

USSA HISTORY

February of 1975 marked the formal establishment of the United States Sports Acrobatics Federation when a group of enthusiastic people met as the Executive Committee under the leadership of Glenn Sundby, creator, publisher and editor of International Gymnast magazine. The process began two years earlier when George Nissen, former President of Nissen Trampolines and Gymnastic Equipment of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attended the First World Congress in Sports Acrobatics. Held in



George Nissen with his daughter Diane.

Sofia, Bulgaria in 1973, this meeting is recognized as the official beginning of the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics, IFSA. Bulgaria, USSR, and Poland were the leaders in creating this international federation. They had been competing in the sport of acrobatics in their respective countries as far back as 1939 and wished for the sport to be recognized internationally under common rules and regulations. At this time, it was anticipated that the International Trampoline Federation would join together in the same international federation but this was not to be.

In 1974 the first IFSA World Championships was held in Moscow. Mr. Nissen attended as the U.S. member of the International Federation Executive Committee and was accompanied by his daughter, Dagmar, as photographer; Neil Godbey, President of U.S. Trampoline Association, as coach; and tumbling competitors Eddie Goldman of Ohio and Denise Tenny of New York.



In late 1974, there was very little information written about sports acrobatics in English that came from the international organization, and no U.S. National Governing Body handling Sports Acrobatics. Glenn Sundby, with Nissen's encouragement, took the initiative and began to formalize a new federation, the United States Sports Acrobatics Federation (USSAF).

The first Executive Committee consisted of Sundby, Director-Treasurer; Paula Boelsems, First Vice-President; Dr. Richard Criley, Second Vice-President; and Carolyn Booth, Secretary.. The meeting was held in Santa Monica, California. Others in attendance included Russ Saunders, Harold Zinkin and Harry White. A Constitution with By-Laws written by Dr. Criley. In



Dr. Richard Criley headed the Waikki Acrobatic Troupe and is a professor of horticulture at the University of Hawaii



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Stuntman Russ Saunders shows "how to pick up girls" on Muscle Beach, circa 1948. Pudgy Stockton is the second woman from the right.

March of 1975 Paula Boelsems and Russ Saunders attended the first IFSA Rules and Judges Course in Saarbrucken, Germany and became the first U.S. internationally rated judges. They took with them copies of the first

issue of the new magazine, ACROBAT, written and published by Sundby.

This gave a strong voice internationally to the United States Federation and

the International Federation accepted the new organization as the official

representative body in the United States. In the third issue, this magazine

was renamed ACROSPORT and was published by Sundby Sports as the of-

ficial publication of the USSAF until 1982 when it was discontinued and re-

placed by a national newsletter.

An Advisory Council was created during 1977. Some of the members met in Chairman Glenn Sundby's Santa Monica offices in April 1977 to reconfirm the officers on the Executive Committee and to appoint Paula Boelsems, Women's Technical Chairperson, and Bob Monahan, Men's Technical Chairperson. Others present at this meeting were Bill Copp, Dick Criley, Chuck Hardy, Gary Hutchison, George Nissen, Russ Saunders, and Harry White. Early pioneers included such people as Harold Zinkin, Jack Lalanne, Bruce Frederickson, Frank Bare, Dave Field and Don Robinson.



Gymnast Frank Bare

These people and others spread the word of the 'FUN SPORT'. Also the publishing of the magazine was very important in the early growth of the Federation. USSAF received its federal nonprofit status in February 1977, and in July of that year the organization obtained its official Corporation Charter from the State of California. In November of 1977, Dr. Joseph Schabacker, Professor of Business Management at Arizona State University, joined the Advisory Council and hosted a meeting in Tempe, Arizona. This committee, (renamed Steering Committee), consisted of pioneer people from across the U.S. who were educators, coaches, gymnasts, handbalancers, former performers and all volunteer supporters of the new sports federation. It was here that Dr. Schabacker was appointed President of the Federation.



