.**

**Have you ever been denied membership from USA gymnastics? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**(Filling in your name acts as your legal signature)**

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