

Compulsory State 2026

March 12th-15th

Location: YMCA Sportscenter at Crown Point

1307 S. Main Street, Crown Point IN 46307

Use this address in GPS. Parking lot is the old hospital parking lot

Theme: Sweetest in the State (Candyland)

With there being younger kids at this meet, we thought this would be a fun theme

Start time: 6:40 PM

Super Bowl Squares- there are 13 squares left, so if families want to purchase- can purchase for \$25, if squares left over MAG will purchase. If MAG square wins, winnings will be donated to Rylee's family- **Update:** All squares were claimed at the meeting and winnings have been distributed

Tattoos given by Kevin to team mom's to be worn on the cheek. Can be worn at every meet.

Financial update- Robin read off of handout

*Special Notes- We have not been charged for medals from the meet last year, so that is why that money is "on hold" in the general fund. Typically medals are \$6500. We have asked for bill, but have not received one as of today. Came in under budget for one meet, over budget on another, still have costs coming in for upcoming meets. Overall, the accounts are in good spot.

To clarify- there are 2 meets. 1st meet hosted by Kevin and Eileen (owner of gym). Any questions go to Kevin. We do not earn credits for this meet. Kevin is trying to use service hours to have minimum volunteer requirement for parents.

Thursday, March 12th: Set-up

Description- there is a semi truck packed with equipment. It is on us to unload and set up in the gym. Tear down is the reverse. If you cannot lift or do physical labor there are other lighter areas- ex. setting up hospitality, etc

Time: TBD depending on Facility and Equipment- Set up arrival time- 5:00PM. The end time depends on how long it takes to set up. Please be mindful of your children and make sure they are supervised at all times.

Expectation: At least 1 person from each gymnast family is required to help with set-up. If you can not attend set up, you will be charged a \$150 buyout fee. Each family will receive 1 credit, regardless how many family members attend. However, the more people we have, the faster it goes!

PRO TIP: Bring gloves to protect your hands :)

This is a very physically demanding job as it requires moving and setting up equipment. We are renting dollies like last year, however we will still have to lift and set up gymnastics equipment. Come prepared :) We will have bottles of water and provide pizza for the volunteers.

Compulsory state meet hosted by MAG

Friday, March 13th-Sunday March 15th: Competition

Time: TBD (we are waiting on the meet director to send us the schedule! This typically happens after the qualifying window closes) **Update:** schedule has been emailed out to everyone

Expectation: We are trying the same strategy as last year. You will sign up for one of the following categories for **EACH** session you want to work on Sports Engine: Front of house (admissions, shout outs, raffle tickets, etc), Back of house (maintenance, awards, hospitality, or GYM (timers, score recorders, runner, gym maintenance, etc). **Update-** you will sign up for time slots and be assigned a job based on best fit

We ARE NOT requiring a certain number of sessions INITIALLY for the competition days. We ARE still requiring set up and tear down volunteers. We want to try to fill all of our slots with anyone who wants to work! The more you work the more you earn towards your gymnasts account for next year! Reminder, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and typically you can earn a significant amount towards your dues for next year if you work several sessions.

*Please keep in mind, this is something we are trying. If we don't fill all the sessions by **Monday, March 2nd**, then we will have to revert back to requiring sessions and a buyout if you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties.*

Additionally, as always, this money earned cannot be paid to you if you leave the team. Any credit on your gymnast account will be rolled over to the general fund.

Vendors: Kristy speaking to shout outs (sold out last year)- theme is candy, but not everything is candy. Will also have a florist, gymnast can preorder shout outs and flowers. MAG will receive 10% of profits from flowers. Drink truck w/ smoothies, coffee, etc- offering 10% of profits as well. Bear Affair- apparel and leo- giving 20% of profits. Will do a presale for us. **Update:** all presale links are now active on the state website-

<https://midwestgymnasticsboosterclub.com/compulsory-state-2026>

PQ- At dean and barabara outside drinks were not allowed. If we buy drinks outside will we be able to bring them in?

A- yes, this facility is more flexible and will allow outside drinks inside

PQ- How much is admissions for families?

A- the state sets that, but all info is on the state website-

<https://midwestgymnasticsboosterclub.com/compulsory-state-2026>

PG- Do we need to preorder pictures?