Fitness guru Jack LaLane hand balancing



Internationally, the U.S. has had the honor of being represented on all of the IFSA Committees since their inception: Technical Committee- Joe Schabacker, 1977 to 1985; Dick Criley, 1985 to 1999 and elected IFSA Technical Chairman in 1993 for a four year term; Judges Committee-Paula Boelsems, 1977 to 1989, Angie Blalock (New Orleans) 1989 to 1995, Jola Jones, 1995 to 1999; Scientific Commission - Dick Criley 1981 to 1985, Dr. Joe Schabacker 1985 to 1989, Dr. Jim Campbell (New York) 1989 to 1993. In 1998 Tonya Case-Patterson was elected to the Sports Acrobatics Technical Commission, formed when IFSA merged with the International Federation of Gymnastics.

The International Federation of Sports Acrobatics (IFSA) was recognized as a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1986 and the USSAF was accepted into the U.S. Olympic Committee in 1987 as a "C" level sport. With a grant from the U.S. Olympic Foundation, the headquarters of the USSAF was based in Colorado Springs for two years from March 1990-1992. On termination of the Executive Director, the office was run partially from the residing city of the President, Tempe, Arizona and from the Colorado office until the move in 1993 to Riverside, California. In 1997, the National Office was moved to its present location in Sacra-

mento, California.

The first committee of the U.S. Federation to be formed was the Technical Committee with Dick Criley as Men's Chair and Paula Boelsems as Women's. The two categories were later consolidated under Boelsems as Technical Chairman. Although all written rules were only in Russian, Boelsems and Saunders brought back primitive information on the rules from the 75 course in Germany. Rules for USSAF were formulated from this information and from the Russian rules translated by Dick Criley. This information was then circulated and printed in the AcroSports magazine. It was not until several years later that an official rulebook was circulated, based on the IFSA Rules which by then were compiled in English.

The USSAF Judges Committee remained part of the Technical Committee until a separate committee was formed in 1981 with Chuck Hardy from Torrance, CA. as the first chair. This was followed by the formation of the International Relations Committee in 1983 with Paula Boelsems as its first chair. At the outset, the nation was divided into 12 regions under the direction of Grace Kaywell, who was the first employee of the Federation as Executive Secretary. A system of Regional Directors was set up in 1979, but it was not until 1989 that an organized committee of the Regional Directors was formed. Employees of the Federation other than secretarial/clerical have included Executive Directors - Sam Bailie from 1981-1982 and Jed Friend from 1990-1991, and Program Director - Morgan Smith from October 1977 to May 1978.

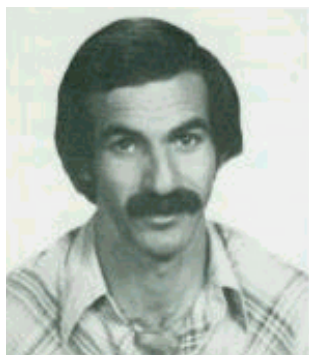
In 1977 the Federation opened its own gymnasium, "Acrogymnastics" in Santa Monica, CA. Backed entirely by George Nissen, Glenn Sundby and Paula Boelsems, it was to be the center for training athletes and coaches in Sports Acrobatics. It was well equipped and had the first Nissen Tumbling Platform in the U.S. The program survived until 1980, when it was closed due to cost and difficulty finding the right director and coach.

The first concentration of competitors in the United States was in Ohio where coaches Bill Copp of Chagrin Falls and Gary Hutchinson of Columbus recruited athletes and pioneered for the sport. Igor Ashkinazi held the first official National Coach position starting in 1980. A former competitor in the Soviet Union, he immigrated to New York by way of Austria and Italy. Fortunately for the sport, he came in contact with Cherry Lane and Bob Monohan, who were instrumental in getting Igor a job with the Jewish Family Center in New Orleans. In 1977 he started the first program which



Igor & Teresa Ashkinazi

grew into the largest center for Sports Acrobatics in the U.S. He continued to develop champions from his team's first year of competition through the time he resigned in 1983. At its peak, there were as many as five separate clubs in New Orleans all having a few of the competitors first trained by Ashkinazi. He was a most gifted coach and his athletes have gone on to become coaches and officials in the sport.



