

# Master Classes with Guest Teacher

Over the past few years we have consistently brought in to HSPA talented guest teachers to work with our students to best benefit their growth and learning opportunities, as we know that not all of our families can afford to send their child to the many weekend workshops that we post. We used to schedule these guests in on weekends here at HSPA for Master classes which would generally cost the students anywhere from \$20.00-\$50.00 depending on the number of classes offered, a big savings from actually attending a convention which run an average of \$100-\$250.00 for a full weekend experience, not counting hotel or travel expenses.

Over the past few years we noticed less and less students attending these master classes offered so as a favor to all our students we went the next step and made it even easier and more convenient by now placing these guest teachers on a Monday or Thursday during their regularly scheduled class time. It's worked out tremendously well for all our students but not so much for our budget, as these teachers we bring in can be very, very expensive. Many have to travel in which can be costly for us not to mention if we need to house and feed them. We realized that because we had switched these teachers to the student's class time, we have had the full burden to pay this extra expense ourselves. Keep in mind; we did implement a rule a few years back about those students on the top teams having to attend a minimum number of workshops in order to maintain their team status, which for many went ignored. Despite this we have continued to try and make things as easy, convenient, and inexpensive as possible for everyone involved. This will now take the place of our convention rule although we still encourage the students to attend at least one outside workshop. It's just another way we are making things easier for all of you.

So in order for us to continue to provide these great extra learning opportunities at the convenient class time, we will now need to charge a small additional fee on top of their tuition when these instructors are scheduled of \$5.00 for an hour class, \$8.00 for an hour and fifteen, and \$10.00 for a 2 hour class. This is still cheaper then what you would normally pay for a master class. For those students not on the Diamond, or Gold teams that wish to also attend, they will pay a slightly higher fee as this is not their regular class time. It is only 5-8 times a year so it's really not that much of an extra expense. We feel this is still a bargain considering what most schools charge, and the money and time we save everyone to bring in outside instructors opposed to actually attending the weekend conventions.

If you have any problems or questions regarding this new policy, please see us Asap. The extra fee will automatically be attached to your bill or you can pay up front. Our next master class will be coming up next Monday night Oct. 20 for an hour and a half class.

Thank you for your cooperation, HSPA Staff