

New Parent Meeting- 07/14/2026

Attending- Kevin, Liz, Dana, Erin, Robyn

Welcome to the Midwest Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Booster Club

We are excited to welcome you to our Midwest gymnastics family. Gymnastics has been known for fostering an incredible and supportive community that thrives on helping gymnasts achieve their goals. As parents, we have an incredible opportunity to model how to be positive members of a team and lead by example for our gymnasts. We should strive to have positive attitudes and be dedicated to making the club successful. The MAG Board is here to answer any questions you might have regarding the program or competition; however, it is also important to remember we are only parent volunteers. Any questions in regards to your child's gymnastics skills, level, etc, should only be directed to Coach Kevin.

Current Booster Club Board Members:

Liz Jones - President (Meet registrations, Travel and General Oversight of Club Activities)

Robyn Hulfeld - Vice President (Sports Engine Account Manager and Oversees club budget)

Dana Ervin - Secretary (Communications and Organization)/Treasurer

Michealene Zarach- Team Parent Representative (Organize Team Activities; Social Planning Committee)

Erin Rhodes - Team Parent Representative (Organize Team Activities; Social Planning Committee)

Ria Kotsis - Fundraising Coordinator (Oversees and coordinates team fundraisers)

How to contact us:

General Questions and Information: magboosterclubboard@gmail.com

Financial Questions and Information: magboosterclubboardtreasurer@gmail.com

Fundraising Questions and Information: magboosterclubfundraiser@gmail.com

Discussed the role of the Board:

Plan events

Collect money for payments

Facilitate fundraisers

Navigating your first year as a team gymnast and family can feel overwhelming. There is a lot of information and moving parts, especially when you are first getting started. As a booster club board, we are here to help you navigate this process. Additionally, we are here to organize and facilitate team building events/activities, team parties/banquets, as well as collect funds to pay for meet registration fees and the coaches' meet-related expenses. As a parent member of the booster club, there are several ways to get involved including joining our fundraising or party planning committees, volunteering to help at parties/activities, donating items for our parties, volunteering at host meets, etc. We are truly an all hands on deck program and welcome any extra help or input you might have to make this season a success for your gymnast.

Every gymnast must have a USAG number to be eligible compete. Follow steps below and have **Midwest Training and Ice as their club** or we cannot see it. Please have done by 7/31 so we can register by 8/1

PQ- when we get the number do we send it to you

A- No, it will automatically send a request

All coaches are completely certified by USAG, Safesport, Background checks, etc. Please bring all concerns related to coaches to Kevin.

Anything related to skills, meets, coaches, go to Kevin
Anything fundraiser, event, or social related goes to MAG

USA Gymnastics (USAG) has recently updated their regulations and requirements in regards to adults who are in contact with the gymnasts, including parent volunteers. In order to comply with USAG policy, we are asking all of our parents to complete the volunteer membership through the USAG website (<https://usagym.org/membership/join/volunteer/>). This membership is complimentary and includes access to the SafeSport certification. This certification takes approximately one to two hours to complete and is required to volunteer at any of our events. We would like this course to be completed by August 1st.

In order to compete, your gymnast must have a valid athlete membership through USAG (<https://usagym.org/membership/join/athlete/>). The cost for this membership is \$25 for new athletes or \$65 for returning athletes. Once you complete this membership, please email us a copy of your gymnast's USAG card. We will not be able to register your child for meets without this information. If you have any questions, please reach out to us and we can help guide you through this process. Please be sure to have your gymnast(s) registered with USAG no later than Friday, August 5th.

Fundraising plays a huge role in helping keep out of pocket costs as low as possible for our families. Throughout the season, there will be optional fundraisers as well as mandatory fundraisers (e.g. meets we host). We will send out more information regarding these at a later date. However, for transparency sake, we do require participation from all of our families at any and all meets that Midwest hosts. Hosting a meet is a huge undertaking and requires all hands on deck in order to be run successfully. It is the biggest fundraiser for our club and benefits not only the booster club general fund for activities, but also each individual family as well. By volunteering, you earn a percentage of the profit we make from the meet. This money will go towards your gymnast account and can be used to pay for future meet expenses, team leotard, etc. If for some reason, you are unable to fulfill your volunteering requirements, there is a mandatory buyout fee that is required to be paid in full.

Beginning August 1, we will start collecting booster club payments that will cover expenses for individual meet registrations and team fees, coaches fees and travel expenses throughout the season. We calculate the projected cost of the upcoming season based on the average cost of previous seasons and then divide the cost into four payments that will be due on the first of the month (Aug-Nov).

Please note: This document serves as a tentative outline of our season. Changes may take effect at any time with or without prior notice.

The most up to date information for the club will be found on our website.

All gymnast information and the season's competition payments will be housed in SportsEngine. Link can be found on the website under parent information > registration

<https://midwestgymnasticsboosterclub.com/>

Meet Schedule:

Kids are with coaches for the entire session. You don't have to stay the entire weekend, you only come for your session time.

Not all levels will go to every meet- XB are marked

Kevin's phone is on DND during the meets, so if you need to contact him call 2x.

Payments to MAG are different from money paid to the gym each month. This MAG payment covers registration, and coaches costs to be at the meet.