Dan Hoff 1983

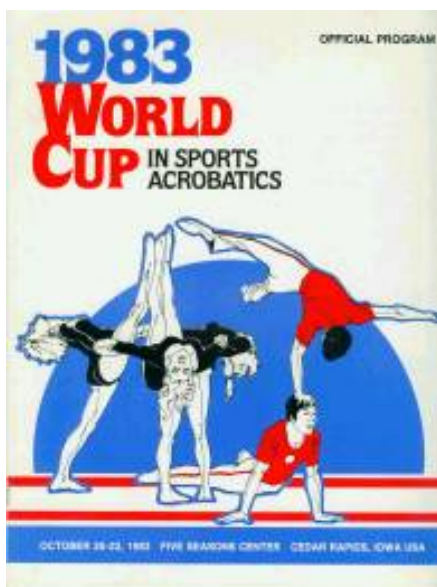
Dan Hoff of Northern California became the National Coach in 1984 and held that office until 1988 & then again from 1991 -1996. He has contributed much of his personal time and effort to help the sport grow by giving many clinics across the United States and recruiting many new athletes. Before his term as National Coach in 1988-1990, Jurek Pol, in conjunction



Jurek Pol of NOAT

with Dr. Criley, set up the first successful developmental program for the USSAF in 1985. First an assistant to Ashkinazi, he continued on his own with successful teams and participants in the sport after Igor left.

The first U.S. competition in Sports Acrobatics was the Buckeye Open, held at Ohio State University in Columbus, March 1976. This meet was held every March until 1980 under the auspices of Coaches Jim Sweeney and Gary Hutchinson. The Federation held its first National Championship and trial for the IFSA World Championships in June, 1976 at Kent State, Ohio. The Federation sent a team of four women and seven men to the second IFSA World Championship in Saarbrücken, Germany, entering every event but



Men's Pairs. In December of 1976, Bill Copp held the Great Lakes Acro-Sport Tournament. International competitions have been held in the USA since 1978. One memorable one was the World Age Group Games hosted by George Nissen which included athletes in Sports Acrobatics and Trampoline from all over the world. There have been two IFSA World Cups sponsored by USSAF, the first in 1983 hosted by George Nissen in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the second in 1987 hosted by a group in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1997, USSAF hosted the Fifth Junior World Championships in Honolulu, Hawaii. There have also been smaller international team meets such as the Belgium Team in New Orleans in 1980, the Sacramento International Invitational in 1991, and the Friendly Cup Meet in Riverside, California in 1994. The United States has participated in every IFSA World Cup and Championships since 1974. They have also been represented at many of the smaller international meets such as the Soviet Volkov Memorial Cup, the Polish Spring Festival and Winter Festival, the Bulgarian Friendship Cup, Hungarian Internationals and the Circle Friendship Competitions held in Western Europe. There have been USSAF competitors in several special IFSA programs such as the two held in the mid-80's in England and at the World Sports Fair in Japan in 1988 and 1989. In 1993 USSAF was represented by a Men's Four from La Sierra University in Riverside, California in the World Games held at the Hague, Netherlands, which was the first world multi-sport event to include Sports Acrobatics competition.

Several international teams have toured in the USA sponsored by the U.S. Federation and individual clubs, the first being in 1976 when a complete USSR Sports Acrobatics team took an extensive tour of 11 cities across the USA. In February 1979 the Polish Team from Club Targowek of Warsaw toured the northeastern part of the U.S. The Men's Four from Poland remained in the USA for about three months promoting the sport in different cities by performing at basketball half times and giving special performances. Other international visitors have included a Bulgarian coach and team at clinics in New Orleans in 1982, a Chinese Team Tour in 1981 and a Soviet Team in Utah and California in 1992/1993. Several of the individual clubs have had international club exchange meets with such countries as Ireland, Scotland, England, Bulgaria, and Russia.

