



March 2023: Congratulations!

On behalf of the entire Booster Club, CONGRATULATIONS to your gymnast for earning an invitation to one of Midwest Gymnastics' competition teams! I know (from personal experience!) that you have a ton of questions. As you are considering whether to accept the invitation to join the Team, I wanted to make a brief introduction to the Booster Club.

The booster club is a separate non-profit entity, run entirely by parent volunteers, and we bring the FUN and the FUNDRAISING! All the fees you're learning about? We work hard all year (with every parent's help) to earn as much as we can to help offset a portion of the fees.

I will schedule a New Parent Welcome Meeting in May or June to answer all of your questions, but I also know that understanding the financial commitment is something you'd like to know sooner than later (possibly before you even accept the invitation to join).

The Booster Club handles invoicing for competition and related fees, which are usually between \$900-\$1,500 for JO Level 3 and Xcel Bronze/Silver teams. We won't know the exact amounts until next season's meet schedule is established, but you will pay this fee in 3 installments beginning in July (so, a July, August, and September invoice). All team families are responsible for paying these invoices up front (and these are the fees we fundraise for throughout the year to try and earn back), and these fees are, with limited exceptions, non-refundable.

The Gym handles invoicing for other team-related fees, which typically includes:

- New athletes will purchase a competition leotard and warm-ups (typically around \$500).
- Monthly tuition (this is set and invoiced entirely by the gym, so you should have those costs already with your invitation letter).
- USA Gymnastics registration (you will pay this directly to USAG, but is usually around \$50 to register your gymnast with this organization so she can compete).

I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

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