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11 Countries Represented in Pan American Championships, October 13-15

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (October 9, 2017) – Daytona Beach is poised to welcome USA Gymnastics October 13-15 for the 2017 Pan American Championships for acrobatic and rhythmic gymnastics.

Held at the Ocean Center, the U.S. teams will be led by 2016 World silver medalists Axel Osborne and Tiffani Williams, both of Riverside, Calif., Realis Gymnastics; and 2017 World all-around, hoop and ribbon finalist Evita Griskenas of Orland Park, Ill., North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center. Athletes from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA and Venezuela will be competing.

“We are always excited to work with the USA Gymnastics organization,” said Linda McMahon, CVB group sales director. “The long standing relationship with USA-sanctioned competitions has brought the caliber of athletes that the Daytona Beach area has come to enjoy.”

Tickets for the event will be available on site at the Ocean Center Box Office, with a day pass available for \$25 and an all-session pass for \$40.

For a competition schedule, please visit: <https://usagym.org/pages/events/2017/panamchamps/>.

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About USA Gymnastics

Based in Indianapolis, USA Gymnastics is the national governing body for gymnastics in the United States. Its mission is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in the sport. Its disciplines include men's and women's artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, acrobatic gymnastics and Gymnastics for All (formerly known as group gymnastics). For more complete information, log on to usagym.org.

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