

***Go For The Gold Booster Club***  
***2011-2012***

**By Laws**

**Mission Statement:**

The sole purpose of the *Go For The Gold Booster Club*, is to promote and enhance the sport of gymnastics; to expose the southern Nevada community and its youth to gymnastics; to solicit the assistance of the private, public, and business sectors of the community through financial and other donations; to assist and challenge gymnasts 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.

**Article 1: Name**

The name of the group shall be Go For The Gold, Booster Club in all instances both public and private.

The Board of Directors has established the following by-laws 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 by-laws as deemed appropriate when new circumstances and/or concerns arise.

**Article 2: Objective**

The mission of the Booster Club is two fold:

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

To assist competitive gymnasts' 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, and E.S. Athletics, LLC,dba. 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* activities. Dues are payable when a person joins *Go For The Gold Booster Club*, and after that, yearly, by June 1st. The Fiscal Year for *Go For The Gold Booster Club* begins June 1st, and ends May 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

Therefore, if joining midyear, dues will not be pro-rated and are required **again** by the following June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 the *Go For The Gold Booster Club*.

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 shall consist of*

1. A Current Member who is a parent or legal guardian of a Go For It Gymnastics competitive gymnast.
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 competitive gymnast.

A Contributing Member does not have a vote.

### **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 and Secretary. 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 Academy and help facilitate communication between the competitive teams, coaches, Booster Club, etc.

### **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 By-Laws 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.
- Shall prepare an agenda prior to each Executive Board meeting.
- The President will prepare an agenda prior to each meeting.
- Shall preside over all meetings unless another Board of Director is appointed in their absence.
- Shall be responsible for maintaining order of the meeting and a positive atmosphere at all times.
- Has the authority to call special meetings.
- Shall call a vote of the Board of Directors to replace a member to complete the term should a vacancy on the Board occur.
- Should 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 fund raising activities and update the fund raising calendar for distribution.
- Finalize and approved by the 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors meeting each year.
- Ensure that all committees are chaired and functioning properly.
- Should attend Board of Director and monthly *Go For The Gold Booster Club* meetings.

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

- Shall keep all records for the general and reimbursement accounts.
- Shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements to be reported at each meeting.
- Shall disburse funds as determined by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors must approve all disbursements in advance.
- All checks over \$1000 will require two signatures.
- Shall submit all records and books at the beginning of September to be audited by a committee of non-Board of Director members.
- Shall be 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 April 31 st.
- 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.
- Should 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.
  - Develop team roster for distribution to members.
  - Shall post the minutes on the Booster Club bulletin board and send to all Booster Club members who have an e-mail address.
  - Shall update and maintain the Booster Club bulletin board.
  - Shall record the attendance of all members at the meetings and events.
  - Shall maintain a list of members eligible to vote.
  - Shall be responsible for maintaining and updating e-mail addresses of all members.
- Should attend Board of Director and monthly *Go For The Gold Booster Club* meetings.

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

The fundraising chair accepts the responsibility as a volunteer for a specific fundraiser.

He/she is responsible for all aspects of the fundraiser including, but not limited to; materials, schedules, and supplies.

Upon taking on this position the person will complete a responsibility and accountability form establishing a beginning and an end date.

It will then be the fundraising chair's responsibility to keep track of expenses, net profit, to track participation and profit. Upon completion of this document for accounting it will be turned into the Treasurer by the end date on the established contract.

If there are any discrepancies, it will be taken out of the Fundraising Chair's child's Booster account.

For said duties, the financial responsibilities are accountable by the Chair and will be paid 5 of net profits into the athlete's Booster account.

### **Article 10: Meetings.**

Executive Board meetings shall 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.

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 general membership. Elections of the officers shall be held at the regular general meeting in April. During the month of May and June previous officers and newly elected officers shall work together to assure a smooth transition. Members who meet the qualifications in Article 3 have the right to vote. These members shall be entitled to 1 vote per family on all general matters.

