



2026 Women's Gasparilla Classic March 6-8, 2026



Parents/Spectators and Gymnasts Information

Welcome to the 38th Annual Gasparilla Classic.

Location: Tampa Convention Center – 333 S Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

Parking: Parking is managed by the City of Tampa Parking Department. Please keep in mind, parking rates change when there are events at Benchmark Arena or heavy event activity downtown. These rates for the lots & garages are determined by Parking and rates differ based on activity.

Location of Lots and Garages:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/12288a4774a9436b91953388b6770ff7>

Rates: <https://www.tampa.gov/parking/info/parking-hourly-and-daily-rates>

Pay by Mobile App: <https://www.tampa.gov/parking/programs/pay-by-phone-parking>

There is also a machine located at the garages to pay. Attendees must pay before leaving the parking garage.

Please note that Disney on Ice has shows at Benchmark International Arena causing additional traffic and changes in parking rates. Make sure to plan accordingly.

3/6 3p-5p & 7p-9p

3/7 11a-1p & 7p-9p

3/8 11a-1p & 3p-5p

Ride Share: There is a rideshare/Uber/Lyft/taxi drop-off spot just beyond the entrance to Front Drive at 333 S. Franklin St., across from Water Street. This is the best location to drop-off persons with disabilities.

Water Bottles: We recommend sending your gymnasts with a water bottle. There are bottle filling stations throughout the facility.

Food/Beverage: Outside food and beverages are not allowed in the building at Tampa Convention Center unless you have dietary restrictions/food allergies. A variety of food and beverage outlets, including healthy items and Starbucks and Kahwa coffee brands will be available at the onsite concessions.

Doors Open: 7:00am each day. Please plan to arrive one hour before if your session is the first of the day. Plan to arrive 45 minutes before for all other sessions.

Door Fees: Adults \$25 per day, Children (5-17yrs) \$20 per day Door fees are daily. There are no weekend passes.

Event Merchandise: A large selection of event merchandise will be available. Additionally, you can find a large selection of leotards, gymnastics apparel and accessories.

Rotation Sheets: There will be no hard copies of rotation sheets at the competition. We suggest printing/downloading a copy from our website. Make sure to refresh your browser to get the most updated copy.

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Additional Info:

- If you have any questions about the competition, please ask your coach prior to arriving in the Orlando area. Your coach (and only your coach) can then email us if they cannot answer your questions.
- Host Hotel Information- Make sure you book your hotels now.
- Please allow extra time to arrive for your competition, especially on Friday when traffic can be heavy. Plan to allow 30-45 minutes to walk to the hall, register your gymnast and get to the competitive floor.
- Official results will be posted on our website www.lightningcity.com. Results will be posted the day of competition. Live scoring will be available on meetscoresonline.com (internet connection permitting).
- Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8.
- Please keep an eye on your children who are not competing for their safety. We also ask you to leave all footballs, baseballs or all other objects for throwing at home for the safety of all the gymnasts competing and spectators in the building.
- Only service dogs with a certificate are allowed at the Tampa Convention Center.

The Tampa Bay Sports Commission has created a site for the event with a Visitor's Guide, Maps and Deals and Discounts.

https://www.tampabay.com/explorer/2026/March/Lightning_City_Gymnastics_Gasparilla_Classic



Check our website www.lightningcity.com, Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram and Twitter for any announcements. Be sure to tag us in your pictures or use #2026gasparillaclassic.

Thank you for joining us for the 2026 Gasparilla Classic. We look forward to seeing you soon!

