

2024 Gasparilla Classic February 23 - 25, 2024



Dear Coaches,

The 36th Annual Gasparilla Classic is just a few weeks away. We are very excited to host a great weekend of gymnastics and once again this will be the World's Largest Gym Meet! Please note the following:

Schedule: The schedule is posted on our website www.lightningcity.com. Please review the schedule very carefully. There are 6 Women's Gyms. Some levels are in more than one gym. Use the search feature to look for your team.

Both the Men's and Women's schedules are very tight (especially the Women's meet). Almost all sessions are full or overfull. Contact us immediately if you have a MAJOR issue with your schedule.

Please make any scratches as soon as possible so we can balance out squads on the rotation sheets. To scratch a gymnast cancel their USA Gymnastics Meet Reservation or AAU teams can email lcgymmeets@aol.com.

Location: The address for Tropicana Field is One Tropicana Drive, St Petersburg, FL 33705. Park in Lot 6A. Enter the Stadium at Gate 1 (The Rotunda). To get from the parking lot, through security, through registration to the competition floor will take approximately 30-45 minutes. Friday & Saturday morning registration is very busy. Please plan accordingly.

Credentials: All coaches must have credentials to be on the floor. All coaches must sign in at registration. All USA Gymnastics coaches must be on the Meet Reservation. If you need to add a coach, email Janine at lcgymmeets@aol.com. All coaches will be required to show credentials to pass through entrance turnstiles.

Changes: Substitutions (same level) are only allowed at this time. Please email these to lcgymmeets@aol.com. Level changes were requested to be submitted by Dec 15. They may be allowed based on availability. Please email all scratches as soon as you know and no later than **February 12th** so that we can remove them from the rotation sheets.

There are no refunds at this time for any reason.

Adds: We cannot add any gymnasts to the Women's Meet at this time. There are limited spots in the Men's Meet. A \$25 late fee applies.

Graduating Seniors: We have a few surprises for our Graduating Seniors. If you have gymnasts who will be graduating this year, please email your athletes name and level. They will receive some goodies at athlete check in.

Contacting Us: The best way to contact us is by email. Please make sure that you include your gym name and gymnast levels if applicable.

Awards:

Individual and Team awards will be given after each session. Individual awards will be given 50% + 1 for all sessions. All gymnasts who compete at least one event will receive a custom special 36th Annual All Around medal. Additionally, the top three All Around Gymnasts will also receive a trophy.

Team Divisions – Women: Small 3-6 gymnasts; Large 7+gymnasts Top 3 scores Count

Team Divisions are final on February 10th.

Stadium Parking Fee is \$20 per day – CREDIT CARD ONLY
Spectator Admission –Adults \$25 per day Children (5-17) \$20 per day

Posted January 11, 2024 Changes made *

Page 1 of 2

2024 Gasparilla Classic February 23 - 25, 2024



Team Trophies- We are giving more Team Trophies than ever this year. Please make sure you pick up your Team Trophies and take them home with you. Team trophies are given after each session. Please pick up your trophies before 7:00 pm Sunday. We do not ship Team Trophies that are not picked up. Trophies not picked up will be donated to a local youth sports program. Our awards company, Crown Trophy Tampa, will be on site to help you take apart trophies or assist you with mailing your trophy to your gym.

Food & Drink: Outside food or beverage is not permitted, with the exception of one sealed, personal-sized bottle of water. Reusable water bottles Exceptions can be made for food specifically needed for medical reasons or if in a diaper bag for infants. Please make sure that you and your gymnasts have water. There are no water fountains in the competition area.

Bag Policy: Athletes and coaches will be allowed to carry bags/backpacks. ALL bags will be checked. Please make sure only essentials are in your bags to expedite the screening process. For spectators, backpacks, coolers and bags of any kind exceeding 16" x 8" are not permitted through Tropicana Field security. Personal bags smaller than this size, medical device bags and diaper bags accompanying a young child are permitted. For more information, visit raysbaseball.com/security.

Additional Info:

- There is no open workout available. We recommend calling a club in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area.
- Please make sure your gymnasts are dressed and ready for competition. There are no designated changing areas at the facility.
- All equipment is American Athletic (AAI).
- All girl's gyms will be Modified Capital Cup format.
- Tropicana Field is not heated. Please dress appropriately. If it is cold outside, it will be cold in the dome.
- Results will be posted on the website www.lightningcity.com. They will be posted during the competition that day.
- If your team competes in different gyms, please make sure you have multiple devices (which are fully charged) with your music as sessions may overlap. Please remember to grab your devices after your session. We are not responsible for lost or missing devices.

Please make sure to share all important information with all your coaches and gymnasts' families. Things will run smoothly if everyone has the information. If there are any changes to the information in the letter, we will let you know. Our website will have all the up-to-date information. We are also on Facebook and Instagram. Please tag us in your pictures or use #2024gasparillaclassic or #wlgm24.

We look forward to seeing all of you. Thank you for entering our competition and making this the World's Largest Gym Meet. We will have close to 7,000 gymnasts from 35 states and 9 countries! It's going to be a great weekend of gymnastics.

We look forward to a great 2024 Gasparilla Classic!

Sincerely,

Tim Keckler
Meet Director

Janine Olaso
Meet Coordinator

Stadium Parking Fee is \$20 per day – CREDIT CARD ONLY
Spectator Admission –Adults \$25 per day Children (5-17) \$20 per day

Posted January 11, 2024 Changes made *