

FUTURE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY BOOSTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEMENT 2023-2024

FUTURE GYMNASTICS ACADEMY BOOSTER CLUB IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION UNDER OHIO LAW AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR 501(C)(3) STATUS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME POLICIES WILL CHANGE DUE TO LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All families of Future Gymnastics Academy competitive team gymnasts are members of the Future Gymnastics Academy Booster Club (referred to as FGABC) provided they have paid membership dues and agreed to time and committee requirements. A gymnast whose family is not a member in good standing may be denied gymnast benefits (see page 4), as well as the ability to participate in team events and/or competitions.

Pre-team families are not considered FGABC members at this time.

The Booster Club Board of Directors serve three year terms. These Board of Directors positions include President, Vice President, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and (3) Members at Large. Each year, prior to elections, the Board of Directors will determine supporting Committee Chair positions needed for the upcoming gymnastic season/year and these Committee Chair positions will be announced to the membership for voting.

With the exception of the position of President, any booster club member can nominate themselves or another member to run for a Board spot. To be eligible for the position of President, a candidate must have previously served in a Board of Directors position or as a Committee Chair. Members nominated for a Board position must be in good financial standing to be placed on the ballot.

The Board holds regular meetings that are open for attendance by the entire membership. Closed meetings will be held to discuss any financial or individual matters pertaining to a member family/gymnast. **After the ballots have been counted and members have been elected to the board, a closed door meeting of those elected members will be held to determine the positions that each will assume.**

PURPOSE OF CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP

The Bylaws of the FGABC state the primary purpose of our non-profit organization as “providing encouragement and expanded opportunities for competitive gymnastic experiences.”

Without the financial support of a booster club, the cost of competitive gymnastics wouldn't be feasible for most families. Costs of competing go far beyond coaching costs (including meet fees, travel costs, camp opportunities, etc.). Through booster club commitment fees and fundraising events, the booster club aims to allow affordable, high-quality competitive gymnastics opportunities.

As a booster club, we strive to assist in paying costs incurred by our competitive gymnastic teams and their members; to help facilitate communication among members, and with the community; and to help promote the mental, physical, and moral development of our gymnasts. We pledge to donate to the USA Gymnastics Region 5 Fund and other charitable organizations. Most importantly, we hope to help create one of the best gymnastics programs in the nation.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

One of the greatest contributions our Booster families make is their time. Each year, each Booster family is required to participate on two committees (standing and meet); and to fulfill their stipulated hours. As a condition of membership members agree to the following participation requirements:

Committees

Standing Committee: Organizational committees that assist with a variety of booster club operations.

Meet Committee: Organizational committees responsible for the various needs as related to the planning and administering of our competitive events.

Each family will participate on one “standing committee,” and on one “meet committee.”

Members have the opportunity to sign-up for a standing committee at the beginning of the season and a meet committee in the Fall. Members joining throughout the season will be placed in open positions.

Standing Committee

- Standing committees are created to support our fundraising efforts. Participation in fundraisers is not only strongly encouraged but absolutely necessary for the Booster Club’s financial success. Standing committee requirements may vary from year-to-year and are outlined on the upcoming season’s parent agreement.

Meet Committee Time Commitment

Each family will contribute a specified number of volunteer hours at the annual Future Gymnastics Academy Invitational, any additional hosted meets, and any other Booster Club general fundraisers. Each family (unless a meet chairperson) will also participate in “setup” and “tear down” at the conclusion of each hosted meet.

GENERAL FUNDRAISING

The major fundraising event held by the Booster Club is our annual gymnastics invitational. We look forward to our gymnastics meet next season. In addition, FGABC may bid on additional state or regional meets.

As a non-profit organization we are unable to give individual fundraising credits. Fundraising efforts benefit the organization as a whole.

General Fundraising benefits ALL eligible booster club members. The more successful we are with general fundraising efforts the better off we ALL will be. Successful fundraising efforts can ensure no additional payments at the end of the year and could potentially cut off scheduled payments. This will take participation from ALL families.

COMMITMENT FEES

As a condition of membership members agree to pay annual dues, payable through commitment fees, as discussed below.

Purpose and Determination of Fees

Club members must pay fees to offset the administrative costs of the club, underwrite club functions and activities, and serve to defray the overall cost of competition

for gymnasts. The amount of the commitment fee is the same for all families, regardless of how many gymnasts are in the program.

Each year, the Treasurer/**Finance Committee**, and head coach and co-owner, Christian Gallardo, work together to create a proposed operating budget based on a proposed schedule of gymnastics meets, camps, events, and fundraisers. Commitment fees are based on estimated costs for the upcoming year and estimated profit from Booster Club fundraising events. Commitment fees are the same for all Booster Club members. The Board votes on the budget at a predetermined meeting, typically in June of each year.

