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GYMSTRADA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Parent Guide

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I. GYMSTRADA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A. About GPA

Gymstrada Parents Association (“GPA”) was founded in 1995 and is a parent-operated, non-profit organization. GPA was established to support and encourage girls’ and boys’ competitive gymnastics. We file our taxes as a 501(c)(3), therefore all fundraising is done on behalf of GPA and participation in the club does not create a right, claim, or entitlement by individual members of GPA to any of the funds raised. All distributions of fundraised earnings are set in accordance with rules approved by the GPA Board of Directors.

GPA and Gymstrada Gymnastics Schools (“Gymstrada”) are separate entities with different purposes. Any questions or concerns about the facility, coaching, fees or competitive meets should be directed to Gymstrada’s main office. Any questions regarding GPA should be directed to the GPA President.

Gymnastics is an expensive sport in which to participate. Competition expenses include a yearly USAG membership fee, competitive leotard or singlet/shirt, shorts and pants, warm-up suit, competition entry fees and coaches’ fees and expenses, as well as travel expenses. GPA fundraises to help defray competition expenses and to further gymnastics opportunities for all amateur athletes.

B. Board of Directors

GPA is run by elected officers of the Board of Directors (the Board) whose positions and duties are described in detail in GPA’s bylaws. Yearly elections are held via Survey Monkey during April. In late February, an email is sent out with a link asking for nominations. In addition, nomination sheets and a written notice will be posted at the gym. Thirty (30) days after the initial email requesting nominations, a Survey Monkey survey will be sent to all members via email requesting that they vote for the positions up for election. The results of the election will be made known at the May membership meeting and new officers will take office effective June 1st.

The current Board of Directors is:

President – Megan Burns
megan.burns@troutmansanders.com

Vice President – Karen Cumber
klcumber@yahoo.com

Secretary – Erin Hulls

hepc1@cox.net

Treasurer – Christine Harris
Christineharris99@yahoo.com

Girls Team Coordinator/Liaison – Peggy Ward
peggyjward@earthlink.net

Boys Team Coordinator/Liaison – Charlotte Patrick
lunsfordc7@yahoo.com

C. Level/Coach Coordinators

For each competitive level and/or coaching group, as well as the All-Star group, the GPA elects a Level or Coach Coordinator. Level/Coach Coordinators, as well as Girls and Boys Team Coordinators/Liaisons, are elected at the August membership meeting. Level/Coach Coordinators are responsible for acting as the liaison between coaches and team members competing at a particular competitive level or between coaches and team members training in a particular coaching group. There are separate Level/Coach Coordinators for boys and girls teams. An email seeking nominations will be sent to all members at least 10 days prior to the election date.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership Eligibility

Families of girls or boys on any of the gymnastics teams (levels 4-10, All Stars) at Gymstrada are eligible to join the GPA. Membership runs year-to-year from June 15th to June 14th. In addition, other individuals who have an interest in supporting Gymstrada gymnastics teams may be made honorary members.

B. Membership/Activity Fee

A minimum membership/activity fee of \$60.00 per family per year (June 15th-June 14th) is required. Membership fees paid after June 30th for existing members of any calendar year shall be subject to a \$5.00 late fee. Funds from membership fees will be deposited into the general account. Membership/activity fees are non-refundable.

C. Renewing and Prospective Members

The annual membership drive runs from May 15th to June 15th of each calendar year. To join GPA, one is required to 1) read the GPA Parent Guide, 2) complete the attached “Membership Application”, 3) complete and sign the

attached “Acknowledgment Sheet”, including checking your choice of fundraising, 4) complete the attached USAG form, 5) complete the attached Locker Form, and 6) attach a check for the annual membership fee and the USAG fee(s). Place all items in the Membership Forms box located in the office at the Kempsville gym. Renewing members must complete the registration process and pay their fees by July 15th of the current year in order to continue membership without disruption. A \$5 late fee will be charged if registration is not completed and all forms turned in by June 30th. If a renewing member does not re-join by July 15th, he or she is no longer a member of GPA and must contact Gymstrada to determine the circumstances under which his or her gymnast will be able to compete for Gymstrada. Please note that renewing members are required to bring current any unpaid competition expenses from the prior year before being permitted to re-join.

Ø USAG Numbers

In addition to the membership fee, all new members must pay \$49 to obtain/renew USAG numbers. All gymnasts must be registered with USAG and obtain a USAG number, which must be renewed annually in order to compete. This fee will be paid by the GPA for returning team members provide all paperwork is turned in by June 25th. Members who fail to turn in membership forms by June 25th will be required to pay for their USAG numbers.

