

# All Star Booster Club Handbook

*Welcome to the 2023-2024  
Competition Season!*



The All Star Booster Club is an independent, but supplementary, component to the All American Gymnastics Academy. We work closely with your family to offer support for all gymnasts to help make their experience the best possible!

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# Welcome to the Team

Welcome to All American Gymnastics Academy (AAGA)'s competitive training team! We take pride in our team and congratulate you and your athlete on your invitation to become an integral member this season. As a member of our team, the All Star Booster Club will be working closely with you and your family to ensure the best experience possible.

## Booster Club 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. While AAGA and ASBC work closely together in support of all competitive programs within the gym, the function of the Booster Club is as an independent, but supplementary, component to the gym.

AAGA is a privately-owned and operated business that trains your athlete for competitions and manages your gym membership. 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 ASBC is responsible for registering your athlete for meets, hiring our coaching staff for competitions, managing competitive uniforms, providing spirit and fundraising opportunities, and running the All American Invite.

## 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.

### 2023-2024 Board Members:

President	Aimee Chase	<a href="mailto:presidentallstarboosterclub@gmail.com">presidentallstarboosterclub@gmail.com</a>
Vice President (Uniforms)	Katie Zimmerman	<a href="mailto:allstarboostervp@gmail.com">allstarboostervp@gmail.com</a>
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Our Board members are happy to answer any questions you may have throughout the competitive season through email, Facebook (All Star Booster Club), or through our website at [www.allstarbooster.com/board](http://www.allstarbooster.com/board). Please be mindful these are volunteer positions, and these members give countless hours to the gym and our families in addition to their work and personal family time. They may not always be immediately available to answer questions.

## Individual Account Statements

Individual Account statements will be emailed on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Statements are emailed from [moneyminder@moneyminder.com](mailto:moneyminder@moneyminder.com) and reflect the status of your athlete's account including any charges to the account and all payments made. All fees are due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month they are charged. Failure to keep accounts in good standing may result in your gymnast being pulled from a meet or practice until paid in full.

Payments and funds can be added to your athlete's account throughout the entire competitive year as well as during the off season. Some families choose to remit payment monthly; some choose to remit payment at the beginning of the competitive season for the full estimated costs for the season, some choose to remit payment throughout the entire year even during the off season.

Payments can be made by dropping off cash or check at the front desk of AAGA or mailed to 2522 West 41st St, PMB# 126. If leaving a payment at the front desk, make sure your gymnast's first and last name is clearly written in the check memo or on the outside of an envelope to ensure the correct account gets credited.

Payments can also be made via PayPal from the Booster Club website at [www.allstarbooster.com/deposit](http://www.allstarbooster.com/deposit). If using this method, please note PayPal assesses fees. If you remit payment for the exact amount due on your athlete's account, you will end up short after the fees are applied. A good rule of thumb is to add an additional \$10 to your payment to ensure all fees are covered.

If you are remitting payment for multiple athletes, please clearly identify how much you would like credited to each athlete's account. If not clearly identified, the payment will be split evenly. **The Booster Club is not able to move funds from one athlete's account to another without specific authorization.**

If at any time or there is any reason your family is unable to support your athlete financially, please reach out to the Booster Club President at [presidentaallstarboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:presidentaallstarboosterclub@gmail.com) immediately to discuss available options and opportunities.

## Account Refunds

The Booster Club fiscal year ends May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any funds not utilized through the season will still be available for use during the next competitive season and will automatically be carried into the following fiscal year or may be refunded at the end of the season upon request.

Any available funds after the athlete is no longer competing may also be refunded upon a formal request for refund. Any remaining funds will be considered a donation to the ASBC and absorbed into the general fund after six months of activity, or May 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever is later.

**\*\*Note:** SCRIP funds cannot be refunded but may be transferred to another gymnast if your athlete chooses to leave the team.

## Annual Fees

All competitive athletes are required to have updated USAG Membership each competitive season. USAG Membership is charged through the USAG website. Information regarding this process is sent out to all competitive families from our Meet Coordinator around mid-Summer and must be completed before your athlete is able to be registered for meets.

Booster Club Membership Dues and State Program Fees are charged annually through your athlete's Individual Booster Club account at the beginning of each competitive season.

## Uniform Deposit

The Booster Club purchases and maintains the inventory of all competition leotards/singlets and loans them out to athletes for the competitive season. This is a unique feature of our Booster Club that saves families a significant cost in purchasing leotards/singlets.

