



Dear Rhythmic Friends,

We are very excited to officially invite you to participate in the **5th ANNUAL PAWS FOR A CAUSE INVITATIONAL**. This EVENT will be held February 9th – February 11th, 2018 in Georgia's premier venue space - The Georgia World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta.

The PAWS FOR A CAUSE INVITATIONAL is organized by Atlanta's own Ultimate Gym Sports and in collaboration with Rhythmic Brains and many subject experts and recognized official sponsors.

It would be an privilege for our organization to have the opportunity to showcase the talents of all gymnastic disciplines during this event. In particular, it would be our honor to present the future champions of rhythmic gymnastics in our beautiful city. We anticipate a very diverse competitive field of gymnasts - gymnasts of every calibre as well as some of the top Rhythmic athletes from across the globe.

Atlanta is a great city with sunny and warm weather, a storied history, diverse culture and a variety of attractions well suited for the whole family. This event is located in the heart of Atlanta's vibrant downtown, in the State of Georgia's premier venue space - The Georgia World Congress Center! Without a doubt, this will be an enjoyable and fun-filled weekend not to be missed. While in Atlanta you will be within walking distance of countless attractions and cultural exhibits. Enjoy the competition, enjoy your time with us in Atlanta.

We look forward to welcoming you to Atlanta! Veni. Vini. Amari!

Sincerely,

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Greetings!

I am happy to introduce the new and continued great features of the 5th rhythmic meet at **Paws for a Cause Invitational**, as a co-director for the Rhythmic part and the director of Rhythmic Brains in Atlanta. Since the inaugural 2014 meet, we had a pleasant success with numerous rhythmic teams from across the globe, including the National Junior Group, and donated over \$60,000 for providing service dogs to disabled children. The 5th competition will be held on **February 9 - February 11, 2018**, at the spacious [Georgia World Congress Center](#) in downtown Atlanta. The entry deadline is **December 15, 2017** or when the entry has exceeded our capacity, even before the deadline.

### New Features in 2018

- New AAI Rhythmic Carpet!
- All award ceremonies will be held in a separate room to create pleasant atmosphere and avoid noise in the gym area
- Donation not only for disabled children but disabled veterans

### Same Great Features

- The only meet with Live Online Score in the US
- Over 30 foot ceiling heights
- Spacious venue, conveniently located at the heart of downtown
- Hands-on sport science experience by Georgia Tech
- Open to international participants
- Experienced meet co-directors

Visit our website for details and Like us on Facebook!

<http://www.paws4acauseinvitational.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/pawsrhythmic>

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This is how it looked with National Junior Group:

<http://youtu.be/yi2BNGrQiks>

Looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Best,  
Shino

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# THIS SEASON - LET'S ALL BE HEROES!



**Georgia World Congress Center**  
285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW,  
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- 🐾 Ceiling Heights Exceeding 30 Feet
- 🐾 Live Online Scoring
- 🐾 Spacious Venue
- 🐾 Awards Ceremony in Decorated Awards Room
- 🐾 All Custom Medals, No Ribbons
- 🐾 Donations for Children and Veterans with Special Needs (> \$60,000 donated since 2014)
- 🐾 Open to International Participants
- 🐾 New in 2018 AAI Rhythmic Carpet
- 🐾 [www.paws4acauseinvitational.com](http://www.paws4acauseinvitational.com)
- 🐾 [www.facebook.com/pawsrhythmic](http://www.facebook.com/pawsrhythmic)

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## Entry Fees:

- 🐾 Level 3 \$90
- 🐾 Level 4 \$100
- 🐾 Level 5-6 \$135
- 🐾 Levels 7-8 \$150
- 🐾 Levels 9-10 \$160
- 🐾 JO/FIG Group \$225/2 Events
- 🐾 Xcel Individual \$20/Event
- 🐾 Xcel Group \$15/Athlete for each routine
- 🐾 Foreign participants \$35 extra for USAG registration



## Deadline Dates - Received and Paid:

**All Entries: December 15, 2017 (or until space is filled)**

After December 15, a late fee of \$20/Athlete may apply

\*No refunds will be issued after the entry deadline date. Substitutions may be made for the same level up to 14 days prior to the event start date if space is available. Injury refunds will be considered with a doctors note up to 21 days prior to the event start date.

Payments by check should be mailed to:

Ultimate Gym Sports

2700 Braselton Hwy, Suite 10-265, Dacula, GA 30019

**Routine "D" Forms (2 Hard Copies)** for Level 7/8 Must be **RECEIVED by January 30-** A Late Fee of \$20/athlete will apply



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**Hotel: [The Omni at CNN Center, Connected to Venue](#)**