A- They will be photographing 2 events and you have the ability to order at meet

{No other questions}

Sunday, March 16th: Tear Down- correction 3/15 not 3/16

Time: Immediately following the conclusion of the last session-whenver tear-down and clean up is complete

Tear down- as soon as last kid competes, salutes and walks off the floor, we start tearing down.

Expectation: At least one person from each gymnast family is required to help with tear down. If you can not attend tear down, you will be charged a \$150 buyout fee. Each family will receive 1 credit, regardless how many family members attend. However, the more people we have, the faster it goes!

FAQ's

How do I earn money toward my gymnast account? Once we know the final profit, the booster club keeps 5-10% in the general fund to help offset costs for the next season. Then we calculate how much \$ each credit is worth. You earn "Credits" per session you work. If you have 2 people working 1 session, you earn 2 credits. That dollar amount is then added as a credit in your sports engine account to help pay for dues next year and/or regionals this year.

Remindser: When money is earned as credits, we cannot pay you out if you leave the team. It gets rolled over into the general fund and is used for the team as a whole. Money does not go with you if you leave the team

What ages are allowed to work? In order to earn credits, all volunteers have to be 16. If you have a high school student in need of service hours who wants to volunteer, please reach out to Liz. Gymnasts are allowed to come help; however, they do not earn credits towards their account. Please keep in mind, the kids are not allowed to run around the facility and must be supervised at all times.

If you are there and you have your kids with you, they cannot be on the gym floor and must be supervised. If kids are going to be there all day, please bring your own snacks.

One thing that happened last year- kids came in and ate all of the food and there wasn't anything left for coaches. This year we will have coaches and timers eat first before other volunteers. It takes out of profits and coaches experience if we run out of food. When we have to buy more food, you earn less per credit

Do I have to do SafeSport in order to volunteer? YES. Please see Liz or look at our website if you need help registering for the course. *The policy at midwest is that everyone over 18 must to safesport. If you had to do Safesport for another sport, email us a certificate and that will count.*

USAG has a new policy as of this year: Every adult (18+) has to have a current background check through USA gymnastics in order to volunteer at a meet. This does take some, so please complete this ASAP if you haven't done so already!

There have been BG check issues with names not matching legal names. If this is you- call USAG to change your name and they can fix it for you quickly

PQ- What if kids are competing?

A- We recommend that you don't sign up for times your kids are competing or the sessions immediately before and after. Especially the session after as you will still be in awards at that time.

PQ- Will schedule be out before sign ups?

A- Hopefully- Liz will try to get a tentative schedule. If need be we will swap and switch **Update:** the correct schedule has been sent out prior to sign ups

PQ- Does the safesport and BG check come to you automatically?

A- As long as you are affiliated with Midwest Training as your club for your USAG account.

PQ- Does my 16 year old need to do SafeSport?

A- Only people 18 and up need to do SafeSport

PQ- My daughter just turned 18, does she need to do BG check?

A- we will check

PQ- 16 year olds can volunteer?

A- yes 16 and up can volunteer. Gymnasts on the team can volunteer in some areas- there will be a sign up sheet. Gymnasts are able to earn service horse but not volunteer credits.

PQ- if you are leaving the team, do you still have to set up/ tear down?

A- yes, even if you are leaving the team, you are still required to set up/ tear down or buy out

PQ- time for set up?

A- meeting with facility tomorrow- hoping for 5pm, but we will let you know when we can get in there- **Update-** we will arrive for set up at 5:00 PM

PQ- what will we have to do for set up/ tear down for the home meet?

A- We don't have answers, I know equipment will need to be moved, but I don't know what that will look like. Definitely ask Kevin

PQ- Any word on the jackets?

A- no, all i know is there was a manufacturing issue, fabric was back ordered, hoping for end of January **Update-** all jackets have been distributed to the gymnasts

PQ- Any refund on jackets since we can't use them this season?

A- That's a Hannah question- the booster club has nothing to do with ordering and decisions

PQ- My child never received her shorts?

A- Kevin got those and handed them out last night at practice. See Kevin

PQ- Is there a volunteer uniform?

A- Potentially black shirt and lanyard like years past or maybe we can use a different color for the shirts to brighten it up.

Meeting dismissed at 7:15 PM