Payment Schedule and Amount

The FGABC fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

The Commitment Fees for the upcoming 2023/2024 season are dependent upon your level. The breakdown is as follows:

New Athletes

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| Coaches fees | \$1,085 |
| Meet fees | \$900/\$1,345 |
| Apparel fee - Compulsory-Xcel/Optional | \$420/\$650 |

Total New Compulsory/Xcel Athlete Fees = \$2,406

Total New Optional Athlete Fees = \$3,081

Returning Athletes

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| Coaches fees | \$352 (\$1085 Less \$733 Credit) |
| Meet fees | \$900/\$1,345 |
| Apparel fees | \$420/\$650 |

Total Returning Compulsory/Xcel Athlete Fees = \$1,673

Total Returning Optional Athlete Fees = \$2,348

Fees are broken into five payments, due on the thirtieth of each month, July through November.

Monthly new Compulsory/Xcel athlete payment due = \$481

Monthly new Optional athlete payment due = \$616

Monthly returning (Compulsory, Xcel/Optional) athlete payment due = \$335/\$470

Statements will be sent monthly via email. Payments may be made via cash, check (made payable to FGABC) or Venmo (@FGABC). If paying by check, please note your gymnast's name in the memo line. Receipts will be emailed once payment is received. Please note that **a \$10 late fee will be incurred if the payment is more than 10 days late.** Please also note that if your fees are delinquent, your gymnast will not be registered for the upcoming meets.

Members who decide to leave the gym prior to December 31, 2023, will owe dues that carry them through the 30 day notice. Any member leaving the gym as of January 1, 2024, will owe the full amount of that season's dues (if any remain).

No refunds or credits are given for commitment fees. Individual meet registration fees returned to the gym for cancellations, if any, will be returned to the gymnast.

DELINQUENCIES

In the event that Club members are delinquent in paying commitment fees, completing committee requirements (see "Participation Requirements" above) or in meeting any other obligations including time commitments for hosted meets or other fundraisers as required under the Requirements or By-laws, membership may be terminated.

Reinstatement/readmission may be granted by the Board of Directors upon the member satisfying unpaid dues and associated fees, or, in the case of unmet Participation Requirements, when the Board determined equivalent/substitute obligations are fulfilled.

If a member family is in a difficult financial situation, please communicate with the Members-at-Large, President or Vice President. Arrangements can often be worked out as long as there is good communication.

GYMNAST BENEFITS

Financial Benefits may include:

- competitive meet fees and related team entry fees
- coaching costs related to competitions (per diem, meals, mileage, airfare, rental cars, lodging)
- one session of summer camp at FGA (one athlete per family) for eligible gymnasts. Those who have submitted 30 day/6 month notices are ineligible for this benefit.
- Region 5, National Team, or Elite Developmental Training Camps as deemed appropriate by the coaching staff and with budget approval by the FGABC board.

The Booster Club also facilitates several other means of support and activities to the gymnasts which can include:

- picture day
- team/holiday parties
- awards celebrations

COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITY

Members are responsible for staying informed on Booster Club happenings in one of the following ways:

1. **E-mail.** All announcements and information will be sent to the entire membership. Communication about Booster Club meetings, events, payment deadlines, and committee sign ups, etc., will primarily be done through email. * Please be aware that some emails may go to Spam. Be sure to check your Spam folder for emails from FGABC and whitelist our email address by adding it to your email address book/contact list. If you have trouble with this process please contact the Booster Club Board President or Vice President for assistance.
2. **Bulletin Board.** The Booster Club has a bulletin board just inside the gym. There you will find information about news, sign-ups, notices, fundraising information, etc. Please check it often.
3. **Website.** The Booster website has been updated.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Any competition fees paid on behalf of any athlete by the booster club, must be refunded to the booster club; if the athlete withdraws from the competition after the refund entry deadline. This would apply to all reasons with the exception of illness or injury. These excess fees will be earmarked for said families following seasons MEET FEES.
- Members that are delinquent with tuition/money owed to FGABC or FGA may be considered ineligible for team events and or competitions.
- Should members wish to terminate their membership with FGA, and by extension FGABC, a WRITTEN 30 Day notice of departure is required to FGA who will relay departure notice to Booster Club Membership Coordinator. Commitment Fees are still to be collected as outlined under the Commitment Fees heading. All membership benefits cease as of the termination of membership. Camp attendance benefit also ceases as of notification of departure.

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

- I have read the Membership Requirements and Information of the Future Gymnastics Academy Booster Club.

- I agree to fulfill and meet committee requirements of participating in planning and hosting Future Invitational and Double Good Popcorn fundraiser as a member of the Club.
- If I have questions or do not understand something I will ask the appropriate Board Member for clarification.

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(signature)

(Date)

(print name)

(gymnast(s) name(s))

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Application and Agreement
signatures are due by
August 25, 2023