



Dear Parents:

Welcome to American Gymnastics Team program. AGC has competitive programs in Boys and Girls, Gymnastics. We have competitive teams at both Bayshore and Judah locations. We compete as **one** team for AGC. As a member of the team your family has chosen to make a significant commitment of time and money to support your athlete. The purpose of this hand-out is to answer most questions that a “new” team parent may have regarding the financial obligations and policies as a member of the AGC team.

Girls Teams:

Levels 3, 4 & 5 compete in Compulsory Levels. Each Athlete performs the same routine to a prescribed criterion. The compulsory meet season is from August – December.

Level 6 is a transitional level that incorporates required elements, but also allows the girls to make up their own routines. Meet season is from December -May

Level 7, 8, 9 & 10 are considered Optional level gymnasts. The gymnasts make their own routines designed around their strengths and away from their weaknesses. Girls may qualify for nationals. Meet season is from December - May

Boys Teams:

Levels 4, 5, 6 & 7 compete in Compulsory Levels. Each Athlete performs the same routine to a prescribed criterion. Meet season is from December-April

Level 8, 9 & 10 are considered Optional level gymnasts. The gymnasts make their own routines. Boys at this level can qualify for Nationals. Meet season is from December - May

AGC Booster Club: 2013-2014

What is the Booster Club?

The AGC Booster Club is a nonprofit organization composed of team parents to support the team members, coaches and gym owner. The Booster club is responsible for handling all team expenses and duties. Typical expenses include meet fees, coaching fees, coaches meet expenses, USAG and NORCAL registration and uniforms.

Who are the members of the Booster Club?

Any parent or legal guardian with a child on either the Boys or Girls competitive team is automatically a member. The Booster Club is a separate organization from the gym.

What are the competitive program costs?

The annual tuition established by AGC is a monthly expense. This amount is paid directly to the gym for training. Monthly e-bills will be sent out prior to the month of participation, and payment is due by the 1st of the month. A \$10 late fee will be applied to all payments received after the 7th of the month. **Monthly tuition must be current to enable your gymnast to participate in the competitive season.**

There are no **make-ups, discounts, or prorated** accounts due to absence of any nature. This includes vacations, illnesses, and injury. The competitive program is greatly discounted in comparison to the Recreational classes.

Any gymnast who quits the team for any reason may be allowed to return one time only, at the discretion of the Gym owner, Coaches and Booster Club. The second time is final. It is an AGC policy that if a child chooses not to compete then they cannot work out with the team. The exceptions to this are if the coach feels that the child is not ready to compete or injury and can continue to work out with the team until he/she is ready to compete. A post team class is offered.

Estimated Team Expenses:

1. Entry Fees.

Every meet that your child participates in requires an entry fee per gymnast. The typical meets fees range from \$75-\$125 per entrant per meet. Entry fees are required to be paid at least 2 months prior to the meet. If an athlete cannot attend a specific meet advanced notification must be given to request a refund from the host gym. It is the discretion of the host gym to grant refunds. If no refund is granted the gymnast must incur the cost.

The deadline for requesting a refund is as follows:

Compulsory girls (Level 3-5): June 15th

Optional girls (Level 6-10) and Boys team: November 15th

After the deadline all fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

There are additional fees if the athlete qualifies for a State, Regional or National sanctioned meet. The compulsory level gymnasts must achieve a qualifying score during the current meet season to participate in the State meet. The cost of qualifying meets is typically more than non-qualifying meets, due to travel, hotels and low gymnast to coach ratios per session.

The AGC teams compete in approximately 6 regular season meets, and depending on their level and performance they may continue their season at States, Regionals and Nationals.

2. Coaches' Fees

In addition to the meet entrance fee the Booster Club also pays all coaching fees which include travel, hotel, mileage and a session fee. All of these costs are shared costs and are **equally divided** among both girl and boy team gymnasts. Even if a gymnast is not competing at a particular meet, their season fees will still include the coaching fees for all the scheduled meets. Meets are broken down into sessions. A session typically is a specific level, but at larger meets the session may also be divided by age groups within the level. Most meets run an entire weekend and have many sessions per day. Depending on the size of the meet the coaches typically attend at least 3 sessions per meet. Since coaches fees are evenly assessed across all members of the team; **COACHES FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Expect to pay approximately \$150 per meet for entry and coaching fees. This amount may be adjusted on a yearly basis. Costs could change based on competitions and coaching fee adjustments. The \$150 per meet is an amount that allows all members of the team to compete for the same cost.

3. Annual Booster Fee

- USAG Registration. USA Gymnastics is the sole national governing body for the sport of gymnastics. Athlete registration is required for participation in any USA Gymnastics sanctioned event. This is an annual fee.
- NorCal Registration All athletes must register with Northern California Gymnastics Association. This is an annual fee.
- USAG/NORCAL team and club registration
- Coaches USAG Registration, Safety and Background Check
- Boosters Miscellaneous fees (postage, bank fees, gifts)
- Sleepover expenses/party expenses
- Any other unforeseen team expenses
- The current annual Booster fee is \$200.00

4. Uniform and Other Competition Items

Gymnasts are responsible for purchasing their own competition leotards, warm-ups and team duffle bag. These items are ordered through a Booster Club representative, but are paid for by the individual team members. If your child outgrows a uniform, you may try to sell it to other team members. It is possible that new team uniforms

may be purchased each year. The approximate cost of the uniform, including warm-ups is \$300. This amount can change. It is the discretion of the coaches if and when new uniforms are purchased. There will be a deadline for uniform sizing and orders, each gymnast must submit payment by this date.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

We appreciate the challenge that these **ANNUAL** fees cause, however, they are necessary. The fees will be reviewed on a yearly basis and may be adjusted to reflect our growing team. The coaches will determine how many and what meets the team will attend. A contract will then be distributed to every team member and will need to be signed before your gymnast can compete.

Approximate dates:

April 1st: 1st Installment for the compulsory girls' season **DUE** which includes meet, coaches, Booster and uniform fees. You can choose to pay in full or pay in 3 equal payments. **April 1st, May 1st, June 15th**

Final payment must be received by **June 15th or the gymnast will not compete.**

*If your gymnast qualifies for the State meet additional fees will apply.

September 1st: 1st Installment for the Optional Girls and Boys season **DUE** which includes meet, coaches, Booster and uniform fees. You can choose to pay in full or pay in 3 equal payments.

September 1st, October 1st, November 15th

Final payment must be received by **November 15th or the gymnast will not compete.**

*If your gymnast qualifies for State, Regional or National meets additional fees apply.

*****Once fees have been collected they are non-refundable*****

Commitment to the team is no small matter. You must be willing to undertake the expense of gymnastics and hopefully this guideline will provide some insight. Please keep in mind that this is an estimate of competition costs. The Booster Club contract will include the current financial obligations.

Please make checks payable to: AGB Association