PQ- Leo Package email that came out today is through the front desk and not MAG, right?

A- Correct, uniforms are through the gym, not MAG

Everything needed for meets will be taught at practice. We will also have a Mock Meet to prepare them for their first meet. If they do not have all necessary skills, they will start from a different level so everyone can have a 10.0 start value

PQ- I came to a meet here, and parents were doing a lot of stuff

A- We host 2 meets. One is hosted by the gym and Kevin, not the Booster Club. The parents are required to volunteer as part of your agreement with the gym. Last year parents were only required to work one session, so the volunteer commitment is very small. The 2nd is awarded through the state and we host one of the state meets. We have not heard back if we won the bid (we found out later that night that we won the bid for the Optionals State Meet!). How it works: the booster club keeps a small portion of profit (we did not last year) and then the profit is divided amongst the parents who worked proportionally to the amount of sessions worked. Funds can be used for gymnastics, but you cannot take it with you if you leave the team. When we do host those events, parents will need to be safesport certified through USAG and background checked.

When you get your SE account set up all of the fundraisers go to your account, so when payments come up, they will be taken from credits first before a credit card is charged.

Fundraisers are individual- whatever you raise goes to your child, not a group pot.

PQ- Since volunteering at meets is mandatory, is there a charge if we cannot?

A- We had that rule in place for the home meet last year and did not charge anyone because everyone was able to volunteer. There were only a couple of families who couldn't make it, and did not find it necessary to charge them. For the home meet we have had an abundance of volunteers, so has not been necessary. Also volunteers can be anyone 16 or older and capable of being active. Anyone 18+ must have SafeSport and background check on file.

PQ- After we pay the fees and uniform, should we ever expect any other expense?

A- The main expenses are tuition, uniform, XB and XS will have a small fee for judge to come in and choreo routine- every girl will have same routine, XG will have to pay choreographer to make routine, booster club dues, new families will have social fee- \$45, travel meets require hotels, there is an entry fee to each meet averaging about \$20 per person not including the athlete

Floor- new rules this year

PQ- How soon do we need to get a routine?

A- email Kevin and we will get it set up ASAP. XB and XS, a judge will come out in the fall to choreograph routines based on the new judging rules.

****Send an email to Kevin if your child is going to miss practice. If they are not practicing, they are not getting better**

PQ- Today's emailed schedule says XB is going from 9 hours in summer to 6 in fall?

A- XB hours are not finalized, I have a meeting tomorrow (7/15) at noon, and will send out tomorrow

PQ- I noticed there was a short sleeve option, do we need that if we have the long sleeve leotard?

A- No, the long sleeve is the most important part. Keep in mind every 2 years we order a new leo packet. Everything changes every 2 years. We also order bows every season. We do nothing with the leos, no design, no say, no input. This is an off year, that's why there is an option for smaller packages. It is required to purchase the full packet during a leo year. You need a leo, and you need a warm up. Any other item is based on our personal preference for this current season. Next season everyone will buy the new package.

Kevin will send out an email regarding appearance rules closer to season. We will go over all of that in parent meeting closer to the season

PQ- Hair style questions- are beads allowed?

A-Yes, but they tend to break and fly off everywhere, so not recommended. Send them to practice multiple times in the hairstyle that you're planning for competition, so you know how it will feel during routines

PQ- What if a business wants to sponsor fees for gymnasts?

A- For booster club fees- have them email MAG, for Gym- contact front desk. Keep in mind MAG is not a 501(c) organization, so there are no tax benefits for donations.

SportsEngine Motion Registration

Dear MAG Families,

We are excited to launch our new web based and mobile app software by SportsEngine Motion that will give you live access to your child's account with our club. We will no longer be accepting cash, cash app, or personal checks for club dues given the liability and risk associated with these payments.

SportsEngine Motion will be our new system for: Registration and payment collection and communication via email, text, and push notifications as well as all personal info for your gymnast

Follow these easy steps below:

- *Step 1: Click link below to go to the MAG Booster Club registration page within SportsEngine Motion*
- *Step 2: Select the "Add to Cart" button for the appropriate level (Optionals click "Show all classes")*
- *Step 3: Next, "Check Out of Shopping Cart"*
- *Step 4: Then select "Create New Account" when prompted*

Once your account has been created, follow the registration flow to select your pay plan; add your members (gymnast); sign waivers, confirm your "order"; and pay & finish.

After you have completed registration, download the SportsEngine Motion mobile app and login in with the credentials that you created.

A couple notes for Registration :

- *All allergies should be listed under "Medical Information"*
- *Only fields w a * are required*
- *All billing information is private. We will not be able to view your CC info*
- *"Your registration has been successfully submitted" means you successfully signed up*
- *Once registered go into your account, members, select your child, and under apparel sizing add leotard size. You can update sizing at anytime*

Billing Information:

- *You can update payment method at anytime*
- *We hope to have the 2024-2025 season fees budgeted by August with first payment taking place in September and last payment being December*
- *Social Fee will be debited in August*

- *Any credits carried over from previous season will be manually added to your account after registration has occurred*
- *Payment notices will be sent to email on file 5 days in advance of upcoming charge*
- *Confirmation of payment will be sent on day charge takes place*