

Spectra by Comcast Spectacor Breaks USA Gymnastics Attendance Record In Hartford XL Center Hosts USA Gymnastics On Their Road To Rio

Hartford, CT., June 5, 2016 –Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, the providers of Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality, and Ticketing & Fan Engagement to the XL Center, broke a one-day total attendance record in Hartford this weekend with the P&G Gymnastics Championships and Secret U.S. Classic.

As a new combination of events for USA Gymnastics, holding the P&G Men’s Gymnastics Championships and Secret U.S. Classic was not only a first for Hartford, but for everyone. The three-day event included the women’s U.S. Hope Championships, the Secret U.S. Classic, and two days of the P&G Men’s Gymnastics Championships.

Although past events included both the men’s and women’s P&G Gymnastics Championships, the Secret U.S. Classic and Hope’s Championships surpassed previous attendance records with 11,771 people in the arena during Saturday’s sessions.

“Spectra and USA Gymnastics have a strong history of producing successful events, not only in Hartford, but around the country.” said Spectra’s Chris Lawrence, General Manager of XL Center. “This weekend is another prime example.”

The last time USA Gymnastics was in Hartford was for the 2013 P&G Gymnastics Championships. Since then, the XL Center underwent a 35 million dollar renovation to significantly update the overall entertainment experience for fans, artists, athletes, and promoters alike.

“This town has embraced USA Gymnastics over the past few years and the support we have received this weekend is yet another positive indication of the significance of gymnastics in this part of the country.” said USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny. “We look forward to coming back again.”

USA Gymnastics continues on their Countdown to Rio with the 2016 USA Gymnastics Championships June 8-13 in Providence, R.I.; 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials- Men’s Gymnastics; P&G Gymnastics Championships for women and junior men June 23-26 in St. Louis; and the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Women’s Gymnastics July 8-10 in San Jose, Calif..

XL Center

The XL Center (XLCenter.com), is a 16,000 seat multipurpose arena located in downtown Hartford, CT, and operated by Spectra Venue Management. The arena, home to the Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL), University of Connecticut Men’s Ice Hockey, and Men’s & Women’s Basketball, was built in 1975 and underwent major renovations in 2014. The XL Center entertains millions of visitors annually with a variety of concerts, family shows, sports, consumer events and trade shows throughout the season.

About Spectra

Spectra by Comcast Spectacor also provides Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality, and Ticketing & Fan Engagement to Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, a 40,000 seat arena in East Hartford.

Spectra by Comcast Spectacor is the expert in hosting and entertainment, partnering with over 300 clients at 400 global properties to create memorable experiences for millions of visitors every year. Spectra's expertise is embodied within three divisions: Venue Management (formerly Global Spectrum), Food Services & Hospitality (formerly Ovations Food Services), and Ticketing & Fan Engagement (formerly Paciolan). Learn more at [SpectraExperiences.com](https://www.spectraexperiences.com).

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