At the beginning of the competitive season, each athlete's Individual Booster Club account will be charged a uniform deposit prior to leotards/singlets being distributed. At the completion of the competitive season, all competitive uniforms must be returned in good condition. All leotards/singlets must be returned to the ASBC no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> following the competition season or at any time if the athlete leaves the AAGA competitive team. Failure to return the property by this time will result in a full replacement cost being charged to the athlete's account.

Any athlete who wishes to keep property purchased by the Booster Club 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 the item must be made to a Booster Club member with the purchase price set by the ASBC Board and discussed with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Additional uniform items such as Warm Up Jackets and leggings are also required for each athlete but are purchased through AAGA, not the Booster Club.

## Meet Registration Fees

Each gymnastics meet charges a registration fee. This fee includes an individual component and a team component. A Financial Forecast will be provided to each family during the Booster Club Open House (typically mid-September) outlining the upcoming meet schedule, known registration fees per gymnast and the month they will be charged.

## Opt-Out of Meets

Families may "Opt-Out" of selected meets due to scheduling or other conflicts. Opt-Out forms will be sent to all families as soon as the meet schedule is released.

If an athlete decides not to compete in a meet, the Opt-Out Form MUST be filled out 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 the athlete being charged the meet registration fee regardless if they attend the meet.

When "opting out" of a meet, you are still responsible for coaching fees.

## Opt-In Meets

There may be meets AAGA has decided certain levels are allowed to "opt-in" if desired but not required. These meets will be clearly identified. An Opt-In form will be utilized to indicate if an athlete will be attending the designated meet and must be turned in by the deadline stated. Failure to opt-in prior to the deadline may result in your athlete not being able to be registered or to compete.

When "opting in" to a meet, only those opting in are responsible for coaching fees.

## Injuries

If an athlete is injured during the competitive season and is unable to compete due to the injury, every attempt will be made by the Booster Club to reimburse any meet fees already paid. There is no guarantee the hosting club will reimburse the injured gymnast, and therefore no guarantee of a credit returned to the athlete's Individual Booster Club account.

If a gymnast is injured and does not attend a meet, you are still responsible for coaching fees.

## Meet Coaching Fees

The Booster Club is responsible for hiring coaching staff to attend each meet. Coaches are paid for their time, food and travel expenses. AAGA and ASBC work together to determine the number of coaches necessary at each meet and session with the safety of our gymnasts being top priority.

Coaching fees are divided equally between all *eligible* athletes. This includes athletes who are competing, injured, or opted out.

One of the Booster Clubs top priorities is fundraising funds to help offset competitive fees for each athlete on our team.

## Fundraising/SCRIP

Funds from all team-wide fundraising opportunities organized by the Booster Club are split evenly amongst all gymnasts within our teams.

There is an additional fundraising opportunity to place funds directly into your athlete's individual account, called SCRIP. There are several families within our team who cover all meet expenses through the use of this program.

Visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or use the shopwithscrip app to sign up using code 41E5A3957655. When signing up, make sure to note your athlete's name to ensure funds are applied to the correct account.

## Volunteer Requirements for Team Participation

All families of AAGA competitive team athletes are expected and required by the gym to assist with all gym sponsored meets at the level set by the ASBC. We strongly believe being part of a team includes everyone coming together to help each other.

Each year the Booster Club runs the All American Invite. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and assists with offsetting some of the registration and coaching fees throughout the season and assists in maintaining our competitions leotard inventory.

This year's AAI is scheduled for **January 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**. Begin planning now to be available to assist as needed. Volunteering is a requirement to be on the AAGA team and is not an ASBC requirement.

**Thank you for all your support. Go All Stars!**

**Acknowledgement, Consent and Agreement of Parent or  
Legal Guardian**

**Please read, initial each box, and sign below and return to the ASBC President's mailbox at the AAGA front desk**

I have received a copy of the ASBC Handbook, read, and understand the expectations and agree to abide by all of the terms outlined therein.

I understand my financial obligations to the All Star Booster Club and commit to always keeping my athlete's account in good standing, checking my statements and paying prior to the monthly deadline.

I acknowledge volunteering at all gym sponsored meets is a requirement of being a member of the AAGA Competitive team and commit to fulfilling this requirement.

I acknowledge a Uniform Deposit will be charged at the beginning of the season and the uniform must be returned and deemed in good condition. I understand Failure to return the leotard/singlet will result in a full replacement cost being charged.

I agree to conduct myself in a way that represents All American Gymnastics Academy well as outlined in the All American Gymnastics Academy Handbook.

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_