I. Purpose

The purpose of USA Gymnastics as defined under Article 2 of the USA

Gymnastics By Laws is to serve as the National Governing Body for the sports of

artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, and

acrobatic gymnastics in the United States and to fulfill the other non-profit

purposes stated in the Corporation's Certificate of Formation, as it may be

amended or restated from time to time.

II. Mission

The mission of USA Gymnastics is to encourage participation and the pursuit of

excellence in all aspects of gymnastics. USA Gymnastics grants the privilege of

membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. USA

Gymnastics may, therefore, withdraw the privilege of membership or discipline a

member where USA Gymnastics determines that an individual or organization's

conduct is inconsistent with the mission of USA Gymnastics or the best interest

of the sport and those who participate in it.

III. Code of Ethical Conduct

To better serve the interests of those who participate in gymnastics, USA

Gymnastics has adopted the Code, which follows. This Code is not intended to

establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the

appropriate behavior for members in every aspect of their participation in the

sport. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct, and the

judicious appraisal of conduct, of all USA Gymnastics members (individuals,

organizations and clubs/businesses, which are collectively referred to as

"Members" and individually as a "Member") in situations that have ethical

implications. This Code cannot further ethical conduct in the sport of gymnastics;

that can only come from the personal commitment of the participants in the

sport to behave ethically. This Code is offered instead to guide and to affirm the

commitment of all Members to safeguard the best interests of the sport by acting

ethically at all times.