



Team SCATS

DIAMONDElite

Booster Club (TSDEBC)

POLICIES (2011-2012 Season)

Introduction

The TEAM SCATS DIAMOND ELITE BOOSTER CLUB (“Booster Club”) is a non-profit organization that supports the TEAM SCATS DIAMOND ELITE GYMNASTICS TEAM (“Team”). The Booster Club has a governing board referred to as the “Executive Board” that is elected yearly and hosts general meetings. The meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 7:00pm or as required by the Executive Board.

Primary Benefit

The primary benefit of membership in the Booster Club is the opportunity for collective fundraising against the costs of preparation and competition for the boys and girls of the Team.

1. MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Parents or legal guardians of Team gymnasts are required to be members of the Booster Club. Each member (one or two parents and/or guardians per gymnast) must sign the Member Agreement.

All members must attend per quarter a minimum 2 out of 3 of our scheduled booster meetings. This will be assessed quarterly and a member whom fails to meet the proper requirements will be fined \$50.00 per quarter when in default.

2. NEW MEMBER POLICY

Each new member shall be required to pay a one-time non-refundable registration fee of **\$75.00** to the Booster Club. The Member Agreement shall be signed and this fee shall be paid within 30 days of joining a Team. Payment shall be made payable to: TEAM SCATS DIAMOND ELITE BOOSTER CLUB (TSDEBC).

3. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All Booster Club members are required to pay all preparatory and competitive expenses (the “Obligations”) which are expected to be incurred by their gymnast prior to the start of their respective seasons.

Obligations include, but may not be limited to: USAG membership and renewals, individual and team entry fees, uniforms, coaches travel, session fees and per diem, and any other costs incurred to prepare the

athletes for competition. The appropriate number of coaches for each meet will be paid a stipend per session per meets plus meals. Stipends will be \$50.00 per session. For meets at 8:00am or earlier, \$10.00 will be paid for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch and if meet continues after 5:00pm, \$20.00 will be paid for dinner. This will include travel days. Mileage will be paid \$0.55 per mile from the gym. Diamond Elite Booster Club will book all Hotels for anything over 60 miles.

Members who pay or fundraise in excess of their Obligations will carry the credit balance over to the next fiscal year. Credit balances cannot be transferred to SCATS Diamond Elite Gymnastics or any other gym to pay for gym tuition as this is a violation of IRS guidelines.

The Executive Board reserves the right to make budgetary adjustments which may impact the Obligations. The Treasurer will provide reconciliation statements at the end of each fiscal quarter.

PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED

Financial obligations, fines and fundraisers can be paid by MEMBER personal check, cashier's check, or money order.. All checks must be made payable to Team Scat Diamond Elite Booster Club (TSDEBC). We cannot accept any checks which are made payable to members or SCATS Diamond Elite Gymnastics. Any check that is returned from the bank unpaid for any reason will result in bank charges incurred by the Booster Club being charged to the member and payable within 10 days.

Members that write checks to the Booster Club and have two checks returned unpaid by the bank for any reason will no longer be allowed to write checks. These members will then have to pay by money order or cashier's checks for all future financial dues/obligations, fundraisers, and fines until the Executive Board decides otherwise.

4. PRE-ELITE/ELITE GYMNASTS

These gymnasts require qualification to be eligible to compete in certain meets during their season. This season may also include attendance to certain "invitation only" camps. Since it is unknown how many meets and/or camps these athletes may attend during this season, the fees will be handled on a case by case basis by the Executive Board and will be billed accordingly.

5. INJURED GYMNAST

A meeting will be held with the Executive Board and parent/guardian to determine the Obligations during rehabilitation. Each occurrence will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

6. EXPENSES

Any non-budgeted financial obligation or expense MUST have prior approval by the Executive Board. Failure to do so may obligate that individual to sustain the expense themselves.

7. TWO LEVEL SEASON COMPETITORS

If a gymnast competes part of one season at one level and receives the benefits for that level and then moves up to a higher level and then competes at that new level as well, the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional competition expenses

8. FUNDRAISING POLICY

The general membership must participate in the requisite meetings and committees for all fundraising events. Fundraisers require group participation and are for the purpose of raising funds that will benefit all active members.

9. MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION and BUY OUT

If a Team member should terminate membership for any reason prior to the end of the fiscal year, they are obligated for their proportional share of the Booster Club's general operating expenses. Credit balances are not refunded.

If a Booster Club member should elect not to participate in Booster Club fundraisers for the year, they can "Buy Out" with a one time payment of \$2000.00.

10. MEET POLICY

Hosted meets are considered fundraisers. A minimum of one representative per family will be required to work hosted meets as determined on a meet-by-meet basis by the Meet Director and Executive Board . Exceptions will be addressed by the Executive Board. No one under the age of 16 will be allowed to work with money during a meet. The Executive Board will determine any other age restrictions at the time it determines the positions/shifts and hours for the meet.

11. NON-PARTICIPATION POLICY

Failure to comply with the By-Laws and Policies will result in fines and/or penalties up to and including dismissal from the program upon recommendation by the Executive Board and the ownership of SCATS Diamond Elite Gymnastics. These fines and penalties are not considered part of the Obligations and therefore cannot be fundraised against.

12. WEBSITE

The Booster Club will maintain a website accessible, in whole or in part, to all Booster Club members at www.diamondeliteboosters.com

Signature Page

Member acknowledges they have read the TSDEBC Policies 2011-2012

Athlete's Name