

***Go For The Gold Booster Club***  
***2018-2019***

**Bylaws**

**Mission Statement:**

The purpose of the *Go For The Gold Booster Club*, is to assist and challenge athletes in their pursuit to become the best they can be, not only in gymnastics, but in their private lives, in school, and as they mature to be responsible citizens, leaders, and adults. We accomplish this by enhancing the sport of gymnastics; exposing the southern Nevada community and its youth to gymnastics; and by soliciting the assistance of the private, public, and business sectors of the community through financial and other donations.

**Article 1: Name**

The name of the group is *Go For The Gold Booster Club* in all instances both public and private.

The Board of Directors has established the following Bylaws as guidelines for the club's members and Board of Directors members in the governance of the Booster Club. The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the Bylaws as deemed appropriate when new circumstances and/or concerns arise.

**Article 2: Objective**

The objectives of the Booster Club are twofold:

To support the growth and well-being of the Go For It USA Competitive Gymnastics Program through volunteer support.

To assist competitive athletes' families in defraying the costs of participation in the competitive program

The Booster Club is a separate and distinct entity from Go For It USA. However, fostering a strong relationship between the Booster Club and Go For It USA, is paramount to the success of both organizations.

**Article 3: Membership**

A - Membership is open to all interested persons, without discrimination. Membership is required to participate in any of *Go For The Gold Booster Club fundraising* activities. Active competing Go For IT USA athletes cannot join booster club mid-season. Exceptions may include but not limited to:

- Mid-season transfers of athletes
- Future Stars future team athletes

Membership dues of \$60 are payable annually, by June 30. The Fiscal Year for *Go For The Gold Booster Club* begins June 1st and ends May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Membership of 30 days is required to vote or nominate someone to the Board. Membership of one

year is required to be nominated, elected, or hold an office on the Board of *Go For The Gold Booster Club*.

Membership dues are payable via check or credit card. Only one membership is required if there are multiple athletes within a family. Dues will be considered to have been paid when the Treasurer, a Board member, or a duly appointed representative of the Board has received them.

*B - Membership of the Go For The Gold Booster Club consist of:*

1. An Active Member who is a parent or legal guardian of a competitive athlete.
- or
2. A Contributing Member is any other adult who supports the purposes and objectives of the club.

Active Members have voting privileges. Only one vote may be cast per family.

#### **Article 4: Organization of the Booster Club**

The Booster Club consists of the Board of Directors, committees, and general membership. The Board of Directors is composed of officers filling the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Fundraising Chair. Any member of the Booster Club, who is current on dues and has been an active member for at least one year, is eligible to run for a Board of Director position.

The Board of Directors will also ask that one Go For It USA Manager act as a consultant/advisor to the Board of Directors. The Manager would be a non-voting member of the Board, but would provide input to the Board on developing the annual operating plan, provide advice on developing the budget, provide advice and guidance on conducting the meets held at the Go For It USA, and help facilitate communication between the competitive teams, coaches, Booster Club, etc.

Board members must remain current on their dues and fees to maintain their position on the board.

#### **Article 5: Duties of the President**

The President is responsible for the overall operation of the Booster Club and is the primary interface to Go For It USA.

Other responsibilities include:

- Ensure the Bylaws are maintained and followed.
- Work with Go For It USA and the Treasurer to establish the operating budget for the upcoming competitive season.
- Ensure that all committees are chaired and staffed, are executing their responsibilities, and obtaining the expected results.
- Prepare an agenda prior to each Executive Board meeting.
- The President will prepare an agenda prior to each meeting.
- Preside over all meetings unless another Board of Director is appointed in their absence.
- Responsible for maintaining the order of the meeting.
- Has the authority to call special meetings.
- Call a vote of the Board of Directors to replace a member to complete the term should a vacancy on the Board occur.

- Attend Board of Directors Meetings.

### **Article 6: Duties of the Vice President**

The Vice President will fill in for the President in their absence. In the event that the President cannot fulfill their duties, the Vice President can assume the role of President.

Other responsibilities include:

- Oversee the fundraising activities and update the fundraising calendar for distribution.
- Ensure that all committees are chaired and functioning properly.
- Attend Board of Director and monthly *Go For The Gold Booster Club* meetings.
- Review and update bylaws as needed each year.

### **Article 7: Duties of the Treasurer**

- Keep all records for the general and reimbursement accounts.
- Keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements to be reported at each meeting.
- Disburse funds as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must approve all disbursements in advance.
- If requested, submit all records and books at the beginning of September to be audited by a committee of non-Board of Director Members.
- Responsible for informing parents on the status of their child's reimbursement account.
- Statements will be distributed throughout the year, and year-end statements will be distributed by February 1st. This information can also be obtained at any time by attending the monthly meetings or by contacting the Treasurer.
- Aid the President in coordinating the annual budget each year.
- Attend Board of Director and monthly *Go For The Gold Booster Club* meetings.

### **Article 8: Duties of the Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings.

Other responsibilities include:

- Ensure that notices of meetings are issued in proper time frames.
- Post the minutes on the Booster Club bulletin board and send to all Booster Club members who have an e-mail address on file with the Booster Club.
- Update and maintain the Booster Club bulletin board.
- Record the attendance of all members at the meetings and events.
- Maintain a list of members eligible to vote.
- Responsible for maintaining and updating e-mail addresses of all members.
- Attend Board of Director and monthly *Go For The Gold Booster Club* meetings.