When U.S. gymnastic champion Kurt Thomas made his professional performing tours across the United States and at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, the Mixed Pair of Sonny Brown and Jan Burns from NOAT were outstanding additions. A few of our tumblers, pairs or groups have traveled on several of the U.S. Gymnastic Federation sponsored touring shows in the more recent years.



Gymnast Kurt Thomas



*Former Tonight Show host
Johnny Carson*

Television has been a friend of this sport since its inception. Sports acrobats have appeared on such programs as Westinghouse Children's Program, "Call It Macaroni" in 1976; "Johnny Carson Show" in 1978 and 1979; "Mike Douglas Show" in 1978 and 1979; and "Kids World" in 1979. The 1976 National Championship was filmed for syndication by Olympic Star Bill Toomey. In 1980 and 1981 Frank Bare of Arizona helped negotiate a contract with

CBS to broadcast the Nationals both years. Internationally, the "ABC Wide

World of Sports" with Gordon Maddux as Master of Ceremonies filmed the IFSA Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1978 and in Posnam, Poland in 1980. ABC and "PM Magazine" televised the 1983 World Cup in Iowa. A special day of unique team competitions was held for the TV show, "That's Incredible". The World Cup in Baton Rouge in 1987 was televised by ESPN with gymnastic champion Kurt Thomas as commentator.



Mike Douglas

Overseas there have been live broadcasts of the IFSA meets on EuroSport and by both Chinese and Japanese TV. One prime time TV special, featuring US Olympic gymnast Bart Connor compared the sport and art of Gymnastics, Ice Skating and Sports Acrobatics in 1992. Many of the different teams and clubs have been on their local TV shows throughout the years.

From its inception in the 1970's, the United States Sports Acrobatics Federation has grown in size and influence. Known today as United States Sports Acrobatics (USSA), the organization involves athletes in many states with new clubs joining daily. The future looks bright for athletes, coaches, judges, and officials alike and promises growing excitement for spectators too.

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HISTORY - USSA Officers

USSA OFFICERS

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
1975	Glenn Sundby	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley		
1976	Glenn Sundby	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley	Carolyn Booth	Glenn Sundby
1977	Glenn Sundby Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems	Carolyn Booth	Glenn Sundby
1978	Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems	Carolyn Booth	Glenn Sundby
1979	Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley	Carolyn Booth Grace Kaywell	Glenn Sundby
1980	Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley	Paula Boelsems	Dr. J. E. Isaacson
1981	Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley	Chuck Hardy	Dr. J. E. Isaacson
1982	Joe Schabacker	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley	Nellie Juette	Dr. J. E. Isaacson
1983	Dick Criley	Frank Bare	Nellie Juette	Ann Williams
1984	Dick Criley	Ellie Dodd	Thom Blalock	Joe Wells
1985	Joe Schabacker	Bonnie Davidson	Dick Criley	Joe Wells
1986	Joe Schabacker	Bonnie Davidson	Dick Criley	Ellie Dodd Dick Criley
1987	Joe Schabacker	Bonnie Davidson	Dick Criley	Gene Gerrard
1988	Joe Schabacker	Bonnie Davidson	Gretchen Schultz	Thom Blalock
1989	Thom Blalock	Bonnie Davidson	Pam Isacson	Gretchen Schultz
1990	Thom Blalock	Bonnie Davidson	Don Van Loo	Roger McFarland
1991	Joe Schabacker	Thom Blalock	Nancy Muzbeck	Roger McFarland
1992	Joe Schabacker	Thom Blalock	Bonnie Davidson	Roger McFarland
1993	Roger McFarland	Bonnie Davidson	Jay Binder	Charles Roop
1994	Roger McFarland	Bonnie Davidson	David Leite	Charles Roop

