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1979 National USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame

2009 Olympic Hall of Fame

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ABIE GROSSFELD INVITATIONAL

January 20th, 21st & 22nd 2012

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Abie Grossfeld's accolades and contributions to the sport of gymnastics are so vast that it would take forever. Not only has he impacted the sport that we all love, but also he has inspired mentored and helped shape the character of many of today's outstanding coaches. Here is a "brief" synopsis of this outstanding individual.

Gymnastics legend Frank Cuminsky (1932, 1936, and gymnastics Olympian) stated, "After six decades of being in the trenches, Abie Grossfeld has influenced an untold number of gymnasts, coaches and judges who have notably impacted the positive development of gymnastics. Abie's level of excellence in the primary area of gymnastics has been truly exceptional and, in my experience, has not been matched, as a whole, by any other individual. Abie Grossfeld has been active in gymnastics for 60 years and counting. While many of his accomplishments and contributions have been outstanding, it is his whole body of work that has been truly extraordinary. Paraphrased statements by Olympians: 1984 Olympian and NBC commentator Tim Daggett said, "After each encounter with Abie, as I was developing through the years, I always left with a better understanding of the wonderful sport of gymnastics. The success of Abie and his gymnast Peter Kormann (at the 1976 Olympics) was my catalyst to dream bigger dreams, which ultimately took me all the way to the Olympics itself - on a team Abie coached. We won Gold as a team and Abie made us a team. In gymnastics, he's done it all. He imparted technique, wisdom and guidance in me." 1984 Olympic Team Captain Peter Vidmar said, "Abie held the collection of the 1984 team members together...Abie knows every significant gymnastics person - officials, judges, competitors - in the world... Abie brought a sense of neutrality to the team. He didn't play favorites. Subtly and very effectively, Abie created an atmosphere of camaraderie...not dissention. The team wound up having "good chemistry and Abie was the chief chemist."

Abie Grossfeld represented the U.S in international competitions spanning 15 consecutive years (1953-1967). Among the quadrennial games in which he competed as a gymnast were 2 Olympic Games (1956 and 1960); 2 World Championships (1958 and 1962); 3 Pan American Games (1955, 1959 and 1963), and 3 World Maccabiah Games (1953, 1957 and 1965) where he won an **all sports record of 17 gold medals**. In the Pan American Games he won an **all sports record total of 15 medals** a record that stood for 34 years).

Abie Grossfeld has been a FIG Brevet judge (highest certification) since the first courses and examinations were given in the United States (1969). He has officiated at the highest levels of competition, including: 2 World Championships (1994 and 1999), 3 Pre Olympics (1992, 1995 and 1996), the Pan American Games (1983) and numerous others.....

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HOSTED BY: IN-FLIGHT GYMNASTICS CENTER

DATE: JANUARY 20th, 21st & 22nd

VENUE: BRIDGEPORT UNIVERSITY - WHEELER CENTER

LEVELS: GIRLS: PREP OPT - OPTIONALS, BOYS: LEVEL 4 - OPTIONALS

ENTRY FEE: \$85 PER COMPETITOR

*INCLUDES *TEAM FEE & A T-SHIRT FOR EACH COMPETITOR*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15th, 2011 or ONCE MEET IS FILLED
NO REFUND AFTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

PARTICIPATION AWARDS FOR ALL ATHLETES
TEAM AWARDS - TOP 5 TEAMS (3 TOP SCORES COUNT)

TENTATIVE SESSION SCHEDULE:

SESSION 1:	OPTIONAL GIRLS	FRIDAY EVENING
SESSION 2:	PREP OPTS	SATURDAY MORNING
SESSION 3:	LEVEL 4 GIRLS	SATURDAY MIDDAY
SESSION 4:	LEVEL 5 & 6 GIRLS	SATURDAY AFTERNOON
SESSION 5:	LEVEL 4 & 5 BOYS	SUNDAY MORNING
SESSION 6:	LEVEL 6 & 7 BOYS	SUNDAY MIDDAY
SESSION 7:	LEVEL 8-10 BOYS	SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SPECTATOR FEE: \$8 ADULT, \$5 SENIORS & CHILDREN (age 3-12)

Entries are accepted on a first come basis. No entries are accepted without fees.

Make checks payable to: In-Flight Gymnastics Center

Mail entries to: In-Flight Gymnastics Center / Amanda
10 Bernhard Road, North haven CT 06473

For questions, please email: info@inflight-gymnastics.com

2012 ABIE GROSSFELD INVITATIONAL
Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15th 2011

CLUB NAME: _____ CLUB USAG #: _____
 CLUB ADDRESS: _____
 CLUB PHONE #: _____ FAX #: _____
 CLUB EMAIL (please print): _____
 COACH'S NAME: _____ USAG #: _____
 Safety Cert Exp Date: _____ Coach's t-shirt size: _____
 Coach's phone #: _____ Coach's email: _____
 Additional Coach's Name: _____ USAG#: _____
 Safety Cert Exp Date: _____ Addt'l Coach's t-shirt size: _____

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Mail entries to: In-Flight Gymnastics Center/Amanda 10 Bernhard Road, North Haven CT 06473

DIRECTIONS

University of Bridgeport (UB) - Wheeler Rec Center

University Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06601

Directions: (Please note that there is still construction at the intersection of Rts 8/25 and I-95. These directions should work but may be superseded by later changes.)

From I-95 South: Take Exit 27, stay left at the fork to follow the signs marked Univ. of Bridgeport. Parallel I-95 (South St.), go several blocks and stay in right lane to end at Park Ave. Take a left onto Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is a block down on the right.

From I-95 North: Take Exit 27. At bottom of ramp go straight one block and take first left under I-95. Turn left again, parallel I-95 (South St.), go several blocks and stay in right lane to end at Park Ave. Take a left onto Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is a block down on the right.

From Rt. 8 or Rt. 25 South: Take Exit 1 (Myrtle Ave), turn right at end of ramp (Prospect St.). At the next intersection, take a left onto Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is a block down on the right.

From Rt. 15 Merritt Parkway North: Take Exit 49 South to Rt. 25/8 Connector to Exit 1 (Myrtle Ave.), turn at the first right (Prospect St.). Go one block, turn left on Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is one block on right.

From Rt. 15 Merritt Parkway South: take Exit 52 (south fork) to Rt. 25/8 Connector to Exit 1 (Myrtle Ave.), turn at first right (Prospect St.) At the next intersection, take a left onto Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is a block down on the right.

From Rt. 8 South: Take Exit 1, then a right at the bottom of the ramp on Prospect St. Go to the end and take a Left on Park Ave. At the clock in the center of the road, turn right on University Ave., the Wheeler Rec. Center is one block away on the right.

AREA HOTELS WITH DISCOUNTED RATES:

TRUMBALL MARRIOTT MERRITT PARKWAY
180 Hawley Lane, Trumball 06611
1(203) 378-1400 Distance to Venue 6.5 Miles
Rate: \$79 + Tax
CODE: "ABIE GROSSFELD INVITATIONAL"

SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT:
50 Rowe Avenue Milford, Ct 06460
1(203)2830200 Distance To Venue 6 Miles
Rate: \$79 + Tax - Includes Breakfast
CODE: "ABIE GROSSFELD INVITATIONAL"