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A Guide to the Competitive Team Levels 4-6 2011-2012 Competition Season

The Tumbleweeds Gymnastics Club (TGC) is a non-profit organization. Since 1984, Tumbleweeds has supported the efforts of Albuquerque Gymnastics School, its gymnasts and coaches. Constructed to provide parents the option of offsetting yearly competitive costs, TGC also pays for coaches' travel expenses and creates a foundation that provides for the future of the AGS Team program. Every year TGC is able to meet its goal and provide additional revenue for the General Fund. As a successful organization, TGC continues to coordinate activities, build positive friendships and foster the growth and success of the Team program. As it is an honor and a great accomplishment to be a competitive gymnast, we are thrilled to have your family as part of Tumbleweeds!

Each year, projected expenses are established based on the previous competition year. That amount is then divided among all families. **These amounts are estimates, and it may be necessary to deposit additional funds in your account as the season progresses.** Outlined below is an explanation of this year's expenses.

Families contribute their portion through the following means:

- 1) Direct Contributions
- 2) Ad Sales / Sponsorships
- 3) Fundraising

Each family is responsible for making deposits into their "account" on various due dates throughout the summer.

- Uniform payment (<i>due June 10, 2011</i>)	<i>estimate</i>	= \$140
- USAG Registration/Tumbleweeds membership fee (<i>due July 8, 2011</i>)		= \$110
- 1 st half of team fees	Level 4	= \$200
(<i>due August 1, 2011</i>)	Level 5	= \$250
	Level 6	= \$300
- 2 nd half of team fees	Level 4	= \$200
(<i>due September 1, 2011</i>)	Level 5	= \$250
	Level 6	= \$300

Deposits will pay for the following requirements:

- Meet Entry Fees (*Meets run October through March*)
- Coaches' Expenses
- USAG Numbers
- Uniforms
- Special Activities

The requirements shown above represent what will be paid from your "account" during your child's competitive season. The money is collected in a uniform fashion to alleviate collection problems, simplify payment of competition costs, and provide parents with alternative methods for meeting these costs. Individual accounts will be maintained through the Tumbleweeds Treasurer. Should there be any remaining funds in the gymnasts' account at the end of the season, the remaining money will be carried over to her account for the following year. If neither the gymnast nor a sibling is a team member the following year, the balance will be transferred to the Tumbleweeds General Fund. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Expenses excluded from Tumbleweeds and paid directly to AGS:

- Monthly Tuition
- Annual Registration Fee

WHAT ARE MY PAYMENT OPTIONS?

Important Note- Any type of payment must have the athlete's name, level, and reason referenced on the memo section of the check (ex. Jane Doe, L5, candle fundraiser).

1-DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

You may choose to forego participation in any Tumbleweeds sponsored fundraiser and pay your installments by check/money order.

2-AD SALES/SPONSORSHIPS

Ad sales/sponsorships are a GREAT way to achieve your contribution goals! We are estimating that the cost of printing will be 10-15% of your total proceeds.

3-FUNDRAISING

It is important that all parents of athletes understand the federal laws governing a non-profit organization such as Tumbleweeds. We are a 501 (c)3 organization. Any monies received into the TGC either by fundraising or by direct contribution **cannot be refunded**. We will have various fundraisers throughout the year to give you the option to raise your required deposit. Fundraiser examples are: candles, Octopus car wash coupons, cartwheel-a-thon, etc. Any money you earn in **advance** of payment due dates will be deposited into your gymnast's "account" and applied to your required deposit amount.

HOSTING MEETS

This is our chance to show off our great gym, program, kids and our parents! AGS meets are a highlight for our gymnasts. A great way to support your gymnast is to be involved in her "home meet" in any way possible. In addition, hosting a competition creates revenue and provides our team with community support and recognition!

**After expenses, all meet revenue will go to the General Fund. This fund will provide working capital, pay for any remaining coaches expenses, equipment, clinics, team-specific supplies, team parties and special events. Remaining funds may offset expenses the following year, resulting in lower payment requirements for all members.*

MEET WORK REQUIREMENTS

Running a meet is an enormous task that requires a lot of time and manpower. In order to be successful, the help of all families is needed. Since meet revenue benefits ALL team members, each family will be required to either:

- A) Volunteer two hours of service (pre/post-meet or during meet)
- B) "Pay Out" in the amount of \$40 per family.

"CURRENT TO COMPETE"

Our system provides an opportunity to ease the burden of payment for our parents. However, your "account" must be current for your child to compete.

IN CLOSING

We look forward to a great year and the great things we can do for our gymnasts. We appreciate your support, involvement and dedication to the growth and success of your children within the Team program. GO AGS!

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~ All Tumbleweeds payments and/or paperwork get turned in to the box in the office. ~