

All Star Booster Club Handbook

Welcome to the All American Gymnastics Academy Team! We believe team gymnastics is an opportunity like no other for fun and growth for your athlete. As a member of the competitive team, we at the All Star Booster Club will be working closely with you and your family to help make the experience the best possible.

The function of the Club is as an independent, but supplementary, component to the gym. AAGA is a privately owned and operated business that trains your child for our competitions, while the Booster Club is a parent-operated, non-profit organization with a Federal income tax exemption under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Club registers for competitions, hires our coaching staff for the competitions, and runs the All American Invite, among other things.

Fundraising is also a big component of what the Booster does. Our hosted meet, the All American Invite, is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and all team families are required to volunteer. We have other fundraisers with the goal to offset some of the registration and coaching fees, maintain our competition leotard inventory, and have some fun events for the gymnasts.

There is an additional fundraiser to put money into your own individual account, called SCRIP. You can go to shopwithscrip.com or use the RaiseRight app to sign up, using code 41E5A3957655. Make sure to note your athlete's name, so the funds go to the proper account. We have several families who pay for all their meet expenses through this program, and it is definitely worth checking out!

The meet schedule is determined by the Booster Club Board and the AAGA coaching staff. If you are unable to attend a meet, an Opt Out form is available. Coaching fees will still be required, but registration fees will be waived. If you decide to discontinue the program in the middle of the year, *all fees are still required.*

Every month, our Registration Treasurer will send a statement to show the balance of your account. All accounts must be kept in good standing. Failure to do so may result in your gymnast being pulled from a meet, or even practice, until the account is paid in full. You can make payments at any time – some parents choose monthly, some choose all in full at the beginning of the season. The remaining funds in the accounts are available to be refunded to you at the end of the season, upon request. Cash or checks, written to All Star Booster Club, can be left at the front desk of the office at any time. Please ensure your athlete's name is on the memo line of any check and noted with cash.

The Booster Club has an inventory of competition leotards, which are loaned out to the athletes for the season. There is a deposit required before the leotard is handed over, which is refunded at the end of the season when it is turned back in. This is a unique feature of our club and lots of parents are grateful for this system as it saves families a significant cost in purchasing leotards.

Once you have committed to the team, please join our Facebook group All Star Booster Club, and email the below address your contact information, daughter's name, and level to start receiving team updates and communications.

I hope this answers your basic questions. If there is something else you think of, please feel free to email me at presidentallstarboosterclub@gmail.com.

Valarie Kauffman

President, All Star Booster Club

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ALL STAR BOOSTER CLUB HANDBOOK

Board of Directors

The All Star Booster Club (ASBC), is run by elected officers of the Board of Directors whose positions and duties are described in the ASBC Bylaws.

2020-2021 Board Members:

Valarie Kauffman, President

Jodi Meyer, Vice-President of Membership

Leslie Reiner, Vice-President of Operations

Kristi Humpal, General Fund Treasurer

Aimee Chase, Registration Treasurer

Amy Thompson, Secretary & Meet Coordinator

Membership

To be a member of the ASBC, you must be the parent or guardian of a current All American Gymnastics Academy Competitive Team gymnast and be an Active Member of USA Gymnastics.

Membership Benefits

- 1) Competition leotard rental
- 2) Registration for meets

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- 3) Fundraising
- 4) A voice and voting rights on ASBC matters
- 5) Teambuilding activities and year-end banquet
- 6) Parent support and community

Operating Fees

The annual booster club maintenance fee is \$100 per gymnast.

This fee is charged annually and is used to fund several branches of the ASBC program, including, but not limited to: coach education, team parties, gifts for gymnasts and other operating expenses. This fee is non-refundable. It will be charged at the beginning of each competitive season.

Meet Fees

Each gymnastics meet charges a registration fee. This fee includes an individual component and a team component. For the gymnast to compete, the meet fees must be paid before time of registration, which is in the fall, as indicated on your Financial Forecast.

If a gymnast decides not to compete in a meet, then an Inability to Compete/Attend Form (Opt-Out) MUST be filled out and given to the Meet Coordinator by the deadline stated on the form. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Failure to opt-out prior to the deadline will result in being charged the meet registration fee even if the gymnast does not plan to attend the meet. All coaching fees are split amongst the entire team, therefore, opting out of a meet will mean you are still required to pay coaching fees for all meets.

There will be some meets where the AAGA coaches and ASBC Board decide that certain levels are allowed to Opt-In to a meet. The same above form must be filled out and given to the Meet Coordinator by the deadline on the form if a gymnast is Opting-In to a meet the AAGA coaches have allowed.

