



Dear Parents:

Welcome to Naydenov Gymnastics Junior Olympic Team program. 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 Naydenov Gymnastics team.

Teams:

Level 2:

Level 2 is an introduction to competitive gymnastics. Level 2 gymnasts will compete at less meets than levels 3 and up. The meet season runs January-April.

Levels 3,4,5:

These are compulsory Levels. Each Athlete performs the same routine to a prescribed criterion. The compulsory meet season runs January-April.

Level 6:

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

Levels 7, 8, 9 ,10 :

These are Optional levels. The gymnasts make their own routines designed around their strengths and preferences. Meet season runs January-March for Level 7, January-April for Level 8, and January-May for level 10.

Naydenov Booster Club

What is the Booster Club?

The NBC Booster Club is a nonprofit organization formed to help raise funds to support all competitive Naydenov gymnasts in their pursuit of excellence. The Booster Club provides monetary and administrative support for our athletes during their competitive season.

Who are the members of the Booster Club?

At least one “active member” per gymnast who is a parent or legal guardian of a Naydenov competitive gymnast. There is a one time new member fee of \$25 that must be paid on/before USAG night.

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-\$140 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 at the discretion of the host gym to grant refunds. *If no refund is granted the gymnast must incur the cost.*

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 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 3-4 sessions per meet. Since coaches fees are evenly assessed across all members of the team; COACHES FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Expect to pay approximately \$200 per meet for entry and coaching fees. Costs can change based on competitions and coaching fee adjustments.

**Level 2 costs are lower as there are less sessions and meets required.*

3. Annual Fees

- 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. You are responsible purchasing a membership for your child. You will receive an email from USAG gymnastics explaining the process. The cost is \$27 for an introductory membership (level 2) and \$59 for an athlete membership (levels 3-10).
- The board reserves the right to charge an annual administration fee if that is deemed necessary. This fee covers items such as postage, tax prep fees, storage unit, etc. However, we do work very hard to fundraise so that these costs are not passed to members.

4. Competition Gear:

Gymnasts are responsible for purchasing their own competition leotards, warm-ups and team backpack. These items are ordered through a Booster Club representative, but are paid for by the individual team members. New competition gear is purchased every other year. The approximate cost of the uniform, including warm-ups, is \$200-\$550 depending on the level. This

amount can change. There will be a deadline for uniform sizing and orders, each gymnast must submit payment by this date or gear will not be ordered.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

We appreciate the challenge that these ANNUAL fees cause, however, they are necessary. The coaches will determine how many and what meets the team will attend. At USAG night, a meet commitment form will be distributed to every team member. This will need to be signed before your gymnast can compete.

Sample Payment Schedule for Compulsory

Level 2

| | <u>USAG Night</u> | <u>12/1/18</u> | <u>2/15</u> | <u>4/1</u> | <u>5/15</u> |
|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 1/3 of projected costs: | \$252+\$5.05* | \$252+\$5.05* | \$252+\$5.05* | ** | *** |
| Competition Apparel if needed: | \$150-\$200 | | | | |
| NBC Membership Fee (new members only): | \$25 | | | | |
| Total: | \$482.05 | \$257.05 | \$257.05 | | |

Estimated Costs for the season are \$758. You may choose to pay in three installments. However, there will be a 2% convenience fee applied to each payment bringing the total to \$773.16.

*If you have money **currently** in your account from fundraising please subtract that from the amount due.

** On or around this date, you will receive a statement which will reflect the final true costs of the regular competition season plus Sectionals. At this point you may end up with a credit to your account, or owe a little more depending on a variety of factors that affect our final costs (injured gymnasts, extra session, etc.) Please be prepared to pay this statement balance immediately.

***This last statement will reflect costs incurred for Compulsory State. This is our final bill of the season. Please be prepared to pay your statement balance immediately. If season costs are lower than projected you may end the season with a positive balance in your gymnast's

account. You may choose to keep this money in the account for the next competitive season, or submit paperwork to request reimbursement for travel expenses (hotels, airfare, ect.) by July 31st.

Some reminders about Sectionals and State:

- Only gymnasts who qualify will share the costs of this meet.
- Level 2-4 gymnasts must receive two scores of a 33 or higher in regular season meets in order to qualify for sectionals. At sectionals, a percentage of these gymnasts will qualify to state. Level 5 gymnasts do not attend sectionals. They must receive a 33 at one regular season meet in order to qualify to state.
- If your gymnast qualifies for state you will be required to share the cost of this meet regardless of whether your child attends.

What happens if my child gets injured/sick and misses a meet?

Meet Attendance Gymnasts who do not attend a regular season meet are still responsible for their portion of the coaches' costs. If the meet fee has already been paid for the gymnast, it will be credited back to the gymnast *only* if a refund is granted by the host gym.

Injury The club has specific policies that apply if the gymnast is unable to participate in a portion of the season due to injury.

1. If the gymnast is unable to compete due to illness, injury, or coach discretion for at least **three consecutive meets** (one-half of the regular season) then the gymnast will be responsible for 1/2 of the regular season coaching costs, and all of the Administrative and National Fund assessment.
2. If the gymnast is unable to compete due to illness, injury, or coach discretion for the entire season, then the gymnast is responsible for only the administrative and National Fund assessment.

What happens if my child decides to stop competitive gymnastics during the season?

Our rosters are finalized on USAG night (9/13/18). On this night, your child is committing to at least one season of competitive gymnastics. You will be responsible for your share of team costs even if your child decides to leave mid-season.

I still have questions. Whom do I contact?

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