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CINCINNATI WINTER SPORTS FESTIVAL BACK FOR THIRD YEAR

Cheer, Dance, Gymnastics Headline Weekend Activities

CINCINNATI (December 8, 2008) – Nearly 4,000 athletes are expected to compete at the Third Annual Cincinnati Winter Sports Festival, December 19-21 at the Duke Energy Center in downtown Cincinnati.

This year's Festival is highlighted by the support of Procter & Gamble brands Tampax, Gillette and Safeguard, through the Regional Tourism Network. P&G brands will be on site throughout the weekend. The Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation serves as the citywide host of the event.

This year's competition features events in cheerleading and dance, along with men's and women's gymnastics. The cheer competition, organized by the Universal Cheerleading Association, will be a two-day event featuring all star and school cheer squads. Dance competitions, sanctioned by the Universal Dance Association, will bring in dance teams from around the area competing in such dance styles as jazz, high kick, pom and hip hop.

The men's Winter Gymnastics Challenge is a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event led by Olympic gymnast Blaine Wilson that features competitors from across the country in levels 4-10/Elite. The women's Region 5 Cup gymnastics event brings in 1,700 gymnasts from the Midwest for three days of competition. Helping present awards during gymnastics will be U.S. Gymnastics Olympian John Roethlisberger.

"We are excited about bringing the Cincinnati Winter Sports Festival back to downtown Cincinnati," said Patrick Jordan, event producer. "With nearly 4,000 competitors in our most popular activities, we're expecting more excitement than ever around our events."

Also scheduled are safety seminars for coaches, including a USA Gymnastics safety certification class and a UCA Cheerleading safety class. Both will be held the Saturday of the Winter Sports Festival and pre-registration is required. Go to www.cincinnatiwintersportsfestival.com for information and registration forms.

Admission to the events is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 6 through 12. Children 5 and under are free, and seniors are \$5. Adult weekend passes for the three days of activity are \$20 each, and tickets are available at the Duke Energy Center on the days of the events.

2008 CWSF Schedule of Events

Women's Gymnastics – The Region 5 Cup

Friday, December 19, 2008

- Session 1 – Levels 5, 7, 8
 - Warm-Ups – 11:00am
 - Competition – 11:45am
 - Awards – 3:20pm
- Session 2 – Levels 5, 7, 8
 - Warm-ups – 3:30pm
 - Competition – 4:15pm
 - Awards – 7:50pm

Saturday, December 20, 2008

- Session 1 – Levels 5, 6, 7
 - Warm-ups – 8:00am
 - Competition – 8:45am
 - Awards – 12:20pm
- Session 2 – Levels 5, 6, 9
 - Warm-ups – 12:30pm
 - Competition – 1:15pm
 - Awards – 4:50pm
- Session 3 – Levels 5, 6, 9
 - Warm-ups – 5:00pm
 - Competition – 5:45pm
 - Awards – 9:20pm

Sunday, December 21, 2008

- Session 1 – Levels 3, 4, 7
 - Warm-ups – 8:00am
 - Competition – 8:45am
 - Awards – 12:20pm
- Session 2 – Levels 4, 8, 10
 - Warm-ups – 12:30pm
 - Competition – 1:15pm
 - Awards – 4:50pm
- Session 3 – Levels 7, 9
 - Warm-ups – 5:00pm
 - Competition – 5:45pm
 - Awards – 9:20pm

Cheerleading & Dance – Winter Fest Challenge

Saturday, December 20, 2008

- 8:00am – Dance Team Registration
- 9:00am – Dance Team Competition
- 1:00pm – School/Youth Rec Teams Registration
- 2:00pm – School/Youth Rec Team Competition

Sunday, December 21, 2008

- 9:00am – All Star Team Registration
- 10:00am – All Star Team Competition

Men's Gymnastics – Winter Gymnastics Challenge

Saturday, December 20, 2008

- Session 1 – Levels 4 & 5
 - 10:00am - Gym Opens
 - 10:30am – Timed Warm-Ups
 - 11:30am – Competition
 - 2:30pm – Awards
- Session 2 – Levels 6, 7, 8 & 10
 - 3:00pm – Gym Opens
 - 3:30pm – Timed Warm-Ups
 - 4:30pm – Competition
 - 8:00pm – Awards

Friday, December 19 – Overall schedule

- 10:15am – Event hall doors open to vendors
- 10:30am – Event hall doors open to everyone

Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21

- 7:15am – Event hall doors open to vendors
- 7:30am – Event hall doors open to everyone