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To: THSGCA Women's Coaches

From: Janet Cochran (Liaison for Team Texas)

I am hoping this letter finds all of you well into your seasons and everything is going great.

If you have a senior girl that is interested in being on Team Texas 2018, please download the forms included in this folder, fill them out and return them to me. All forms need to be in my hands by April 2^{nd} , as the deadline for all paperwork is due to Margie (Meet Director) by April 10^{th} .

You do not have to send any \$\$ yet. NHSGA knows how late our State Meet is, so they cut us some slack on the \$\$. They just need the paperwork! Costs breakdown right now is as follows:

Gymnast Entry Fee: \$135

Coach Entry Fee: \$125 (that includes your membership in NHSGA...you <u>must</u> be a member of NHSGA for your athlete to compete-not my rules. You also must pay an entry fee to be the "Coach on the Floor"-for example, I have no athlete in the meet, but I still pay the \$125 to be on the floor as the Liaison for Texas)

Hotel: I just got a phone call from Mike Martin, the meet coordinator. He is pleading for Texas to stay at the host hotel on the beach-his reasoning is that our girls miss out on all the activities that the girls participate in at this hotel. I told him that it was up to the coaches-but from experience and from what I saw last year, we probably don't want to stay there. It is a very dark hotel and close to the street where I encountered several pan handlers-which made me a bit uncomfortable. It is also 40-45 minutes to the meet site. For the past 4-5 years, we have stayed at the Embassy Suites in Estero-they have been so accommodating and the hotel is about 5 minutes from the meet site. I am currently in negotiations with that hotel, so costs are still up in the air. As soon as I know the costs, I will get that info out via the Women's VP and on the website.

Flights: Flying into Tampa will save you lots of \$\$\$-Ft. Myers is expensive to fly in and out of. Sarasota is also not far away. I fly into Tampa and enjoy the 2-hour drive south- it really is not that bad-very pretty scenery, too!

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My email is <u>jannc56@hotmail.com</u> (I retired in January after 40 years!!!) and my phone number is (817) 312-4781.

Hope to hear from you soon!!