D. Membership Expectations

GPA is a parent-operated organization. Active membership is the key to its success. GPA members are encouraged to volunteer to serve on the GPA Board of Directors or as Level Coordinators, to volunteer as members of committees, and are expected to assist with home meets, both by working at meets and donating food and drink items. Members are required to abide by the GPA Parent Guide and By-Laws, which can be found on GPA’s website (www.gymstradaparents.com).

If a gymnast decides to quit or withdraw from competition and the family wishes to resign from the GPA, written notice must be given to the Secretary. Members who have resigned while their bingo obligations and/or fundraising obligations are current may be reinstated by a two-thirds vote of membership in attendance at any general membership meeting. Members that leave Gymstrada’s team program at any time have no claim to fundraised funds. Because GPA is a 501(c)(3) organization, members have no individual claim or right to fundraised earnings whatsoever.

Ø Fundraising/Bingo

Members are required to expend a certain amount of time in fundraising activities. Families may satisfy their fundraising requirement by 1) opting to work Bingo games on a schedule of approximately once every four weeks, depending on the number of families who opt to work Bingo; or 2) working alternative fundraisers for approximately the same number of hours spent by those who choose to work Bingo. See the Sections below addressing both Bingo and Alternative Fundraising in more depth. Due to the GPA's need to determine the number of members who will work Bingo and assign them to groups, members must choose which option they would prefer at the time they join the GPA.

Ø Committees

Members are encouraged to join one of the GPA's committees. To volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the Chair of that committee. Current committees include:

Alternate Fundraising Committee: the Fundraising Committee is chaired by the Fundraising Coordinator and is in charge of overseeing all alternative fundraising. Members are encouraged to develop ideas for new fundraisers. The Fundraising Committee will be responsible for notifying members about upcoming fundraisers.

Alternate Fundraising Coordinator – To Be Elected

Home Meet Committee: The Home Meet Committee is in charge of organizing and coordinating the GPA's involvement in home meets hosted by Gymstrada.

Home Meet Coordinator – Marie Hamlin

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee is chaired by the Vice President and meets at least on a yearly basis to determine the amount of funds available for expenditure and to recommend the use of those funds. The Budget Committee makes a recommendation on the expenditure of available funds to the membership at large. The budget is approved by the membership at a quarterly membership meeting.

Ø Home Meets

Gymstrada hosts between three and four gymnastics meets every year. By sponsoring meets, Gymstrada helps provide gymnasts with opportunities to compete. Program sales, raffles and concessions all serve as a means of both paying meet expenses as well as providing revenue for the host team. Each GPA family

with a gymnast competing in any Level or in All Stars is required by Gymstrada to help with home meets and meet-related tasks such as set up and break down and assembling goody bags. If Gymstrada is awarded a state championship meet or regional or national meet, additional hours may be required. Gymstrada sets the number of volunteer hours required on a yearly basis.

Families are also asked to assist by donating food and drinks for the Hospitality Suite and for Concessions. Sign-ups will be posted on the GPA Board in the gym lobby.

E. Membership Benefits

Ø Uniforms

For girls, the uniform consists of a competition leotard and warm-ups. For the boys, the uniform consists of a compression shirt, shorts, stirrup pants and a warm-up. In addition, each gymnast has a competition bag. Please note that girls Level 3 and Novice Allstars will remain in the leotard worn last year (star leotard). Levels 4 and 5, and Intermediate and Advanced Allstars will wear the leotard worn by optionals last year (swirl leotard). Levels 6 through 10 will be purchasing new leotards and capris.

You will receive an email from the Girls or Boys Team Coordinator/Liaison outlining the process for getting fitted for a uniform, turning in old uniforms and purchasing/receiving new uniforms.

Ø Coaches' fees

The GPA will endeavor, bingo and other fundraising profits allowing, to pay Coaches' fees and expenses for meets in which Gymstrada gymnasts participate. At this juncture, the status of Bingo funds is uncertain and, although the the GPA expects to be able to pay some portion of these fees for the 2013/2014 competition season, it is unclear how much will be paid. Parents should be prepared for the possibility that an assessment will be necessary.

Ø Floor Routines

For the 2013/2014 competition season, finances do not permit the GPA to pay for floor music or choreography for optional girls' floor routines. A limited number of floor routines are available to be handed down. Please see Coach Amanda to discuss your child's floor routine.