HISTORY - Committee Chairpersons

Year	Program Director Executive Director Admin. Assistant	Technical Chair	Judging Chair	International Relations Chair	Regional Directors Chair
1977	Glenn Sundby (ED)	Paula Boelsems			
1978	Glenn Sundby (ED) Morgan Smith (PD)	Paula Boelsems Bob Monahan			
1979	Glenn Sundby (ED)	Paula Boelsems			Grace Kaywell
1980	Don Robinson (ED)	Paula Boelsems	Dick Criley		
1981	J. Nelson (AA) Sam Bailie (ED)	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley Ellie Dodd	Ed Danser		Dick Criley
1982	Sam Bailie (ED)	Paula Boelsems Dick Criley Ellie Dodd	Ed Danser		Ann Williams
1983		Ellie Dodd	Ed Danser	Paula Boelsems	Sam Bailie
1984		Ellie Dodd	Dick Criley	Paula Boelsems	
1985	(Joe Schabacker)	Dick Criley	Gene Gerrard	Paula Boelsems	Thom Blalock
1986	(Joe Schabacker)	Dick Criley	Angie Blalock	Paula Boelsems	Thom Blalock
1987	(Joe Schabacker)	Dick Criley	Angie Blalock	Paula Boelsems	Thom Blalock
1988	(Joe Schabacker)	Dan Hoff	Angie Blalock	Paula Boelsems Don Van Loo	
1989	(Joe Schabacker)	Dan Hoff	Angie Blalock	Don Van Loo	
1990	Jed Friend (ED)	Dan Hoff	Gene Gerrard	Barbara Collins	Kathy Dupree
1991	Jed Friend (ED)	Jola Jones	Dick Criley	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1992	(Joe Schabacker)	Jola Jones	Pat Baldovi	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1993	(Roger McFarland)	Jola Jones	Pat Baldovi	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1994	(Roger McFarland)	Jola Jones	Pat Baldovi	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1995	(Roger McFarland)	Jola Jones	Betty Crowley	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1996	(Roger McFarland)	Jola Jones	Betty Crowley	Tonya Patterson	Kathy Dupree
1997	Katherine Stretch (AA)	Jola Jones	Linda Ocmmand	Betty Crowley	Sarah Jones
1998	Cyndi Morkione (AA)	Jola Jones	Linda Ocmmand	Betty Crowley	Sarah Jones
1999	Vicki Garrett (AA)	Jola Jones	Linda Ocmmand	Betty Crowley	Sarah Jones
2000	Vicki Garrett (AA)	Jola Jones	Linda Ocmmand	Jay Binder, M.D.	Marcia DeGuire

(AA) Administrative Assistant

HISTORY - Other Positions

OTHER POSITIONS

Position	Name	Year Served
National Coach	Morgan Smith	(1977 –1978)
	Igor Ashkinazi	(1980 – 1983)
	Jurek Pol	(1988 – 1990)
	Dan Hoff	(1984 – 1987, 1991 – 1996)
	Craig Patterson	(1997– Present)
IFSA Executive Committee	George Nissen	(1975 – 1996)
	Roger McFarland	(1996)
	Tonya Case-Patterson	(1997-1999)
IFSA Vice President	George Nissen	(1993 – 1996)
Honorary Lifetime Executive	George Nissen	(1996 – Present)
IFSA Technical Committee	Joe Schabacker	(1977 –1984)
	Dick Criley	(1985 – 1999), Chair (1993 – 1999)
IFSA Judging Committee	Paula Boelsems	(1977 – 1989)
	Angie Blalock	(1990 – 1995)
	Jola Jones	(1995 – 1999)
IFSA Medical Commission	Dick Criley	(1980 – 1983)
	Jay Binder	(1995 – 1999)
USAG Representative	Joe Schabacker	(1986 – 1992)
	Bonnie Davidson	(1992 – Present)
USOC Representative	Don Van Loo	(1987 – 1992)
	Angie Blalock	(1995 – Present)
	Bonnie Davidson	(1995 – Present)
Education/Safety Chairs	Roger McFarland	(1991 –1992)
	Craig Patterson	(1993 –Present)
Finance Chairs	Pat Stark	(1998 – Present)
Coaches Committee	David Reiakvam	(1998 – Present)
Athletes Council	Jackie Latino	(1992 – 1998)
	Alexa Hukari	(1999 – Present)
FIG Acro Commission	Tonya Case-Patterson	(1999 - Present)

