

GYMJAM FOUNDATION

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MARCH 1-3, 2024
PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER
EXHIBIT HALLS A&B (AWARDS IN BALLROOM)
300 EAST GREEN STREET
PASADENA, CA 91101
(1/8/24)

Dear Coaches,

Thank you for joining us for the 17th annual Chris Waller's Heart of a Champion Invitational. Your team's participation will have an enormous impact on the lives of children with heart disease. It is our goal to provide an outstanding competition that is also meaningful and memorable. A special thank you in advance to all the teams and individuals participating in the fundraising contest. Please view the contest info here: <https://heartofachampioninvitational.com/coaches/>.

Please check your roster, statement, **tentative** schedule and review the enclosed additional information on events happening during the weekend. **There are no refunds after Jan. 13th.** Session times are subject to change (not too drastically) based on scratches and level change requests. Please let your team know to **be prepared to begin up to 15 minutes early** if the previous session finishes early. If you have not already, please notify us of any scratches and level changes right away so we can run as efficiently as possible. Please forward the roster to your parents to double check spelling of names and birthdates and report errors right away.

Any level changes, gymnast swaps, and late entries are subject to availability. We will be running two gyms (Heart and Champion) with two flights for all sessions. Coaches should plan on being split into multiple squads if you have a larger team or are in a session that has multiple levels. If there is a particular number in a squad you need, please let us know ahead of time so we may try to accommodate.

Please also ask your families to make adjustments to their hotel stay if they reserved the whole weekend and do not need every night. Releasing unnecessary rooms will allow those who were not able to get the group rate to do so. The group rate is only available if reserved by 1/29/24.

COACHES CHECK-IN

You must sign in at the Coaches Check-In in the lobby outside Hall A. Only current USAG coaches will receive a coach's credential and be allowed on the competition floor. If you have any coaches not currently registered into the meet, please e-mail hocmeetdirector@gmail.com right away.

ROTATION SCHEDULES, SCRATCHES & REFUND CHECKS

After checking in, please proceed to the head table at the back of the gym. There, you will find a filer with each team's folder. Score cards for your athletes will be placed in your team's file prior to each session. You will put the score cards in the order you wish your athletes to compete, and hand them to the judge prior to your team competing. If you had any scratches by the refund deadline of 1/13, your refund check will also be in your folder. If you have any additional scratches, please return the scratched athlete's score card to the scoring personnel at the head table. Once all scratches are received, rotation schedules will be posted at the head table area right before each session. To save trees, you may take a photo of the

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rotation schedule. If you have a conflict being split into multiple groups, please contact us right away at **hocmeetdirector@gmail.com**.

COACHES & VIP PARTY

We are hosting a coaches reception with heavy appetizers, adult beverages, and free raffle items. The get together will be on Friday and Saturday night from 9:00-11:00 pm in the lobby of the Convention Center outside the awards rooms.

JOIN THE SOCIAL MEDIA FUN

Use #HOC2024. LIKE us on Facebook! We have a Facebook page dedicated to the meet. Tell your coaches, gymnasts, and parents to LIKE the page to learn more about the weekend's events and have some fun with us leading up to the meet. The page can be found here:
www.facebook.com/heartofachampion/

Visit our website at www.heartofachampioninvitational.com and our Facebook page for updates and other information.

HOST HOTEL

HOTEL DENA (Previously Sheraton Pasadena)

303 Cordova St., Pasadena, CA 91101; (626) 469-8100

THE WESTIN PASADENA

191 North Robles, Pasadena, CA 91101; (626) 792-2727

THE HYATT PLACE

399 Green Street, Pasadena CA 91101; (626) 788-9108

MEET FORMAT & AWARDS

- Modified Capital Cup
- Individual Awards: Provided to at least the top 50% on each event/All Around for all levels
- Team Awards: Awarded to the top 3 teams in each level/session (Top three scores on each event)
- Level 2 (no scores flash): award ribbons and one commemorative medal
- Cash awards for the top optional teams in all sessions of same level combined

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Awards Ceremony:
Ceremonies will occur immediately following each session down the foyer in the Ballroom. There are separate awards rooms for each gym, Heart and Champion.
- Programs:
Each day will have a program for that day's participants and can be purchased for \$5.
- Vendors:
Please visit our vendors in the lobby of the Convention Center right outside the competition area.

