



Orlando Metro Gymnastics Booster Club What you need to know!

Welcome to the Orlando Metro Gym Booster Club, officially named EGO Boosters. EGO stands for Elite Gymnastics Organization, Inc. which is the legal name of our club. In this document we will attempt to share all the basic essential information that you need to know regarding our organization. Other information as well as club bylaws are posted on our website at **www.ego-boosters.org**.

The EGO booster club was formed to help you as a parent to be able to off-set some of the costs of having a competitive gymnast. Membership is required to participate in fund raising activities as well as other booster club activities. Membership is per year (June through May). Registration is due during our annual Membership Drive.

Each year elections are held for various positions within the booster club. Voting is typically held at the annual banquet.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the LB location and are also available via Teams to members only. Items discussed but not limited to: fundraising, volunteer opportunities, meet results, value points and other valuable information as well as time to ask questions and meet other parents.

As a booster club, we host one gymnastics meet a year called The Sand Dollar/Whitlow Invitational. It is typically held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex located at the Walt Disney World Resort. This meet draws approximately 4,000 gymnasts from all over the country who compete over a three day weekend in January. Many opportunities to work this meet are available and include: timing, music, awards, information desk, set up and tear-down. Also, as part of this meet, a program is produced with advertising. Advertising is sold and a portion of money received can be converted to value points and awarded to you as well.

All money for reimbursement is earned through the VALUE POINTS SYSTEM. For every dollar you earn you will receive 1 value point. Value points are earned during a fundraising opportunity and working at our Hosted meets. At the end of a season, points will be added up and can be converted to dollars. In order to convert those to dollars, receipts and or account statements from the gym accompanied by a Value Point Claim form must be submitted totaling but not going over your award point dollar value. Some examples of receipts that can be accepted are: Metro Camps, Metro Pro Shops Purchases, grips, music, team travel payments, mileage, meals, etc. Due to NCAA rules you cannot be reimbursed for coaching fees. For more information and the Value Award Claim Form please see our website or contact the Value Points chair.

Each month, at our monthly meeting, our Fundraising chair will present opportunities to sell items to your friends and family that, if sold, will turn into value points. Examples of some past fundraisers include: Cookies, Around the City coupon books, Poinsettias, and Spirit Nights at local restaurants. If you have a fundraising idea, please present it to the fundraising chair to learn more about how you can earn extra money. Also, once a year we host a sale of used leotards. ***Half the selling price of your used leos will go directly to you.***

Through the efforts of our fundraising activities, Sand Dollar/Whitlow gymnastics meet and leo sales we are able to help many families participate in this sport that could not afford it otherwise. Also, we are able to help support the costs in sending several of our gymnasts to regional and national competitions.

Another large part of the EGO Boosters is community service. Our Community Service chair will be sharing opportunities for you and your family to join with other gymnasts and their families to serve our community. Participating in these activities allows us to teach our children how to give back and how to be a team off the mat. Some of those events have included Race for the Cure, Russell Home, Special Olympics, and United Against Poverty.

Lastly, at the end of the season each gymnast's accomplishments are highlighted at the Annual Awards Banquet hosted by Coach Jeff Wood & Elena, along with the EGO Booster Club Board. Booster Club Membership gives you the opportunity to qualify for a free ticket for your gymnast and discounted tickets for family members. The banquet is typically held at a local hotel and is a special time not only for the girls but for the parents as well.

**The EGO Booster Club welcomes you and your family and we sincerely hope that this information has been helpful to you. We encourage you to come to our meetings and get involved.
We'd love to have you be a part of our great membership!**