

15th Annual

Erie Gymnastics Center & Team Lightracing

PRESENTS

Stars & Stripes Invitational

CoEd

Jan. 15th - 18th
2016

USAG Sanctioned

**Mens & Womens
Levels 2 thru 10**

Also accepting Xcel Levels



Entry Fee:
\$95 / Gymnast if
received by Nov. 15th
\$100 / Gymnast after Nov.
16th

Team Competition
\$50 / Team— FREE if
entries are received by Nov.
15th

Highlights:

- ★ **Bring your entire team Men's & Women's**
- ★ **Beautiful New Facility with adjoining Sheraton Hotel**
- ★ **Awesome Award;**
- ★ **Electronic Scoring**
- ★ **Great Competition:** EGC borders Regions- 5, 6, 7 & Canada = Teams expected from NY / Ohio / PA / WV / MI / Canada
- ★ **2nd largest meet in Pennsylvania**
Over 1,600 Athletes / 50+ teams in 2015
- ★ **Host Hotel;**— Brand new Sheraton Hotel adjoining the Convention Center! With crosswalk over Presque Isle Bay. Plus Sister Hotels with Splash Lagoon Waterpark Packages & Millcreek Mall Shopping Areas
- ★ **"Main Event" Saturday Night featuring Highest Level Men's & Womens Teams and Athletes**
- ★ **Coaches Hospitality Party & Gifts**
- ★ **Largest US Flag in PA is the backdrop for this 9-11 tribute competition.**
- ★ **9/11 Admission FREE for Police / Fire / Rescue Workers (Please bring ID)**
- ★ **Less than 2 hours from Buffalo, Pittsburgh, & Cleveland**

Meet Site:

**Erie's Bayfront
Convention Center**

*(Still very close to Splash Lagoon
Water Park & Millcreek Mall)*

New This Year

- ★ Main Event (Saturday Night) to feature top Men's & Women's athletes.
- ★ Judges from PA, NY & OH.
- ★ Splash Lagoon Water Park Packages and Discounts for Gymnasts.

Meet Director:

Douglas Pershun
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Erie Gymnastics Center is pleased to extend this invitation to your gymnasts to compete in the **15th Annual 2016 STARS & STRIPES COED INVITATIONAL**. Join teams from throughout the Northeast in this fun and exciting competition. Last year we had over 1,500 competitors from 50+ teams. We turned many teams away because we filled the competition. This year again, we are expecting a full competition. Many gyms are excited that the Men's Teams were a great success last year and we are continuing grow and expand the Men's Team Competition. We expect to fill the competition, and if so, we may eliminate the lowest levels. Our goal is to attract the best teams to the competition. You should find an interesting competition in that we border 3 Gymnastics Regions and are in close proximity to many major cities. We always have a great array of excellent teams.

We again will be hosting the Stars & Stripes at the beautiful Bayfront Convention Center. It is right on Presque Isle Bay, and offers a beautiful backdrop for our event. There are also numerous things to do in the area in the Winter. We have Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park (Top 10 in the USA) which is a blast for everyone with numerous Water Slides, Wave Pool, Lazy River, Game Room, and a Tiki Bar for the Parents. We are also very close to the Millcreek Mall Shopping Complex which is huge because Pennsylvania does not charge sales tax on clothing, so the mall gets lots of traffic from out of state and Canada. We also have beautiful Presque Isle State Park located right by the Convention Center which attracts numerous people in the winter for its wildlife and ice pack dunes that build up as the lake freezes. We are also only 15 minutes away from Peak n Peak Ski Resort, offering Skiing, Snow Boarding, Tubing.... Adults can also visit our new Presque Isle Downs & Casino which is only minutes away.

This Meet originated in the dust & rubble of 9/11. It continues to pay tribute to the heroes of 9/11, specifically the men & women of the Fire, Rescue, Police, & Military. We honor & remember the heroic deeds of these men & women, and have continued admiration & support for those who still dedicate their lives to protect and serve us. Many members of these services are present at the competition to support gymnastics and celebrate with us. This year again, members of the Police, Fire, Rescue Services will be part of the event. All Parents who are Military, Fire, or Police are admitted free to the competition (ID required).

