

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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To whom it may concern :

## CONFIRMATION / RECOMMENDATION

We herewith confirm that Mr. Ivan Grigorov Hristov, Bulgarian citizen, is Gymnastics coach of World quality. He was National Coach of the Bulgarian team from 1977 to 1990 and has produced many medallists at Olympic, World and Continental level.

We recommend Mr. Grigorov as a Gymnastics coach and are convinced that he is an asset to any countries gymnastics community in which he works.

Kind regards,  
**Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique**

  
Norbert Bueche  
Secretary General



January 6, 1998

Immigration & Naturalization Service

RE: Ivan Grigorov Hristov

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Gymnastics Federation/USA Gymnastics wishes to endorse, by means of this communication, Mr. Ivan Grigorov Hristov.

The United States Gymnastics Federation is the exclusive governing body for the sport of gymnastics in the United States. We are a group A member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). In addition, we are the only gymnastics organization in the United States that is officially recognized by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG). The USGF ranks gymnastics in the United States for and pursuant to its ranking system, qualifies and selects the US gymnastics team to participate in the Olympic Games once every four years and, additionally, the World Championships competition, carried out by the FIG. The USGF also sets the rules and standards, and official competitive gymnastics events in the United States are held under our auspices. Accordingly, the USGF is the appropriate body to furnish an advisory opinion regarding the credentials of a gymnastics individual.

Mr. Hristov is a well known coach and former gymnast from Bulgaria. He holds a degree from the Bulgarian National Academy of Sports and Physical Education at Georgy Dimitrov University as well as earning his Master of Sport. He has a history of producing elite gymnasts on the World and Olympic level. Currently, he has been applying his knowledge at Tumbling Tops Gymnastics, Inc. in San Marcos, Texas.

The decline of the collegiate gymnastics program in the United States has resulted in a decline of teachers and coaches of gymnastics. While the USGF is currently working diligently to develop USA coaches with the type of expertise Mr. Hristov possesses, we are still several years from this goal. It is important, therefore, that Ivan Grigorov Hristov be given the opportunity to contribute to gymnastics in the United States.

Should you wish to contact the USGF directly, please do not hesitate to call or write.

For the United States Gymnastics Federation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Galimore', written over a horizontal line.

Ron Galimore  
National Men's Program Director

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