

BLUE ANGELS GYMNASTICS CLUB HANDBOOK

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Please read these policies carefully as some have changed since last year.

Registration

Formal registration will be held on Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00 – 7:30pm. Families may also register throughout the year.

Membership and other Fees

An annual membership fee of \$50/year for 1 child or \$75/year for more than one child is required. This fee is required for all participants. This fee also includes free open gym for all months when lesson fees are paid. This does not include fees required for competitive gymnasts. Meet fees are also separate. Away meets will include a coaching fee. Gymnast travel is not included in meet fees. Choreography for floor and beam routines for Team gymnasts is a separate fee.

Lesson Fees and Payments

Fees are based on the level of your gymnast(s), class length, and number of sessions per week. Family discounts are available. After registering, monthly lesson fees must be paid by automatic bank account debit or automatic credit card payment. An additional fee is charged for credit card payments. Lesson fees do not include competition clothing or meet fees.

NSF Payments

NSF on paper checks, auto-debit or auto-charge payments will incur a \$20 NSF fee which will be charged automatically to your bank.

Withdrawal/Breaks From Class Attendance

A one month notice from the first week of the calendar month is required to discontinue payments. To withdraw or take time off, a parent must both inform the club in person and complete and sign a change of payment status form. All automatic bank debiting will stop after the one-month notice period.

Rescheduling and Substitution

While BAGC makes every effort to keep the coaching staff consistent, some substitution of coaches may occur due to scheduling issues. If a class is canceled due to inclement weather, open gym may be used to make up the time.

Refunds

Once a gymnast has started a class, refunds will only be given if the class is cancelled by BAGC. If a student is unable to complete a class for documented medical reasons, a credit will be issued that may be used for classes or items within the same gymnastics year.

Communication

BAGC will use a number of different methods to communicate with parents. These include:

- ◆ Regular e-mails (every effort will be made to keep these to no more than one a week for all gym communications).
- ◆ Handouts in classes.
- ◆ The BAGC website (<http://www.blueangelsgymnastics.org>).
- ◆ Twitter (@BlueAngelsGym).
- ◆ Postings in the club.

Coaches are available for questions between classes. If you need additional assistance related to coaching and classes, contact club director LeaAnn Bohn at bagcbohn@centurytel.net. Contact information for board members will be available in the club and on the website.

Club Calendar

Classes are held throughout the year, including the summer. Monthly and seasonal calendars will be available in the gym and posted on the website calendar page. The gym will be closed for holidays as noted on the posted calendar. A schedule of meets will be provided once it is available. BAGC reserves the right to reschedule in-house practice meets as necessary; however, every effort will be made to hold meets as scheduled.

Inclement weather policy

BAGC follows the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District closings regardless of the weather at the end of the school day. The message on the answering machine in the gym will also be updated to reflect the closing. If weather requires the gym to close after school hours, we will attempt to contact you.

Fundraising

All families are *required* to participate in fundraisers that are designated as all club fundraisers. Funds raised from these fundraisers are used to purchase equipment, maintain and improve our building as well as pay our overhead expenses. Families who chose not to participate are required to pay a buyout fee. This will be posted for all required fundraisers. Additional optional fundraising opportunities may be available throughout the year to help defray family costs. For all fundraising, families must collect payments and write one check payable to BAGC. Our February Invitational meets are considered to be an all club fundraiser and *will require volunteer time from all families including those not competing.*

Volunteer Hours

As BAGC is a not-for-profit organization, we rely on our families to contribute time to keep our club running. A separate Volunteer Handbook will be provided with details of the volunteer program. We ask all of our families to make a deposit of \$150 against the amount of time owed at the beginning of the year. These checks will be returned at the end of the competitive season if the required hours have been completed. Information on volunteer opportunities will be available in the club. Based on our meet schedule, we may ask families to volunteer at additional events.

Parent Meeting

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss family obligations, schedules, rules, changes in the handbook and any concerns of parents. This meeting is for all parents, competitive and non-competitive. Information on the meeting will be communicated with members. If you join after the meeting has occurred, please contact the club director or a board member for more information.

Attire

For practice, girls should wear a leotard and have a method to keep their hair out of their face. Boys should wear a t-shirt and athletic shorts. Baggy shorts or cutoffs may not be worn. Gymnasts must provide their own grips, tape and other gear. Pre-wrap and tape may be purchased in the gym. During workout, gymnasts may not chew gum or drink soda. No food is allowed in the equipment area. For safety, all jewelry must be removed. Competitive gymnasts both in the levels program and the team program will receive information on the attire required for participation.

Attendance

For students in competitive programs, class attendance is critical for learning routines and skills. Missed classes may be made up in open gym. Team gymnasts who are unable to attend a practice must call into the gym to notify their coach that they are unable to attend, and attendance is documented. Meets are optional for levels gymnasts. Team gymnasts are expected to participate in all scheduled meets. All meet fees are non-refundable.

Etiquette and Termination

Those not participating in a class must remain out of the training areas at all times. This includes siblings who have classes scheduled at other times. Questions regarding decisions of judges or officials at meets must be addressed with the coach present at the meet. Excessive negative or threatening behavior by a gymnast or family member may be cause for termination from the program. Gymnasts removed from practice for behavior will require a conference with a parent and the club director before they may return to practices. Parents may not coach their gymnast from the stands during meets or practices. Team gymnast use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco will result in a one week suspension with no refund. A second infraction will result in immediate termination from the program.