F. Quarterly Membership Meetings

The GPA holds general membership meetings quarterly in order to keep our families involved and informed. The meetings are held in the boys' lobby at the gym. At the start of each season, the membership votes on the budget for the upcoming year. When additional expenditures arise throughout the season, we will vote on them during one of our monthly meetings. The meetings also provide an open forum for parents to bring their questions or concerns. Notice of the meetings is sent to all parents via email.

Ø Communication with Members

Almost all communication from Level/Coach Coordinators, as well as the GPA Board, will occur via email. Accordingly, it is imperative that the GPA have a current email address for each family. Please check email on a regular basis for news from the GPA.

III. COMPETITION FEES

A. Assessments

All team members may be responsible for competition fees, depending on the status of Bingo funds. Gymstrada determines competition fees for each level. For the competition year 2013/2014, Gymstrada has estimated that competition fees for meets will be as follows:

Girls Levels 3, 4 and 5:	\$950
Girls Levels 6 and 7:	\$1,200
Girls Levels 8, 9 & 10:	\$1,200
All Stars:	\$550
Boys Level 4:	\$800
Boys Levels 5 -10:	\$1,000

This amount is based on the amount paid for competition fees during the 2012/2013 competition season and does not include any fees associated with post-season competition (after state meets) or any travel meet to a distant location. All gymnasts are required to attend all scheduled meets, with the exception of any fly away meet that may be scheduled for the optional girls' team.

As of the date of this document, the GPA expects that parents will be required to pay some portion of these fees. This may change in the event that circumstances positively affect Bingo earnings. Parents will be advised at least two weeks in advance of any assessment.

Pulling your gymnast from a meet: Please note that you MUST notify the GPA prior to the refund deadline if your gymnast will not be competing in a meet. Most local meets have deadlines quite close to the competition date; however large or State meets often have deadlines many months prior to the meet date. If you have questions about a refund deadline, please contact a member of the Board. Remember, you must notify the GPA if your gymnast will NOT compete. If you fail to do so and choose not to attend the meet for any reason that is not an emergency (i.e., an injury that prevents the gymnast from competing) you will be responsible to refund any registration fee paid from Bingo funds to the GPA. Please remember that gymnasts are expected to attend ALL meets.

B. Fees and Penalties

In the event that an assessment is necessary, the following policies will apply. A \$35.00 returned check fee will be charged for all returned checks. GPA will not pay for your assessment until the fee is paid. The treasurer shall send out written notice after the due date to the delinquent member via email, regular mail or hand delivery advising that the payment is late and a \$50 late fee will automatically be added. If the assessment payment and late fee are not received within five (5) days (weekends included) of the date of the letter, the member loses his or her ability to participate in that assessment's earnings distribution and will be responsible for paying said assessment directly to Gymstrada. GPA will have the right to deduct any unpaid late fee from the delinquent member's fundraised earnings. In accordance with Gymstrada's policy, failure to pay the entire assessment when due will result in the disallowance of a gymnast's ability to compete.

IV. FUNDRAISED EARNING DISTRIBUTION

Under IRS law, in order for the GPA to retain its 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt status, GPA parents are not allowed to fundraise solely for their own athlete. It is important to remember that GPA is organized to promote amateur gymnastics and cannot benefit individual athletes. This is why a member fundraises on behalf of GPA and not for themselves or any particular gymnast. Participation in the club does not create a right to the distribution of fundraised earnings. Earnings will not inure to the benefit of any private individual. When an athlete or parent fundraises, the earnings belong to GPA and are distributed to its members in accordance with the federal laws with respect to non-profit, charitable companies (including Internal Revenue Code Section 501), and NCAA.

A. Allocation of Fundraised Earnings (Other than Bingo and Alternative Fundraisers)

Twenty percent of a member's fundraised earnings (other funds than funds raised through Bingo and Alternative Fundraisers) will be applied to the Resource Account (see below), five percent to the Extended Season Account (see below) and seventy five percent (minus potential fundraiser expenses) will be applied to the Flex Plan described below.

The Flex Plan provides enough "flexibility" for different fundraising styles. Some members want to fundraise their entire assessment while others want to be casual booster club members and fundraise sparingly. The Flex plan meets the different needs of our membership while providing a sense of fairness to all its members.

