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Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute provides medical support for the 2011 AT&T American Cup and Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup

Jacksonville, FL, February 11, 2011 Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute (JOI) is providing medical support for two premier gymnastics events the 2011 AT&T American Cup, one of the world's top international gymnastics invitationals; and the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup. Kevin Kaplan, MD, who provides sports medicine treatment at JOI's San Marco office, will serve as the physician for both events, which will take place at Veterans Memorial Arena.

The AT&T American Cup, an International Gymnastics Federation World Cup event, is set for Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup takes place the evening before, on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

"We welcome the AT&T American Cup and Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup to Jacksonville and are proud to be associated with these events," said Michael S. Scharf, MD, president of Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute.

For more than a decade, JOI has provided on-the-field sports medicine support to colleges, universities and high schools, including Jacksonville University, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Bishop Kenny High School and The Bolles School. JOI also is a founding member of the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, which helps ensure young student athletes play in a safe environment in order to minimize injuries.

Tickets for both events are on sale now through Ticketmaster. Visit <u>www.attamericancup.com</u> for information about the AT&T American Cup and <u>www.nastialiukinsupergirlcup.com</u> for information about the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup.

For more information about JOI, visit www.joionline.net.

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Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute

Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute (JOI) is a 32-physician group practice serving Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. JOI doctors offer seven convenient offices and nine rehabilitation centers, and each is dedicated to the mission of providing high-quality orthopaedic health care for patients with musculoskeletal disorders. Strategic areas of services include hand (including upper extremities), foot and ankle, joint replacement, spine, and sports medicine. JOI is the "exclusive sports medicine provider" for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars and the Jacksonville Sharks organizations.

AT&T American Cup

The 2011 AT&T American Cup, the United States' most prestigious all-around international invitational, is a part of the International Gymnastics Federation's all-around World Cup series. The USA's Jonathan Horton, 2010 World all-around bronze medalist, and Alexandra Raisman, a 2010 World all-around finalist, will face some of the world's best gymnasts. Jacksonville's Shannon Miller, the USA's most decorated gymnast and a member of the Magnificent Seven (the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team that won the team gold medal in Atlanta), is the event's honorary chairman. JEDC Sports and Entertainment is USA Gymnastics' local partner for the event. For more information, go to www.attamericancup.com.

Nastia Liukin Supergirl Cup

The Nastia Liukin Supergirl Cup is scheduled for March 4, 2011, at the Veterans Memorial Arena, the evening prior to the prestigious AT&T American Cup. A minimum of two gymnasts will advance to the Cup from the 17 invitationals included in the Nastia Liukin Supergirl Cup Series. This is the event's second year, and proceeds will benefit the Nastia Liukin Fund, part of the National Gymnastics Fund. For more information, go to www.nastialiukinsupergirlcup.com.

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 group gymnastics. For more information, log on to <u>www.usagym.org</u>.