



# THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

## SPORTS INFORMATION

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### IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS

#### **JD REIVE HIRED AS NEW HEAD COACH**

**IOWA CITY, IA** – University of Iowa Director of Athletics Gary Barta has announced that JD Reive has been named Head Men's Gymnastics coach at the UI. The announcement came today from Barta. Reive replaces former Hawkeye Head Coach Tom Dunn, who retired at the end of the 2010 season.

Reive, who is the seventh head coach in the program's 82-year history, comes to Iowa City after serving as an assistant coach at men's gymnastics powerhouse Stanford for the past seven seasons. Reive helped the Cardinal to four top-three team finishes at the NCAA Championships, including the 2009 NCAA national championship.

During his time at Stanford, Reive coached 44 student-athletes to all-American honors. Reive was also honored as the Collegiate Gymnastics Association Assistant Coach of the Year three times (2006, 2009 and 2010) and was also the National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2009.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to represent the University of Iowa," Reive said. "The athletic department's continued support of men's gymnastics is a testament to the great legacy of Hawkeye gymnastics; a legacy that I fully intend to build upon. There is a great deal of potential in this program that will soon be realized. It's great to be a Hawkeye."

Reive also has deep connections with the U.S. National Team. Most recently, he was named the squad's head coach for the 2009 Toyota Cup in Japan and helped develop two members of the 2009-10 National Team.

Reive was a competitive member of numerous U.S. National Teams as well. He began his competitive gymnastics career at age five and gained a spot on the Junior National Team at age 10. His international career began at age 11, as he won the 1988 Junior Pan American Games. He was invited to move to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs at age 15 and finished second at the 1993 Winter Cup, earning a spot on the U.S. Men's Senior National Team.

Reive is also the founder /manager of the JDR Gymnastics Club, which develops and trains gymnasts for both Junior Olympic competition and USAG Junior National Team competition.

"We are very excited to announce JD as our new head men's gymnastics coach," Barta said. "JD brings a wealth of coaching experience from the Junior Olympic and Senior National Team ranks, as well as from a highly successful and academically demanding Division I institution. He shares our Iowa values, is a proven winner and a tireless advocate of men's gymnastics. We are very confident in his ability to develop our student-athletes and move our men's gymnastics program forward."

Reive's alma mater, the University of Nebraska, is the newest member of the Big Ten Conference. He graduated from Nebraska in 2000 with a Bachelor of Journalism degree, with an Advertising major and a Marketing and Design minor.



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