If a gymnast is injured during the meet season and is unable to compete due to the injury, there will be an attempt to reimburse any meet fees already paid. There is no guarantee the hosting club will reimburse the injured gymnast and, therefore, no guarantee there will be a credit given. The injured gymnast will still be responsible for coaching fees.

Coaching Fees

For each meet the gymnasts attend, coaches must also attend. It is the policy of the ASBC for each eligible gymnast (competing or opting-out) at said meet to pay the coaches for their time, food, and travel expenses. It will be up to the coaches of AAGA and the ASBC booster club executives to determine how many coaches will attend the meets. This number of coaches will be based upon a number of factors with the safety of our gymnasts being top priority. The coaching fees, at said

meet, will be divided equally between all eligible gymnasts on the team roster (competing and opting- out). A gymnast, at said meet, is responsible for coaches' fees even if they opt-out of the meet by filling out an Inability to Compete/Attend form. Our goal each year is to raise enough money to help offset these competitive coaching fees for every member of the Team.

Fundraising

We will do whole-team fundraisers to benefit the team and help pay for team costs. Our largest fundraisers are hosting gymnastics meets such as All American Invite. Volunteering at our hosted meet(s) is required, so please make any necessary preparations with your schedule to volunteer. All the money raised at this meet and all other fundraisers benefits our entire team.

Booster Club Property

Property (competitive leotards, etc) which has been purchased by ASBC for the gymnasts' use continues to be the property of the Booster Club. If a gymnast decides to leave the AAGA team, all items must be returned to ASBC or a full replacement cost will be charged. This does not include items which were given as gifts by ASBC to the gymnasts.

New Leo Deposit

All items of ASBC property must be returned to the ASBC President no later than May 31 following the competition year. A \$30 deposit will be charged before leotards are distributed. A \$25 portion of the deposit will be refunded at the return of the leotard and the remaining \$5 of the deposit will be refunded with the return of the distributed garment bag. Failure to return the property by this time will result in an additional \$25 per month fee charged until the property is returned.

Any gymnast who wishes to keep property purchased by ASBC after leaving the team or when the property is no longer in use can do so by purchasing the item. A written request to purchase such item(s) will be made to an ASBC Board member. The price of the item will be set by the ASBC Board and will be discussed with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Parent Responsibilities

All team families are required to volunteer at any hosted meets. This year, our All American Invite is January 14-16, so please begin making necessary arrangements now to ensure you are able to fulfill this responsibility.

If you have a question relating to the gym, its coaches, or its facilities, please feel free to contact the gym. AAGA sets all practice times, practice fees, and determines what level your gymnast will compete.

Each family is responsible for paying the Meet Registration fees, Coaching Fees, and Operating Fees

for their gymnast. The Booster club requires this amount be paid in advance of the deadline set by the General Treasurer as indicated on your Financial Forecast. Your Scrip Rebates will be applied toward these costs.

It is your responsibility to make sure your contact information stays current. Once the meet schedule is finalized, a budget for each gymnastics level will be set and distributed at the ASBC Open House. If there is any reason your family will be unable to support their child financially, please contact the Booster Club President immediately.

The ASBC fiscal year ends May 31st. Any overage will automatically carry into the following fiscal year unless a formal request for refund is made. Please make any such requests before May 31st. Any overage, in which the gymnast is no longer competing, will also need to file a formal request for refund. Any remaining balance will be considered a donation and absorbed into the general fund after 6 months of inactivity, or May 31st, whichever comes last.

Additional Requirements of the Gymnasts and Families

- Sign and return the attached “Acknowledgement, Consent and Agreement of Parent or Legal Guardian” to the President of the Booster Club as soon as possible.
- Complete the USA Gymnastics Membership on their website.
- Complete an Opt In/Out Form and return prior to the established deadline.
- Make sure all fees are paid in advance of the deadlines.
- Join The All Star Booster Club Facebook Group.
- Utilize our website to answer questions and make payments. Allstarbooster.com
- Register for The Scrip Program and start raising money for your gymnast.
- Get involved by participating in Fundraising/Spirit Activities.
- Take good care of any ASBC property.
- And don't forget to breathe... **Gymnastics Season is the best!**

Thank you for all your support. Go All Stars!

PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM - SIGN AND RETURN TO THE PRESIDENTS MAILBOX.

Acknowledgement, Consent and Agreement of Parent or Legal Guardian

That I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of

_____, (gymnast), and I have read the All Star Booster Club Handbook and agree to abide by all of the terms therein. I specifically agree to make sure all fees are paid in advance as described in the All Star Booster Club Handbook. I understand the Booster Club will register my gymnast for upcoming meets and payments are required in advance of registration deadlines. I also acknowledge I am aware of the \$25 leotard deposit and \$5 garment bag deposit and that they will be refunded after both have been returned.

Signature: _____ Date: _____