

US Nat'l Gymnastics Team To Train For Olympics In Indianapolis

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INDIANAPOLIS -- The U.S. Women's National Gymnastics Team will be training for the 2020 Olympics in Indianapolis.

USA Gymnastics, which is based in Indianapolis, announced last week that The Gymnastics Company on the southeast side of Indy will serve as the interim training facility for the team, which owner Kim Dykes says will be paired with a developmental program.

"They'll be doing training camps for both for the national team leading up to the Olympics and for the younger girls coming up through the system in future years," Dykes said.

Julie Bingham's daughter attends the training facility and said the decision will inspire a lot of girls at the company.

"A lot of these girls look up to these gymnasts," Bingham said. "They're talking Simone Biles. They're talking some many of these other girls. They're role models to our little girls."

The Gymnastics Company will serve as the training facility for the national team for the time being after USA Gymnastics terminated its lease with the Karolyi Ranch in Texas last year. It was there that some of the sexual abuse perpetrated by Dr. Larry Nassar took place.

Nassar ended being sentence to life in prison for the abuse, but severe damage was done to the reputation of USA Gymnastics and prompted them to end their relationship with Marta and Bela Karolyi.

Since then the team had been training at EVO Athletics in Sarasota, Florida, and Flip Fest in Crossville, Tennessee.

The new training location in Indianapolis will serve as a more central hub for gymnasts across the country. The vice president for women's gymnastics says the facility has everything needed for the women's program in one place.

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