In the Flex Plan, there are three fundraising teams: Compulsory Girls (levels 3, 4, and 5) and Optional Girls (levels 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) and Boys (all levels). Within these three teams are ten blind sub-groups into which members fall based on the percentage of their assessment fundraised. The total fundraised earnings, within each sub-group, are then divided equally (pro-rated based on their assessment amounts) by the members in the group.

The teams and sub-groups are as follows:

<u>Compulsory Fundraising Team</u>	<u>Optional Fundraising Team</u>	<u>Boys Fundraising Team</u>
90.1% - 100.0%	90.1% - 100.0%	90.1% - 100.0%
80.1% - 90.0%	80.1% - 90.0%	80.1% - 90%
70.1% - 80.0%	70.1% - 80.0%	70.1%-80%
60.1% - 70.0%	60.1% - 70.0%	60.1% - 70.0%
50.1% - 60.0%	50.1% - 60.0%	50.1% - 60.0%
40.1% - 50.0%	40.1% - 50.0%	40.1% - 50.0%
30.1% - 40.0%	30.1% - 40.0%	30.1% - 40.0%
20.1% - 30.0%	20.1% - 30.0%	20.1% - 30.0%
10.1% - 20.0%	10.1% - 20.0%	10.1% - 20.0%
0.0% - 10.0%	0.0% - 10.0%	0.0% - 10.0%

If a member fundraises more than 100% of his or her assessment, the "overage" can be taken into account for the following assessment period. The total distribution to a family with more than one gymnast will be split pro-rata between the gymnasts based on their assessment amounts, so that the family as a whole falls into one sub-group of the Flex Plan. Members should contact the Vice President at klcumber@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns regarding fundraised earnings.

B. Resource Account

Twenty percent of all fundraised earnings will be deposited into the Resource Account. The Board will oversee use and allocation of the Resource Account. This account will be used for insurance, office supplies, banking fees and other expenses incurred by the GPA.

C. Extended Season Account

Five percent of all fundraised earnings will be deposited into the Extended Season Account. This account will be used for expenses during post season (after state meets) competition. The Board will oversee use and allocation of the Extended Season Account divided equally among qualifiers.

V. FUNDRAISERS

As discussed above, all GPA members must participate in fundraising activities. They may choose whether to satisfy their fundraising obligations by working Bingo or by working Alternative Fundraisers. This election must be made at the time members join or rejoin the GPA.

A. Bingo

The GPA's main fund raiser is a Bingo game held each weekend at the Lynnhaven Bingo Center, located at 2686 Lishelle Place in Virginia Beach. Our sessions are held at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Each family who opts to work Bingo is assigned to one of a number of rotating Bingo groups. Each GPA family who has opted to work Bingo is required to provide one adult worker per assigned Bingo shift. Children age 16 and over may work Bingo. With the addition of new families, we expect each family that has opted to work Bingo to have to work approximately one session every six weeks, depending on the number of families who choose to work Bingo. Families with All-Stars only are expected to have a slightly reduced commitment, again depending on the number of families who opt to work Bingo. There may be times when families will be asked to work additional Bingo sessions if circumstances warrant the addition in order to preserve or better the GPA's current game.

Volunteers are asked to please respect the decisions of the Bingo Manager when work assignments are communicated. It is also very important to arrive ON TIME for your bingo shift. Volunteers are asked to report no later than 11:00 a.m. for the 1:15 p.m. session and no later than 5:00 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. session. We begin selling instants and paper at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and there is prep work to be done to prepare to sell. Those who arrive first will

be given first consideration at the end of the night when volunteers are dismissed. The annual Bingo schedule by group is published at the beginning of August and posted on the GPA website, as well as distributed to families. Please be aware that Bingo is a smoke-filled environment. In addition, please be aware that you may not bring children who are not working to the Bingo hall. All persons in the Bingo hall must either be workers or players.

