

MGA Gymnastics Competition Teams FAQ

Who is responsible for determining meets, fees and uniforms?

- The MGA Booster Club is run by an elected board of parents, as separate entity from MGA. We determine the competition schedule in conjunction with MGA Coaches.
- Most levels compete 4-8 competitions per season, most are mandatory, some are elective. They are in the fall and spring (August-Dec and Jan-April), usually 4-8 meets depending on the level. See competition schedule.
- As fellow parents, we strive to keep the uniform costs low, while keeping our gymnasts looking good! We purchase off-the-rack leotards and warmups (as opposed to custom made), and usually keep it for 2 seasons.

How much are the uniforms?

- Levels 2 and up will require a competition leotard, warmup (jacket and pants) and bag. The total cost is approximately \$250.
- Xcel requires a leotard (short-sleeved; approximately \$110) and black uniform pants (approximately \$20). Warmup jacket is not required, but can be purchased (approximately \$50).
- Uniforms are generally purchased in June/July and payments are due when they are ordered.

How much are competition fees?

- Competition fees for most levels are calculated to cover the costs of the entry fee for the individual gymnast, team fee and coaches' fees and costs. However, some competitions cost more than others so we average the cost to keep the payments consistent.
- For the 2015-2016 season, each competition cost \$110. The 2016-2017 season has not yet been determined.

How do I pay for the competition fees?

- Currently the Booster Club only accepts cash or checks for fees and uniforms.
- Fees are required to be paid before registering for each competition, so you can pay gradually over the season. We provide a payment schedule to all members during the summer for the upcoming season.

How far does the competition team travel?

- To keep costs reasonable, we compete in local meets, usually no further than 2 hours away.
- However, State competition can be as far away as Miami, but only one per season (pending the gymnast qualifies for State).

Mandatory and elective competitions?

- The majority of our competition schedule is mandatory, meaning your gymnast has to participate unless there are special circumstances and it is cleared with MGA coaches.
- Elective competitions are included in our schedule because we want to offer as many opportunities for our gymnasts to show their stuff. These competitions are not required, but encouraged.

Can someone be on a competition team and not compete?

- No, intention of the team is to send your gymnast to gymnastics competitions.
- If someone joins the team near the end of the season and it is too late to order uniforms and register for competitions, they may participate in team practices for training purposes with the intention that they will compete. The determination is made by MGA Coaches and the Booster Club

Who can I speak with if I have more questions on the above?

- You may speak with a Booster Club board member, or call the Club President Chris Swanson at 321-287-4851