HISTORY - National Championship Sites

USSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

Year	Site	Event Organizer
1976	Kent State University, Ohio	
1977	Cleveland, Ohio	
1978	New Orleans, Louisiana	
1979	Santa Monica, California	
1980	Miami University, Oxford, Ohio	
1981	Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona	
1982	New Orleans, Louisiana	
1983	California State University, Hayward, California	
1984	University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii	
1985	New Orleans, Louisiana	
1986	Mobile, Alabama	
1987	Honolulu, Hawaii	
1988	La Sierra University, Riverside, California	Roger McFarland
1989	Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan	Robert Kalua
1990	Winter Haven, Florida	Kathy Dupree
1991	University of California Davis, Sacramento, California	Nancy Olsen
1992	Kenner, Louisiana	Diane Drury
1993	University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, Baltimore, Maryland	Sunny Davis
1994	Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah	David Leite
1995	Metro Centre, Rockford, Illinois	Pat Baldovi
1996	Palm Springs Convention Center; Palm Springs, California	Pat Baldovi
1997	Astro Arena; Houston, Texas	Pat Baldovi
1998	Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio	Pat Baldovi
1999	Phoenix, Arizona	Pat Baldovi
2000	Jacksonville, Florida	Pat Baldovi

HISTORY - USSA National Champions

YEAR	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
LOCATION	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE, AZ	NEW ORLEANS, LA	HAYWARD, CA	HONOLULU, HI	KENNER, LA
MEN'S TUMBLING	STEVE ELLIOTT	NONE	DICKIE BIVINS	STEVE ELLIOTT	STEVE ELLIOTT
WOMEN'S TUMBLING	JULIE BEATY	JULIE NORTHRUP	KELLY FRANCIK	JILL HOLLEMBEAK	JILL HOLLEMBEAK
MEN'S PAIR	BRENT MCCORMICK DANA WRIGHT	MICHAEL NORDMAN JAY GROVES	DOUG ALLEN CARLOS SERVANTES	BENJI MARANTZ DON HEAFNER	CHARLES HUBBARD ANDREW CLEMENTSON
WOMEN'S PAIR	JAN HAGEN ROBIN O'BANNON	PAM ISAACSON GAIL ISAACSON	LORI ROAN CHRIS PATTERSON	CINDY LAZZARINO DARCY HEATH	TAMMY BLALOCK CRICKETT BORGMAN
MIXED PAIR	MARIE HICKMAN SONNY BROWN	MARIE HICKMAN SONNY BROWN	CHRISTINA VAN LOO SONNY BROWN	CHRISTINA VAN LOO SONNY BROWN	CHRISTINA VAN LOO JAY GROVES
WOMEN'S TRIO	DEBRA DODD GINA GROVES CRICKETT BORGMAN	TAMMY BLALOCK GWEN PETIT, SELENA CHAIN, TIE WITH DEBRA DODD, GINA GROVES, CRICKETT BORGMAN	DEBRA DODD GINA GROVES CRICKETT BORGMAN	NONE	NONE
MEN'S FOUR	MICHAEL NORDMAN SONNY BROWN DANA WRIGHT JAY GROVES	MICHAEL NORDMAN SONNY BROWN JAY GROVES JOHN MCCLAIN	GERALD POWELL KURT SEVENDSON DAN HOFF CARLOS SERVANTES	GERALD POWELL KURT SVENDSON DAN HOFF CARLOS SERVANTES	GERALD POWELL DOUG ALLEN DAN HOFF CARLOS SERVANTES
MIXED TRIO	KATHY TAMADA DON HEAFNER JAMIE PARKER	TERRYL LEONG DAVE DERRICKSON GENE GERRARD	LIZ IGE DON HEAFNER JAMIE PARKER	ABBY BROWN JAMIE PARKER DON HEAFNER	
OVERALL SPORTS ACROBATIC ELITE TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	WAIKIKI ACROBATIC TROUPE	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM

HISTORY - USSA National Champions

YEAR	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
LOCATION	MOBILE, AL	HONOLULU, HI	LOMA LINDA UNIV. RIVERSIDE, CA	ANDREWS UNIV. BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN	WINTER HAVEN, FL
MEN'S TUMBLING	CHAD FOX	STEVE ELLIOTT	STEVE ELLIOTT	JON BECK	JON BECK
WOMEN'S TUMBLING	JILL HOLLEMBEAK	JILL HOLLEMBEAK	MELANIE BUGG	MELANIE BUGG	TRACY LEWIS
MEN'S PAIR	ETHAN WILANSKY DAVID ANDERSON	ETHAN WILANSKY DAVID ANDERSON	ERIC BAUER MICHAEL GONZALES	RYAN CHA CARLOS SERVANTES	CHAD BEAMAN TREY GILLEN
WOMEN'S PAIR	TAMMY BLALOCK CRICKETT BORGMAN	TAMMY BLALOCK CRICKETT BORGMAN	TAMMY BLALOCK CRICKETT BORGMAN	TAMMY BLALOCK CRICKETT BORGMAN	TARA CHAIN MICHELLE TEXTOR
MIXED PAIR	CHRISTINA VAN LOO JAY GROVES	CHRISTINA VAN LOO JAY GROVES	CHRISTINA VAN LOO JAY GROVES	CHRISTINA VAN LOO JAY GROVES	JAMIE FRATTA CRAIG PATTERSON
WOMEN'S TRIO	GWEN REESE DONNA CLARKE DOROTHY MCGUIRE	GWEN REESE GRETCHEN SCHULTZ HEATHER BLALOCK	CHANTELL SMITH TAMIKA COLLINS MALIK COLLINS	CHANTELL SMITH TAMIKA COLLINS MALIK COLLINS	MARIE HOBDY TAMMY BLALOCK HEATHER BLALOCK
MEN'S FOUR	IAN BALLARD DAN HOFF CARLOS SERVANTES IVAN DYE	IAN BALLARD DAN HOFF CARLOS SERVANTES IVAN DYE	GAWAIN DUPREE DAVID COST DAVID DERENTINE PHILIP MILAUDON	NONE	MARK VELASCO JON VELASCO JON GREINICH ROBB WHITE
MIXED TRIO					
OVERALL SPORTS ACROBATIC ELITE TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	NEW ORLEANS ACROBATIC TEAM	ELMWOOD GYMNASTICS

