November 1, 2024



## **Dear Valued Member**

The Simcoe Gliders Gymnastics Club would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your patronage and commitment to supporting sport and child development in Norfolk County. We have worked hard over the years to earn your trust and respect in providing quality gymnastics and foundational skill building for our young people.

The Simcoe Gliders have been in Simcoe and at the Fairground location since 1991. We came to Simcoe, from our early existence as ENGEECI Gymnastics in Waterford, excited to be able to provide sport in a permanent location. For many years we were able to expand our programming to include all levels of gymnastics, varied disciplines including trampoline, tumbling, and men's programming, as well as recreational based childcare.

It is with regret and sadness we take this same opportunity to advise we have been asked to vacate these premises by July 1, 2025. The Norfolk Agricultural Society has opted not to renew our lease that has been in place for 33 years.

The Simcoe Gliders Executive has been working over the past few months to secure a new location. To date we have been unsuccessful and reach out to you now to ask for help. There is still time. If you have any contacts or known access to currently empty property to lease, that might be suitable for our operations, please forward any and all suggestions to the club Administrator, Lisa Follington at gliders\_gymnastics@hotmail.com.

The Executive will continue to explore all options put forward to secure a new functional space for continued operations. Some of the requirements for a space include:

- Industrial or commercial zoning
- 5,000 to 10,000 total square feet (preferably with 42'x42' feet of uninterrupted space. No pole)
- Ceiling height of 20 feet or ability to set equipment into the ground/floor
- Full year access (we don't want to have to move out)
- Long term lease options

If we are unable to secure a new home by March 1, 2025, the Executive will reconvene to consider next steps for the club. Unfortunately, this may result in closing programming effective April 30, 2025, and taking appropriate steps to dissolve the Simcoe Gliders Gymnastics Club Inc. permanently.

We are very sorry to have to bring this sad and disappointing news but are hopeful with your continued help and support we will be able to secure a new space in time for continued operations. We understand this news may be upsetting and you may have questions.

If you wish to discuss this further, please let Lisa know and she can answer any questions you may have, or she can connect you with an Executive member for further information and discussion. It has been our pleasure to serve Norfolk County with gymnastics programming over the past 51 years and we hope to be able to continue for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Louise Lovell President, SGGC.