Resilite Grows Gymnastics Business Unit, Adds Industry Leadership Role

Heather Stapf named to United States Gymnastics Suppliers Association Board of Directors as two more join the company

Resilite Sports Products has been manufacturing wrestling mats since 1959 in the heart of Pennsylvania.

NORTHUMBERLAND, PA, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Resilite Sports Products, the world's largest manufacturer of premium athletic mats, today announced a series of personnel developments in its gymnastics business. Heather Stapf has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States Gymnastics Suppliers Association (USGSA), and the company welcomed two hires: Heather Kikel as Gymnastics Account Manager and Sarah Rothermel as Sales and Customer Service Associate. With participation in gymnastics continuing to grow nationwide, Resilite is excited to deepen its investment in the sport and continue its mission to provide high-quality training and competition surfaces for gymnasts at every level.

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> *Heather Stapf, Director of Marketing, Resilite*

"We're growing our gymnastics sales team by 200% with these two new hires, and strengthening our voice in the industry through Stapf's seat on the United States Gymnastics Suppliers Association Board. Each brings something different to this team—deep industry credibility, hands-on gym operations experience, and a genuine passion for the sport," said Matt Gilbert, Vice President of Sales at Resilite. "Stapf's seat on the USGSA board keeps Resilite at the table where the future of the gymnastics industry gets shaped, and our new hires give our gymnastics customers a growing team that understands their world, right from the floor."

Stapf, Director of Marketing, has been named to the Board of Directors of the USGSA and began her appointment on September 24, 2026. As the world's largest association of gymnastics suppliers and manufacturers, USGSA member companies supply products and services across the gymnastics industry, and its board works to guide and develop the industry on behalf of

gymnasts, clubs and the companies that serve them.

“Serving on the USGSA board is an incredible opportunity to help shape the future of an industry we care deeply about,” said Stapf. “I’m looking forward to working alongside fellow suppliers to support gymnasts, clubs and the companies that keep this sport moving forward.”
Resilite is also strengthening its gymnastics sales team, welcoming two new hires whose backgrounds bring fresh energy and expertise to the business.

Kikel brings a rare combination of athlete and operator experience to the role. A competitive gymnast from a young age, she was a Level 10 Regional and National competitor and the Level 10 Regional Vault Champion for Nittany Gymnastics in State College, Pa., before joining the Penn State Women’s Gymnastics team as a vault specialist. After a 12-year career spanning marketing, sales, and merchandising, Kikel returned to the sport in 2012 as part of the staff at Centre Elite Gymnastics (CEG) in State College, where she has served as Business Programs Manager and Group Fitness Manager, overseeing the gym’s finances, staffing, competition logistics, and more. She is a USA Gymnastics Certified Meet Director and, since 2020, has served the PA USA Gymnastics State Committee, currently as Assistant State Chairperson, Treasurer, and Co-Competition Coordinator.

Rothermel joins Resilite after years of building sales and customer relationships, including more than a decade helping oversee Abby’s Doggone Good Gourmet Cookies at the Bloomsburg Fair.

To learn more about Resilite, its career opportunities, or to explore its full line of gymnastics mats and equipment, visit www.resilite.com.

About Resilite
Founded more than 65 years ago in Northumberland, Pa., Resilite is a family-owned, leading manufacturer of high-quality athletic mats and wall padding, providing handcrafted, American-made protection solutions for wrestling, gymnastics, martial arts, climbing, defensive training, and more. Driven by his own experiences, in 1959, Resilite’s founder, Warren Tischler, revolutionized the sport of wrestling with a new mat that was more resilient, lighter, and safer. Resilite continues this legacy of innovation today through continuous impact testing and product development. Proud to be the official wrestling mat of the NCAA Wrestling Championship®, and trusted by colleges and national sports chains, Resilite is the choice of world-class athletes when it matters most. To learn more about Resilite and its passion for protection, visit www.resilite.com or follow on social media.

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