*The method of voting shall be as follows:*

The vote shall 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 voting shall elect.

In the event that a 2/3 majority is not achieved, a re-vote will be called.

## **Article 12: Finances**

Each parent/guardian will donate into the *Go For The Gold Booster Club* treasury to offset costs associated with competitive gymnastics at Go For It. The donation may be paid outright or may be raised by participating in scheduled fund-raisers.

Donations may not cover all estimated expenses.

10% of all donations to *Go For The Gold Booster Club* will be allocated to the General fund.

The general fund will be used for:

- Booster Club operating expenses.
- Initiating fundraising activities, related supplies and xpenses.
- National Level of Competition expenses.
- Supporting team coaches' educational training.

If funds are available, the general account shall reimburse competitive gymnast expenses as detailed in Article 13.

\* The *Go For the Gold Booster Club* accounts will be funded by:

Those fundraisers where the family members are readily discernable. (i.e. firework sales, candle sales, cookie dough sales, etc.)

\* The *Go For The Gold Booster Club* accounts will be used for:

Reimbursement of competitive gymnast's competitive expenses, including but not limited to; teams fees, uniform fees, competitions and camp fees.

Go For It USA has made membership mandatory in the *Go For The Gold Booster Club* in order to reduce costs and fees to athletes. Go For It USA, determines the required amount to donate and/ or fundraise and be in the athlete's account, in order to compete.

*Go for the Gold Booster Club* does not require membership, nor determine the amount that is required to be in said accounts.

If you chose not to join *Go For the Gold Booster Club*, Go For It USA charges an additional 25% of all fees for administrative costs.

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

In order to make volunteering successful, all members are required to participate/volunteer in all GFI hosted meets and/or large fundraisers. You may buy-out your volunteer time for an annual fee of \$200.00

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

All funds acquired through the efforts of Individual members or through group fund-raising shall remain the property of the Booster Club.

All funds must be used for the individual athlete only.

May not be used as parent/guardian reimbursement.

It is the intention of the Booster Club to disburse grants to the gymnasts based on the fund raising efforts made throughout the year. Grants will vary from year to year; however, the annual grant amount will not exceed the gymnasts' total competitive expenses from the previous year.

Grants will be made to cover expenses listed below, up to the actual amount paid by the gymnast, **as funds allow**.

All competitive entry fees.

- Coaches fees. (divided by the number of team members)
- Team fees. (divided by the number of team members)
- GIJO membership.
- USAG membership.
- Girls Gymnastics Team Apparel. (Warm-Up Suit, Warm-Up and Competition Leotards.)
- Boys Gymnastics Team Apparel. (Shirt, Shorts, Pants and Warm-Up Suit)
- Chorographer fees for optional level gymnastic routine development.
- Team gym bag.
- Any USAG camps and clinics deemed necessary by the team program director.

*There are no reimbursements in the event that a gymnast's family leaves the gym or competitive team. Any monies that are in a family's account shall be transferred to the general account*

### **Article 14: Scholarship/National level.**

*If funds are available*, competitive team gymnasts that have qualified and competed in a national level competition and/or TOPS competition are eligible for reimbursement as follows:

- TOPS/Boy's Future Stars:
  - 10% up to \$300.00
- Regional: (Girl's Level 8 and up, boy's Level 5 and up)
  - 30% up to \$500.00
- Western: (Girl's Level 9 and up)
  - 50% up to \$500.00
- Nationals: (Girl's Level 10)
  - 50% up to \$1,000.00

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

Any payment made by check that is returned to the Booster Club as non-payable will be assessed the greater of a **\$20.00 service charge** or whatever the bank assesses the Booster Club. Upon receipt of a returned check, the Booster Club will notify the individual by mail and/or telephone. The individual has 7 calendar days to present payment in the form of cashier's check or cash.

**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 Fund Raising Chair.

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

These By Laws are meant to benefit the athletes of Go For It USA.  
Please sign that you have received and read these By Laws of *Go For The Gold Booster Club*.

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*Signature*

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