Each year we also pick a 'cause' for the event and donate a large sum of proceeds to various groups from Military, Police, & Fire organizations. Last year we donated over \$7,000.00 to the 'Pittsburgh Inn Care Packages for Soldiers Program' and helped send thousands of essentials & goodies to our troops overseas! We have not voted yet on this years group however we will search for a very worthy charity.

Thank you for taking an interest in our competition. We strive every year to improve our meet. Last year we expanded the competition and filled with 1,500 gymnasts, making us the 2nd largest competition in Pennsylvania. We are 2nd only to the Pink Invitation in Philadelphia, which is as well a worthy and well run competition. We support them every year as well!

We encourage you to bring your Men's & Women's Level 9's & 10's. We host a session called the "Main Event". This session show cases the talents of top level gymnasts in the Competition. The Main Event is highly promoted to the local community so that they can come see a 'real live' high level gymnastics competition. This session is packed with a lively audience and the media—Ohhing and Aweing the gymnasts every move.

We again will be competing the compulsory gymnasts by teams, not age groups, so the gymnasts won't be broken up and can take advantage of the many different group activities available in Erie (ex: waterpark, laser tag, skiing, etc...). We will also be bringing in judges from the tri-state area to keep the scores fair and competitive. We really hope to see you here!



**Team Trophies and
awards to meet or
exceed USAG R & P.**



Meet Information:

HOST: **ERIE GYMNASTICS CENTER & Team Lightning Boosters**

LOCATION: **Bayfront Convention Center**
Erie, PA— just off I-79

USAG Men's & Womens Levels: 2 thru 10, + Excel Levels
(This is a USAG Sanctioned Event)

EQUIPMENT: **AAI Equipment**

FINANCIALS: **\$95.00 / Gymnast (if paid by Nov. 15th 2015)**
\$100 / Gymnast thereafter - \$50.00 / Team (Top 5 scores / event Compulsory) / (Top 3 Scores— Optional Team)
Team Fee waived if entry is received by Nov. 15th, 2015

Checks made Payable to EGCPA

No individual refunds after: Dec. 15th, 2012

DIRECTIONS & HOTELS: (available on our website)

MEET DIRECTOR: **Douglas Pershun** Host hotel
Erie Bayfront Sheraton connected to
The Bayfront Convention Center

Erie Gymnastics Center
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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS

STARS & STRIPES Coed INVITATIONAL

Financial Worksheet:

Men's & Women's Levels 2-10 + Excel Levels

Total number of Individual Gymnasts _____ x \$95 = \$ _____

Or... If after Nov. 15th # of Gymnasts _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Teams— indicate yes or no (minimum of 5 gymnasts per compulsory team / 3 gymnasts per optional team—one team per gym level)

Women's Levels: Level 2 _____ Level 3 _____ Level 4 _____ Level 5 _____

Level 6 _____ Level 7 _____ Level 8 _____ Level 9 _____ Level 10 _____

Excel Bronze _____ Silver _____ Gold _____ Platinum _____ Diamond _____

Men's Levels: Level 4 _____ Level 5 _____ Level 6 _____

Level 7 _____ Level 8 _____ Level 9 _____ Level 10 _____

Total Number of Teams entered _____ x \$50=\$ _____

Team Fee Waived if entry is received by Nov. 15th, 2015

Waived: ☐ - Entry sent ____/____/____ Not Waived: ☐

Total Amount of Individual Gymnasts Entries: \$ _____

Total Amount of Team Entries: \$ _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Check Number: _____

Make check payable to: EGCPA

Please return to: Erie Gymnastics Center
4725 Park Harbor Drive
Erie, PA 16511

Deadline for Entries : First come first served until meet fills

or Postmarked by Dec. 15th, 2015.

**** In the event that the meet fills prior to deadline, levels may be eliminate starting with the lowest levels.***





*please feel free to copy and send additional sheets as needed.