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- Support Your Athletes:
Coaches, parents and friends, can buy a “candy gram” to wish your gymnast good luck at the meet!
- Concessions:
The Pasadena Convention Center will be offering concessions during all sessions of Chris Waller's 2024 Heart of a Champion Invitational for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack items. Beverages including soft drinks, coffee, water, etc. will be available for purchase.
- Coaches Hospitality Ballroom A (just to the right of Exhibit Hall A):
Coaches will receive meal tickets for use during the sessions they are working. Seating and additional snacks and beverages will be provided, along with yard games, so coaches can eat and relax in between each session in a private section of the Ballroom.

We look forward to seeing you March 1st-3rd!

Thank you,

Chris Waller
Survivor of 4 Heart Surgeries
Olympian
Olympic Coach
President, GymJam Foundation

Cindy Waller
Meet Director
CFO, GymJam Foundation

SPECTATOR ADMISSION PRICES

	Adult (13 & up)	Child (5-12)	Senior (65+ w/ ID)	Military W/ ID	Children Under 5
Individual Session	\$20	\$12	\$15	\$15	Free
Daily Pass	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$20	Free
Weekend Pass	\$30	\$25	\$30	\$30	Free

*Registered Gymnasts and Coaches can watch any session by showing their meet credentials at the entrance. Please remember that flash photography is NOT permitted during any portion of the competition for the athletes' safety.

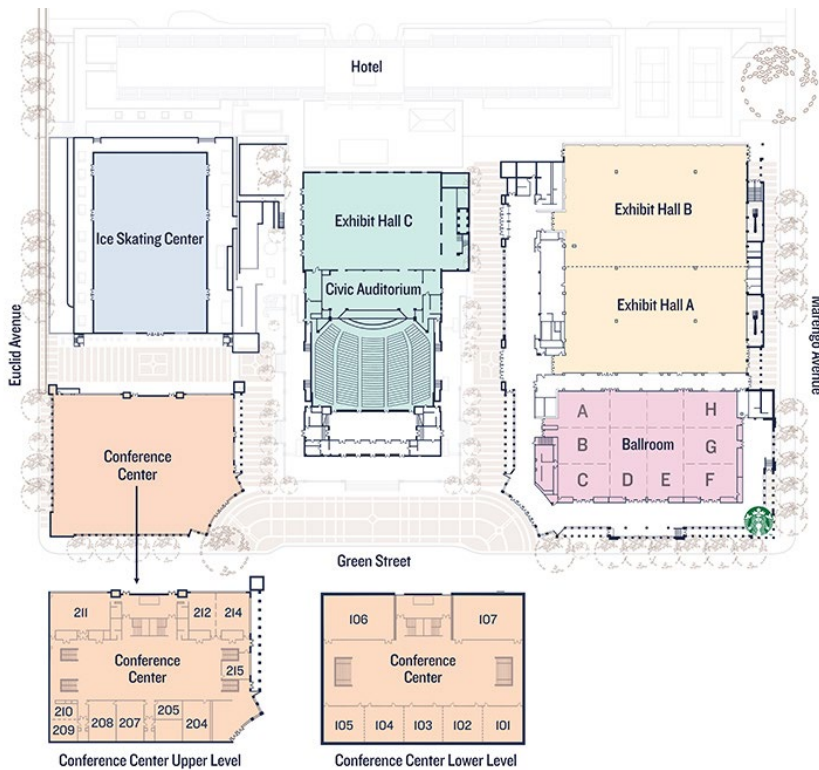
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PARKING AND DIRECTIONS

- **Parking Garage**
The convention center's subterranean parking structure is shared with the Sheraton Pasadena. There are two entrances, (a) on Euclid Avenue, and (b) Marengo Avenue, both between Green Street and Cordova Street. If you are using a Mobile GPS, enter this address for the most direct route: 175 South Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101
- **PARKING COST**
Daily parking rates of \$15-\$30 apply, depending on length of time, number of entries and spaces.
- **Additional Parking:**
132 E. Colorado Blvd.
<https://www.way.com/parkingdetails/5069338/132-E-Colorado-Blvd-Parking>



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