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IATP Challenges Parks to Jump Higher at 6th Annual Conference & Trade Show

Hershey, PA - The International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP) held their 6th Annual Conference & Trade Show at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, FL – September 16 -18, 2018 welcoming over 500 trampoline park owners, operators and suppliers.

Highlights of the event include the introduction of a self-regulatory program which will require all IATP park members to undergo a third-party inspection based on industry standards by renewal 2020. Additionally, the IATP will launch a consumer awareness campaign late winter 2019 – Let's Get Jumping. The program is designed to provide education and resources to parents, educators and jumpers helping them to better understand what to look for and what questions to ask before they jump at a trampoline park. IATP Chair, Dave Schaeffer stated "In the absence of regional standards or government regulation the IATP self-regulatory program and consumer awareness campaign will work hand in hand to provide trampoline park patrons with a way to identify parks dedicated to delivering optimally safe experiences."

Two new board members were elected at this year's event. Both will work to move the industry forward globally. Joining the board are Rich Cook, COO – CircusTrix and Elizabeth Kramer, Owner – Sky High Sports. Ed Reed, Vice President of Construction with Jumpstreet is slated to serve as Chairman through September 2020. Ed also serves as the Chair for the ASTM Trampoline Court Task Group.

The first ever Golden Spring Awards were held during the event recognizing the best in the industry. Awards were presented in the following categories:

IATP Leadership Award: Apex Trampoline Park Awarded to the trampoline park who best embodies the spirit and mission of the IATP

IATP Community Service Award: Flying Squirrel- Guatemala Awarded to the trampoline park who demonstrated exceptional work with a charity or community partner

IATP Safety Award: Ed Reed – VP of Construction Jumpstreet & ASTM Trampoline Court Task Group Chair Awarded to an individual who has worked to promote IATP's safety mission

IATP Exhibitor of the Year: Amuze

Awarded to the exhibitor receiving most attendee votes

IATP Leader of the Pack: CircusTrix

Awarded to the brand with the highest number of attendees at this year's event

IATP Brand Growth Award: Flying Squirrel

Awarded to the brand with the most growth for 2017-18 that are members in good standing

The International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP) is a 501(c)(6) industry trade association whose purpose is to promote optimally safe operations, facilitate commercial success and stimulate growth of the trampoline park industry. For more information about the association, visit www.indoortrampolineparks.org. Membership inquiries should be directed to Bethany Evans, Executive VP, at 717-910-4534 or email Bethany@indoortrampolineparks.org. The IATP will hold their 3rd Annual EU Conference in Spring 2019 and their 7th Annual Conference & Trade Show in New Orleans, LA – September 23-25, 2019.

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