Ø Substitutes - IMPORTANT

Families have ample time to arrange their personal commitments or Bingo “swaps” in the event of a conflict. Members are permitted to swap with Bingo workers on other teams to accommodate schedule conflicts, as long as they still fulfill their full Bingo work obligation. GPA parents are responsible for arranging their own substitutes or swapping with other parents if they are unable to work their sessions. Parents will be responsible to notify Vicki Jones or Erin Hulls of the change. Please use the GPA’s Facebook page as your primary method of arranging bingo swaps. We have found that it works very well. It is imperative that each family is represented at their Bingo shift. The GPA cannot afford to have any NO SHOWS and still have Bingo run smoothly and profitably. If you are unable to work your Bingo shift and cannot find a substitute or a swap, or if you have arranged for a substitute or a swap, you must let Erin Hulls (hepc1@cox.net) or Vicki Jones (vbjones@sentara.com) know by 5pm on the Wednesday before your scheduled shift. If you fail to contact Erin Hulls or Vicki Jones to let her know that you will not be there and you simply fail to show up, you will have two weeks to make up your missed Bingo session. If you fail to make up your missed session(s) OR you miss another Bingo session without notifying Erin Hulls or Vicki Jones in advance, you will be ineligible to be a member of the GPA. In that event, you must make alternative arrangements with the Gymstrada owners in order for your gymnast(s) to continue competing on Gymstrada’s competitive teams.

Ø Bingo Positions

Floor Worker: Floor workers sell extra games on the floor throughout the whole game whether they be bingo cards or instants.

Pay-Out Manager: During your shift, you will be in charge of paying out all winnings to players that win games and having bingo winners complete a tax form for large prize winnings.

Slip Writer: During your shift, you will be in charge of writing payout slips, which you will give to each person who has won a bingo game. The payout manger depends on the accuracy of the slip writer to make accurate payouts.

Table Paper Sales: Volunteers assigned to table paper sales sell specials paper from a table when the session first begins. Later, they are required to do paper inventory and assist with preparing paper for sales the following weekend. Occasionally, this individual will be needed to assist behind the instants counter when he or she is done with sales and inventory.

Ø **Disclaimer**

The gaming laws provide that no person shall participate in the conduct of any charitable game if, within the preceding 10 years, he or she has been convicted of any felony or if, within the preceding five years he or she has been convicted of any misdemeanor involving fraud, theft, or financial crimes. In addition, no person shall participate in the management, operation or conduct of any charitable game if that person, within the preceding five years, has participated in the management, operation, or conduct of any charitable game which was found by the Department or a court of competent jurisdiction to have been operated in violation of state law, local ordinance or Board regulation. In order to protect our Bingo Managers and avoid the time and cost of background checks, all parents must sign a statement verifying that they have not been convicted of a felony nor of any misdemeanor involving fraud, theft or financial crimes within the past five years and have not participated in the management, operation or conduct of any charitable game which was found to have been operated in violation of law.

B. **Alternative Fundraisers**

Families who choose to work Alternative Fundraisers instead of Bingo are required to work approximately the same number of hours per year as those who have chosen to work Bingo. This number cannot be determined until after the membership drive has closed and we can determine the number of Bingo groups. These hours are split between two four month periods, the first running from June through September and the second running from October through January. Each family that chooses alternative fundraising will be responsible for planning at least one fundraiser and for coordinating with other families to make sure that there are workers available to work the event. Each member who works an Alternative Fundraiser will be required to sign in at the event. Children must be 16 or over to work at Alternative Fundraisers and receive fundraising credit. The Fundraising Coordinator, together with the Board, will keep track of the number of hours each member has worked per four month period and keep members advised of the number of hours they need to fulfill their requirements for the quarter. Alternative fundraising hours may carry over from one period to the next.

Some of the fundraisers that are potentially planned for this year include car washes, parents' night out, sleepovers, and a jump-a-thon. Parents can expect to obtain about five hours of fundraising credit per fundraiser with the exception of sleepovers, which provide additional hours. If you have ideas for additional fundraisers or you wish to plan a fundraiser, please contact the Fundraising Coordinator or a member of the Board. **PLEASE DO NOT simply plan and conduct a fundraiser without notifying a Board member.**

Members may receive credit for planning a fundraiser, as well as for working at alternate fundraisers. The amount of planning credit will be determined based on the total number of hours each family must work. The GPA needs to keep track of the fundraisers being conducted by parents so that you can receive credit for your fundraising hours. Parents must keep the Board apprised of upcoming fundraisers. Failure to do so may result in having the funds raised taxed as income to the parents or parents not receiving credit for their fundraising hours. No more than one third of the total number of hours may be devoted to meet or end-of-season specific fundraisers.

If a family has chosen Alternative Fundraisers and fails to work the required number of hours required during each four month period, they are no longer eligible for GPA membership and must make alternative arrangements with the Gymstrada owners in order for their gymnast(s) to continue competing on Gymstrada's competitive teams. All alternative fundraising families must be current on their hours before they will be permitted to renew their memberships for the following competitive season.

