

MARDI GRAS SPIRIT EVENTS

New &/or Important Information for 2009-10 Competition Season

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Please visit www.mardigrassspiritevents.com to register for competition online!

**** NEW MAILING ADDRESS **:** MARDI GRAS SPIRIT EVENTS
1937 VETERANS BOULEVARD, #356
METAIRIE, LA 70005

USASF: Please refer to www.usasf.net throughout the season to check for any changes and/or updates that have/will be made.

TEAM WAIVER FORM: We can now accept the team waiver form via fax or email as long as it is the 2009-2010 form! Please submit one Waiver form per team entered into competition. Waivers may be submitted once to cover all Mardi Gras Spirit Event competitions for that season as long as there are no changes. Please make sure all information is complete!

WORLDS - NEW ORLEANS ONLY: Worlds teams will compete twice in one day. First performance will be in the morning and the final performance will be later in the evening.

NEW SCORING POLICY: Thanks for the customer surveys! We have now implemented a new scoring system. Please refer to our "Judging Process".

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Our registration deadlines have changed from 30 days prior to an event to 2 ½ weeks prior to an event. With this extension, **late fees will be enforced.** Please refer to the registration policies on the registration form.

COACHES "FAST PASS": We offer a "FAST PASS" to coaches/directors of the gyms/schools that have completed the registration process correctly and in a timely manner. This will allow them to avoid the line at coaches' registration the day of the event. They will just need to look for the "FAST PASS" sign at registration and pick up their packet of information. As an added BONUS, all gyms/schools that are awarded "FAST PASS" status at an event will be put in our "FAST PASS raffle" during the awards ceremony.

HOTEL/TRAVEL INFORMATION: We understand that making team travel arrangements can be very hectic and time consuming. We now offer a "one-stop shop" website to help you during that time. You can make hotel, airfare, rental car and even sightseeing arrangements all on the same site. Please visit our website for details.

DISCOUNT PLANS: Take advantage of our "Purple, Green and Gold Plans" for teams attending more than 1 event.

PURPLE PLAN --- Parade of Champions to Parade of Champions - \$5 off
GREEN PLAN --- Parade of Champions to Mardi Gras Nationals - \$7 off
GOLD PLAN --- Mardi Gras Nationals to Mardi Gras Nationals - \$10 off

Discount amount will apply to the 2nd or 3rd event total based on the number of full paid participants (NOT counting crossovers) brought to the previous event. For example: bring 34 full paid participants and 6 crossovers to a Parade of Champions event, then bring 51 full paid participants and 10 crossovers to a Mardi Gras National Event --- discount amount would be $7 \times 34 = \$238$. Then bring 47 full paid participants and 23 crossovers to another Mardi Gras National event --- discount amount would be $10 \times 51 = \$510$.

Also, your exhibition team can perform for FREE when registering 6 or more paid teams from your program.