HISTORY - USSA National Champions

YEAR	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
LOCATION	SACRAMENTO, CA	NEW ORLEANS, LA	UNIV. OF MARYLAND MITCHELLVILLE, MARYLAND	SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY CEDAR CITY, UT	METRO CENTRE ROCKFORD, IL
MEN'S TUMBLING	JON BECK	RASHAAN SAMPSON	JON BECK	RAYSHINE HARRIS	RAYSHINE HARRIS
WOMEN'S TUMBLING	MICHELE MARA	MICHELE MARA	MISTY MINGER	LAKESHA SNODDY	LAKESHA SNODDY
MEN'S PAIR	JOEY ABRAMOWITZ PHILIP MILLAUDON	JOEY ABRAMOWITZ PHILIP MILLAUDON	RICK SCHWARZ II JASON REISE	NONE	NONE
WOMEN'S PAIR	ASHLEY JORDON GRETCHEN SCHULTZ	HILARI SKOGSETH TARA CHASE	MICHELLE MEIER JAMIE LEITE	MICHELLE MEIER JAMIE LEITE	NONE
MIXED PAIR	DONNA DRURY ANDY CLEMETSON	DONNA DRURY ANDY CLEMETSON	SCHIVONNE DAVIS KEVIN SANDERS	JENNY TRUITT GAWAIN DUPREE	SCHIVONNE DAVIS KEVIN SANDERS
WOMEN'S TRIO	AMY ESCHETTE DONNA CLARKE JACKIE LATINO	AMY ESCHETTE DONNA CLARKE JACKIE LATINO	AMY ESCHETTE DONNA CLARKE JACKIE LATINO	KELLY ROONEY MELISSA PIAZZA JENNIFER RIDLEY	KELLY ROONEY MELISSA PIAZZA JENNIFER RIDLEY
MEN'S FOUR	MARK VELASCO JON VELASCO JON GRENICH ROBB WHITE	MARK VELASCO JON VELASCO JON GRENICH ROBB WHITE	MARK VELASCO JON VELASCO JON GRENICH ROBB WHITE	BRIAN LUNDSTROM ERIK LUNDSTROM DONALD SHULL RICK SCHWARZ II	NONE
MIXED TRIO					
OVERALL SPORTS ACROBATIC ELITE TEAM	CALIFORNIA ACROSPORT TEAM	UNIFIED TEAM	CALIFORNIA ACROSPORT TEAM	SPRING VALLEY ACRO	NONE

HISTORY - USSA National Champions

YEAR	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
LOCATION	PALM SPRINGS, CA	HOUSTON, TX	DAYTON, OHIO	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	
MEN'S TUMBLING	CHRISTOPHER CARSON	SWEDE GODFREY	NONE	NONE	
WOMEN'S TUMBLING	MEGAN PLISKE	KRISTIN BOTTS	NONE	NONE	
MEN'S PAIR	JONAS WHITE MATTHEW MCFARLAND	JONAS WHITE MATTHEW MCFARLAND	NONE	NONE	
WOMEN'S PAIR	MICHELLE BROWNING AMY POGORILER	AIMEE BRONCATELLO KIM WALTERS	AIMEE BRONCATELLO KIM WALTERS	CHARLOTTE KOHNMANN JULIE DUPREE	
MIXED PAIR	NATALIE BAEZA ARTHUR DAVIS	NATALIE BAEZA ARTHUR DAVIS	DANIELLE HEIDER JULIAN AMARO	DANIELLE HEIDER JULIAN AMARO	
WOMEN'S TRIO	LAUREN ROGERS ALEXA HUKARI JESSICA WILLIAMS	HANNAH URES KELLY KEEFE LAUREN DUDUGJIAN	HANNAH URES KELLY KEEFE LAUREN DUDUGJIAN	SHENAEA BOOTH MARIA NAVARO NICOLE BOOTH	
MEN'S FOUR	NONE	NONE	NONE	KEVIN GREAR MICHAEL NASIKAN YURII KOSTOVETSKIY DAVID PRINS	
MIXED TRIO	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
OVERALL SPORTS ACROBATIC ELITE TEAM	CAROLINA'S PREMIER ACROBATIC TEAM	JUNIOR ELITE GYMNASTICS	JUNIOR ELITE GYMNASTICS	NONE	

HISTORY - USOC Athletes of the Year

USOC ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

	Male	Female
1988	Steve Elliott	Christina Van Loo
1989	Steve Elliott	Tammy Blalock & Crickett Borgman
1990	Steve Elliott	
1991	Jon Beck	Missy Mara
1992	Philip Millaudon	Jackie Latino
1993	Rayshine Harris	Jenny Truitt, Jackie Latino, Donna Clarke
1994	Kevin Sanders	Schivonne Davis
1995	Kevin Sanders	Schivonne Davis
1996		
1997	Julian Amaro	Kim Walters & Aimee Broncatello
1998	Gawain DuPree	Vivian Piazza
1999	Julian Amaro	Danielle Heider

HISTORY - USSA HALL OF FAME

Below is a list of the newly inducted members of the USSA Hall of Fame (listed in Alphabetic Order)

Paula Boelsems

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