C. Scrip

Scrip is a fundraising program that works while you shop. Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" - in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They are the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JCPenney, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Subway, Barnes & Noble, Exxon and many, many others. A full listing of the retailers is available on www.shopwithscrip.com.

Scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and the GPA keeps the difference as revenue. These funds will go to the Flex Plan and your subgroups. For instance, if a member orders a \$100 gift card from Lowes, Scrip lets GPA keep 5% of that amount, or \$5. Some of retailers offer as much as 16%. Scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- GPA gets a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling...

- Our gymnasts get a regular source of revenue to fund meet expenses.

Ø Instructions:

1. Go to: www.shopwithscrip.com and to the left you will see a box that says "CREATE AN ACCOUNT"
2. Follow the four simple steps and click "I ACCEPT"
3. Enter your enrollment code and click "JOIN"

Enrollment Code: 396657B62L786

There are two ways to pay for your order.

-- The best and fastest way to pay is "Presto Pay": Enter your checking account information (very secure and safe) and the money for your order will be directly deducted from your checking account.

--Write a check for your order: Checks should be made out to the GPA with SCRIP in the memo line. There will be a box in the office of the Kempsville gym for you to place your checks.

No order will be placed before payment is received. No order will be distributed until checks clear.

Ø Contact:

Karen Cumber is in charge of the Scrip program. Members who have questions concerning any aspect of Scrip should contact Karen at klcumber@yahoo.com.

D. Ad Book

We are promoting the GPA Meet Program Fundraiser again this year. The meet program will be available for purchase at all Gymstrada hosted meets. It is a great opportunity for advertisers to reach local families as well as out of town visitors that are making overnight stays. Please note that 50% of your ad sales will go directly to the Flex Plan and to your sub-group. Due to the cost of the advertisements, this fundraiser offers one of the best opportunities for members to defray the costs of competition.

For copies of the Advertising contract, Rate Sheet, Sponsorship and Ad Material Specification Guide and last year's program, please contact Mary Thumma at thumbprints@gmail.com.

Please note that all Advertising Contracts are due October 1, 2013. Please make additional copies of contracts for each advertisement. It is important that all of the information on the contract is filled out so that we are able to contact advertisers if there are questions about the advertisement. Make sure to put your name on the contract so that you get credit. All contracts, with checks attached, should be turned in to the box located in the office at the gym.

2013-14 GPA PARENT GUIDE ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHEET

Membership/activity fee: \$60 per family. USAG Fees: \$49 per gymnast (this fee is paid for returning members who turn in their paperwork by June 25th). Please make your check payable to GPA, attach check to this signed Acknowledgment Sheet and place both items, together with USAG Form, Locker Form, and Membership Application Form, in the Forms box located in the front office at the gym.

I acknowledge that:

1. I have read and understand the rules and policies set forth in the GPA Parent Guide and agree to abide by them.
2. My/our failure to meet the financial obligations set forth herein on the specified dates shall disqualify the gymnast from participating in meets or other GPA functions. Specifically, failure to pay assessments for either regular or post season meets will result in your child being unable to compete. Continuation in this status for thirty (30) days or more may result loss of membership rights.
3. I will complete the Membership Application Form, Media Release Form, Locker Policy Form, and USAG Form, as requested, and keep the Secretary informed of any changes in that information.
4. I understand that I am required to either (1) work at GPA's scheduled Bingo Game(s) on the schedule(s) assigned or (2) work the designated number of hours per each of two four month periods at Alternative Fundraisers. Check one:

I elect to work Bingo to fulfill my fundraising obligation _____
I elect to work Alternative Fundraisers to fulfill my fundraising obligation _____
5. I understand that if I choose to work Bingo and miss an assigned Bingo work shift, I will have two weeks to make up the missed shift. After two weeks, I understand that failure to make up any missed sessions will result in the revocation of my membership in the GPA.
6. I understand that, if I choose to work alternative fundraiser and fail to meet the hourly requirements, my membership in the GPA will be revoked.
7. The primary method of communication of announcements, meet dates, meet work tasks, Bingo Team assignments, and other notices to team members and parents is through the E-mail server. If I do not have or maintain an email address, I recognize that it is my responsibility to check to check with the coaches or GPA representatives for such information.
8. I will notify the Board by letter if I wish to withdraw from GPA. I understand that, unless all financial and fundraising obligations are brought current, I cannot be re-admitted as a member.

Gymnast's Name (s): _____

Date _____ Parent's or Guardian's signature _____