~The Gasparilla Classic Krewe

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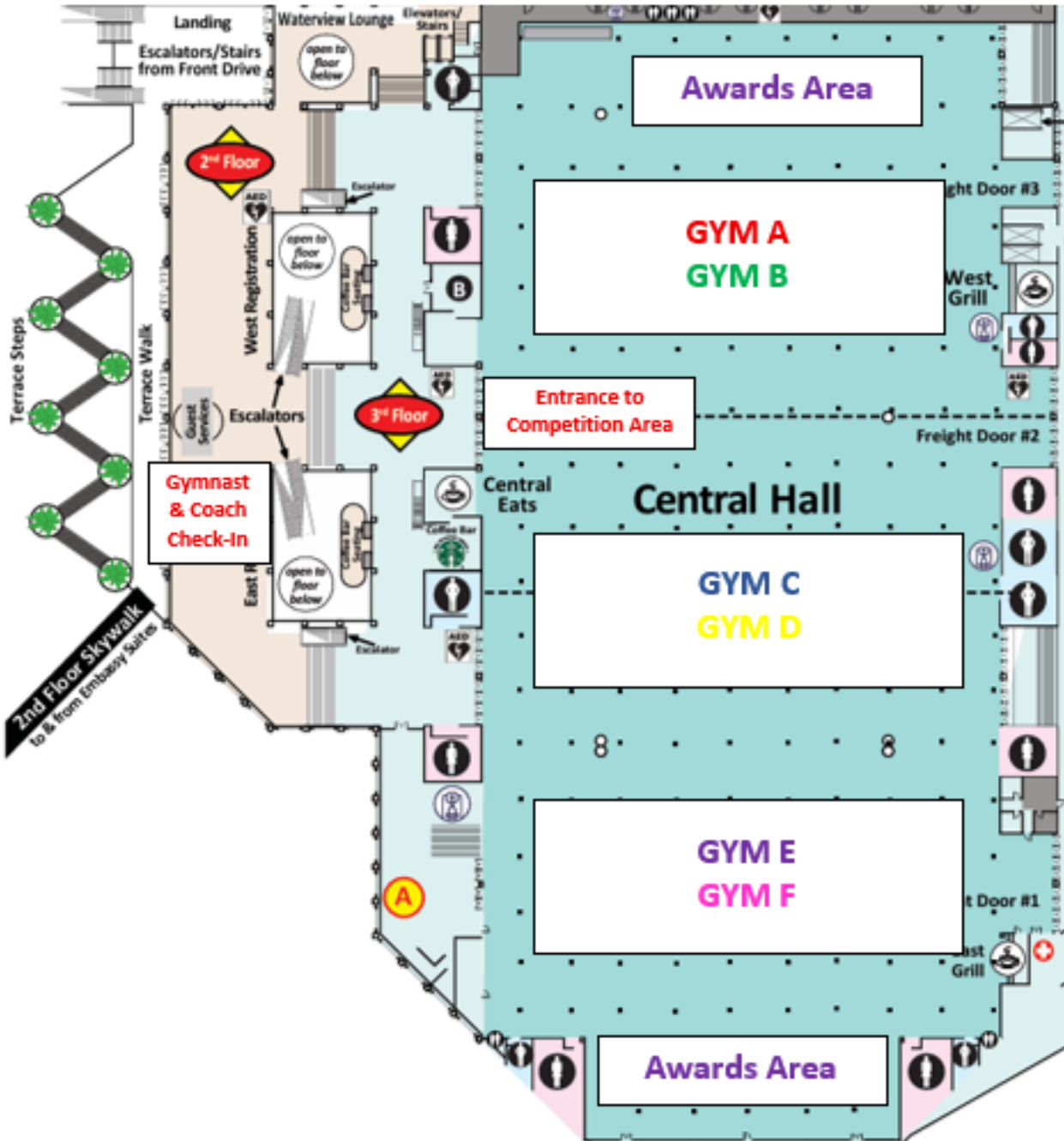
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The Women's Gasparilla competition will take place in the East, Central and West Halls of the Tampa Convention Center. The registration area will be on the 2nd Floor near the Guest Services booth. Entrance into the competition area will be by the West and Central Hall (near the Coffee Bar). Admission tickets will be available for purchase right by the entrance to the competition area.



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