

The 22nd Annual
Gasparilla Classic
Lightning City Gymnastics
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January 25, 2010

Dear Coaches,

It's time for another Gasparilla Classic! We are excited to be back at Tropicana Field and look forward to an exciting weekend. There are approximately 2,300 gymnasts competing from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Bahamas, Canada, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Finland, Venezuela

Please read your packet thoroughly and get all pertinent information to your athletes, parents and all coaches. The most effective way to communicate is via email, but please do not allow your parents to call or email. In the past we have had way too many parents call here or E-mail us with questions that coaches had information about.

We have limited room in each session to add or change athletes. Most sessions are completely full. If you need to make any changes, or would like to add a gymnast email ASAP. All outstanding fees are due by February 10, 2010.

Attached is a letter for coaches and a letter for coaches, parents and gymnasts. Please be sure everyone gets this information. We will be updating information on our web site at: www.lightningcity.com

Any scratches, adds or questions it is best to e-mail at lcgymnasts@aol.com or fax (813) 558-0038

Sincerely,

Tim Keckler
Meet Director

2010 Gasparilla Classic Information for Coaches, Parents & Gymnasts

1. All competitions are at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.
2. Host Hotel Information- Ask for Gasparilla Classic/Lightning City Gymnastics rate. Log on to www.Lightningcity.com for more detailed hotel information.
3. Tampa International Airport is located a convenient 15 minutes from the competition site.
4. Please allow extra time to arrive for your competition, especially during peak traffic hours; Friday between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Parking is nearby, but allow 10-15 minutes to walk to the arena, register your gymnast and get to the competitive floor.
5. Door prices to watch the competitions are as follows:
Single day: \$15.00 Adult (13 and up), \$10 Children/Seniors (Children 4 & under are free)
Weekend Pass: \$25.00 Adult, \$15.00 Children/Seniors
Seniors are 55 or older. You must advise us. We will not ask- it's been known to hurt feelings. You will be given a wristband that must be shown to enter seating area and the awards area.
6. Awards will be held on the baseball field in center field. We suggest no heeled shoes.
7. There will be a large gymnastics' vendor area selling a variety of gymnastics items. Bring checks and cash for those who do not accept credit cards.
8. Parking at the Tropicana Field is \$10.00 per day. Parking is in Lot 6A-main parking, front entrance.
9. Upon arriving at Tropicana Field enter at Gate 1, The Rotunda (main entrance). Coaches' and athlete registration will be just inside Gate 1. After you have registered, spectators purchase armbands to enter the stadium. Enter stadium at center field, follow walkway to correct gym and continue on to stadium seating. The stadium has security- bags will be checked. No food or drinks permitted.
10. Tropicana Field does not allow any food or drink to be brought into the stadium. Concession stands will be open all weekend.
11. Emergency phone line at Tropicana Field Feb 27-Mar 1 is (813) 416-2227 or (813) 220-0142. These numbers are for **extreme** emergencies only.
12. Tropicana Field is not heated, please dress appropriately.
13. Meet web site is www.lightningcity.com . The results will be posted on the web site.
14. If you have any questions about the competition, please ask your coach prior to arriving in Tampa/St. Petersburg.

Enjoy your stay in Tampa Bay

January 22, 2010

Dear Coaches,

Enclosed is the competition schedule for the 22nd Annual Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational. All competitions will take place on the baseball field at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. There will be 4 women's gyms and one men's gym. If there is any **great conflict** in your team's competition schedule please contact me as soon as possible by email and I will see if there's anything I can do.

General Information for Coaches

1. Tropicana Field *does not allow* us to bring food in. Therefore, there will not be a coaches' hospitality room at the meet. The Stadium sells food similar to a major sporting event or concert (sandwiches, salads, fruit, drinks, snacks, etc.).
2. Individual awards will be given after each session. Check schedule for what session Team Awards will be given.. Please pick up your trophies before 3:00 pm Sunday.
4. Individual awards will be given 50% + 1 for all sessions. 100% All Around
5. There are no refunds for scratches after January 9th for any reason. Please do not call or have parents call and ask for a refund. Refunds for scratches already called in will be given at the meet or mailed after the meet. Those teams who still owe for entries or add ons, please send A.S.A.P. Please email any scratches up until February 19, 2010, so we can adjust the rotation sheets. Any scratches or changes after February 19th hold until the coaches' meeting for that session.
6. There is no open workout scheduled. I would recommend calling a club in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area.
7. All equipment is American Athletic (AAI) except we will use Janssen-Fritsen vault tables. Most of the equipment will be available for purchase after the meet at greatly reduced prices. For more information call (813) 558-0035 or see me (Tim Keckler) at the meet.
8. If you have any questions it would be best if you e-mail us at lgymnasts@aol.com. If you have an emergency and need to reach me (Tim) during the meet, call (813)416-2227 or Kevin Griffin at (813)220-0142.
9. AAU coaches. AAU routines are different in different parts of the country as well as different parts of the state of Florida. You must designate if you are using National or Team Florida rules before each rotation. All AAU Optionals will use only National Rules. **Please bring** a copy of your Level 2, 3, and 4 music if you do not compete in the Florida AAU. If you have any questions about this please ask before you get here.
10. For the USAG Prep Optional meet we will use only Florida Prep Optional Rules. The rules are on our website.
11. Women's Gym A, B and C will be Capital Cup format. Gym D will be Traditional Format.
12. Tropicana Field is not heated. Please dress appropriately. If it is cold outside it will be cold in the dome.

Please make copies of the attached Gasparilla Classic information for your parents, all coaches and anyone attending the meet. **Make a copy for each one.** Things will run smoothly if everyone has the information. We look forward to seeing all of you. Thank you for entering our competition. It's going to be a great weekend of gymnastics.

Sincerely,

Tim Keckler, Meet Director