## **Article 9: Duties of Fundraising Chair**

The Fundraising Chair is responsible for coordinating fundraising events for *Go For The Gold Booster Club*.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate UNLV events and other fundraising events.
- Coordinate UNLV training schedules.
- Assist with concessions for Go For IT USA hosted meets.
- Work with members who request to lead a fundraising event.
- Prepare documentation for community service assistance.

## **Article 10: Meetings**

Executive Board meetings will be held once a month at a time determined by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to call special meetings as deemed necessary or cancel meetings when applicable.

All meetings will be conducted according to Parliamentary Procedures to maintain order and accomplish the primary tasks of planning fundraising activities.

Each Board of Directors member will give a report of his or her office at the meeting.

## **Article 11: Voting/Elections**

Nominations for officers will be taken from the floor during the March general meeting or via nomination forms submitted by the general membership. Elections of the officers will be held at the regular general meeting in April. During the month of May and June, previous officers and newly elected officers will work together to assure a smooth transition. Members who meet the qualifications in Article 3 have the right to vote. These members will be entitled to one vote cast per family on all general matters.

Bylaws are to be voted on or reaffirmed annually by all active members of the booster club, in the month of June.

Any member of the board can be voted off the board by a super majority two-thirds vote from the members.

*The method of voting will be as follows:*

- The vote will be made by ballot or show of hands.
- Votes will be tallied by at least two appointed members of the Booster Club.
- A 2/3 majority of those participating in the voting, not two-thirds of the entire membership.

## **Article 12: Finances**

Parents/Guardians can donate into the *Go For The Gold Booster Club* to offset costs associated with competitive athletes at Go For It USA. The donation may be paid outright or may be raised by participating in scheduled fundraisers. 10% of all donations to *Go For The Gold Booster Club* will be allocated to the general fund.

The general fund may be used for Go For It USA Booster Club active member's athletes including but not limited:

- Booster Club operating expenses.
- Initiating fundraising activities, related supplies, and expenses.
- Assistance for National level of competition expenses.
- Assistance for State Competition expenses.

The *Go For The Gold Booster Club* account will be funded by:

- Those fundraisers where the family members are readily discernible. (i.e. firework sales, candle sales, cookie dough sales, etc.)
- Direct monetary contributions.

The *Go For The Gold Booster Club* account may be used for:

- Athlete's competitive expenses, including but not limited to: team fees, uniform fees, competitions, camp fees, and pro shop purchases.

*Go For The Gold Booster Club* does not determine the amount required for uniforms, meets, coaches' fees etc. A gymnast through his/her family efforts must help raise funds in some way and/or donate team fees to receive an allocation of funds raised. Simply stated; if you don't help raise money you will not share in the distribution of raised funds.

Go For It USA and *Go For The Gold Booster Club* are two separate entities.

## **Article 13: Disbursement of Funds**

All funds acquired through the efforts of active members or through group fundraising will remain the property of the Booster Club.

All funds must be used for the individual athletes only and may not be used as parent/guardian reimbursement.

It is the intention of the Booster Club to disburse monies to athletes based on the fundraising efforts made throughout the year. Amounts will vary from year to year which may cover expenses listed below, up to the actual amount paid by the athletes, as funds allow.

- Competitive entry fees.
- Team fees.
- GIJO membership.
- USAG membership.
- Competitive apparel.
- USAG camps and clinics deemed necessary by the team program director.

When a family leaves Go For It USA and is an active member of the *Go For The Gold Booster Club*, any funds still credited to the athlete can be distributed in several ways including:

- Dedicated to the general fund.
- Dedicated to a remaining *Go For The Gold* athlete.
- Used in the pro shop.
- Moved to another nonprofit 501c(3) booster club. Documentation must be provided.

This must be completed during the fiscal year (June 1- May 31) that the family leaves, if the family doesn't make a declaration before the end of the fiscal year, it will be credited to the general fund.

*Go For The Gold* sponsored activities, fundraising efforts, working concessions, and donations for raffles etc. will be taken into consideration when a formal request is made.

#### **Article 14: Post Season Competitions**

If funds are available, competitive team athlete that have qualified and competed in a post season competition and/or TOPS competition are eligible for reimbursement as follows:

- TOPS/Boy's Future Stars:
  - 10% up to \$300.00
- Regional:
  - 30% up to \$500.00
- Western:
  - 50% up to \$750.00
- National:
  - 50% up to \$1,000.00

All funds must be used for the individual athletes only and may not be used as parent/guardian reimbursement.

A formal request must be submitted for reimbursement. In order to submit a request, a member must be active in the *Go For The Gold Booster Club* and the majority of gymnastic fees managed through booster club. Please contact a Booster Club board member for required request form.

#### **Article 15: Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)/Returned Check.**

Any payment made by check that is returned to the *Go For The Gold Booster Club* as non-payable will be assessed the greater of a \$25.00 service charge or whatever the bank assesses the Booster Club. Upon receipt of a returned check, the Booster Club will notify the individual by email and/or telephone. The individual has seven calendar days to present payment in the form of cashier's check or a valid credit card.

#### **Article 16: Miscellaneous**

- *Go For The Gold Booster Club* is not responsible for any money given to Go For It USA.
- All money should be given to the Treasurer, a Board Member, or the respective Fundraising Chair.

All Bylaws will be reviewed and updated as needed at the beginning of each fiscal year.

These Bylaws are meant to benefit the athletes of Go For It USA.

Please sign that you have received and read these Bylaws of *Go For The Gold Booster Club*.

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Athlete Name

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Team/Level

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Signature of Parent and/or Guardian

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Date

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Phone/email