**LGA Booster Club**



Parent Handbook

This handbook forms a part of the London Gymnastics Academy Parent Handbook

**Revised**

June 2017

LGA Booster Club was established as a non profit organization March 2, 2006. It is the parent organization of competitive athletes training at the London Gymnastics Academy. The sole purpose of the LGA Booster Club is to raise funds for the needs associated with competitive amateur gymnastics.

Those needs include but are not limited to: Specialized competitive gymnastics equipment and support of the athletes attending Tour, Eastern Championships, National Championships, Elite Canada plus compensation for families with financial hardship.

The LGA Booster club also pays for and organizes the end of year awards BBQ and manages the drinks machine in the gym lobby.

**Support of athletes**

Personalized competition team LGA bags are provided to each new athlete competing for the first time.

In the event of any Provincial level athlete qualifying for Eastern Championships, Tour Select or Nationals, the LGA Booster Club will help to support a percentage of the athlete’s travel and accommodation expenses. This is a great accomplishment for any gymnast to reach this level. Not only does it help in supporting our athletes but it also helps in supporting our gym.

**Equipment**

The purchase of equipment is required to enhance the training of the competitive athletes. This equipment would include items that are necessary for the training needs of competitive athletes but would not necessarily be required for recreational athletes.

**LGA Booster Club Requirements**

An understanding of the requirements of the LGA Booster Club and participation is not only mandatory but is paramount to the success of the athletes and the club. **The annual LGA Booster Club membership fee is due June 23, 2017 and the annual fund raising fee/golf tournament registration fee is due by September 6, 2017.** The fee varies depending on the level of athlete (see appendix below). The amount is **non- refundable** **after October 15**. NSF cheques are subject to a $25.00 additional fee. The fee structure is outlined in Appendix A. The Booster Club will be at the gym to process payments on June 23rd and Sept. 6th. Payments can be made via credit,/debit/cheque/e-transfer.

The annual golf tournament is our major fund raiser each year and it is highly recommended that families attend, donate a silent auction item and/or volunteer to help run it.

It is our commitment to support all athletes to make them the best they can be. With parental support all athletes will benefit from a positive experience at the London Gymnastics Academy.

**APPENDIX A**

Beginning of June 1, 2017 the fee structure for membership in the LGA Booster Club is as follows:

**LGA Booster Club Membership Fee**: Covers end of year awards banquet **Due: June 23/17**

Excel: $30

Hot Shots/Big Shots/Top Shots: $30

Level 2/ Level 3 Prep/ Starbound: $50

Provincial/National: $50

**LGA Booster Club Fundraising Fee**: Covers equipment fund for specialized competitive gymnastics equipment, support of high level athletes, scholarship/bursary for athletes who need assistance, etc. **Due: on or before Sept 6/17**

Excel: **N/A**

Hot Shots/Big Shots/Top Shots: **N/A** (attendance at Dinner/Silent Auction recommended)

Level 2/Level 3Prep/ Starbound: **$250 + Silent Auction Item for the Golf Tournament/Silent Auction** (attendance at the Dinner/Silent Auction recommended)

Provincial/National: **$500 foursome for golf tournament or $250.00 buyout + Silent Auction Item \* the golf tournament is available for first 36 families to register – covers total fund raising obligation**

Please note the Golf tournament is the best and preferred option. It is an incredibly fun day out and includes dinner and silent auction. It is a fun way to get to know other parents and enjoy a great golf game, dinner and prizes with friends and LGA family! Please consider this option first! It benefits you financially to get a foursome together (perhaps one parent and 3 friends, family members, neighbors etc.). Each friend pays their $125 golf tournament registration fee and the parent only has to pay their $125 instead of the $250 buyout fee and silent auction item. **With this option you pay only $125 NOT $250!**  Plus, the parent enjoys a day of golf, lunch and dinner for the $125 so they are literally paying nothing toward their fund raising obligation as they get to enjoy a great day out at the golf tournament!   It is an incredibly fun day out and includes dinner and silent auction.

**Forms of Payment accepted for Booster Club Fees**:

Cheque, Debit, Credit Card (2.65% fee will apply), E-transfer (lgaboosterclub1@gmail.com)

 **\*\*No cash accepted for accounting purposes\*\***

**Important Note \*\***No athlete will be allowed to participate in any competitions, until all fees are paid in full.

**Financial Compensation Due to Hardships:**

Should a parent/athlete need assistance with their LGA Booster Club Fees, gym suit/warm up suit, competition fees and coaches expenses, they will be required to complete the “Financial Assistance Application Form”. This can be obtained at the gym office. It will be reviewed by a third party and then given to the LGA Booster Club Board anonymously for review and approval. All applications will be considered but approval will be subject to available funds. Applications will be reviewed twice yearly – once at the beginning of the season (September) and again mid-season (February).

The attached form must be signed by all parents/guardians at time of registration. It may be included in the electronic forms on the LGA website.

LGA Booster Club Registration Form

Gymnast’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Signed Date

Please return this form to the LGA Booster Club the night of the parent meeting or deposit in the LGA Booster Club Mailbox at the gym:

\_\_ LGA Booster Club Registration Form (may be done online)

\_\_ Cheque for Booster Club Membership Fee ($ depending on group) dated July 1, 2017

\_\_ Cheque for $500 Golf Tournament or $250.00 Buyout dated September 1, 2017

\*\***please make these cheques payable to LGA Booster Club or pay via debit or credit card the night of the parent meeting or e-transfer (lgaboosterclub1@gmail.com) should you be unable to attend\*\***