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Skyview Team Handbook

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An Introduction to the Skyview Team Program

Skyview Team programs give children the opportunity to pursue gymnastics to a more advanced level, to compete in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic program¹, and to perform on National and International stages. The challenges and the rewards of making a serious commitment to the sport are absolutely incomparable, but we want you to make a wise decision. Please read the information in this Handbook carefully. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call.

Every athlete and her/his parents will be asked to sign a Team Agreement which says that they have read this Handbook, and that they understand and agree to abide by Skyview's rules and policies.

Skyview Gymdancers – Directed by Diane Floyd

The Gymdancers Team tumbles and dances its way through a dozen fairs and festivals each year, delighting audiences wherever they go. Since 1996, their travels have taken them from coast to coast in the US, and to World Gymnaestradas in Sweden, Portugal, and (this past summer) in Austria.

Acrobatic Gymnastics (Acro) – LeeAnn Lenhart, Head Coach and Program Director

In Acrobatic Gymnastics, athletes (boys and girls) compete in pairs and small groups, performing choreographed routines which demonstrate power, balance, strength, flexibility, and tumbling. Partner and group skills include daring throws, pitches and catches and beautiful, elaborate balances. From its very first season, members of the Skyview Acro team have qualified for both National and International competition. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

Artistic Gymnastics – Mimi Husser, Program Director

Artistic Gymnastics includes the events familiar to all from the Olympics - for girls: bars, beam, floor exercise and vault. (We don't have a boys' team yet, but we're working on it.) The Skyview Artistic Team competes in USA Gymnastics Levels 4 through 9 and also participates in the USAIGC College Bound program. The philosophy of USAIGC is based on the idea of athlete longevity and the belief that quality, not quantity, of training is most important for developing gymnasts in their early years.

Trampoline & Tumbling (T & T) – Paul Goodwin, Head Coach & Program Director

T & T is the newest member of our family of Teams - and a welcome addition! Athletes (boys and girls) compete in Trampoline, Synchronized Trampoline, Double Mini Trampoline, and Power Tumbling. The pace of training is a bit more relaxed than for the Artistic and Acrobatic teams, but our goals are still lofty. In 2007, Skyview was represented for the very first time at the T & T National Championships. It certainly won't be the last.

Pre Competitive Programs

Eager children who love gymnastics, and who have the skills and disposition for teamwork, are invited to join one of our Pre Competitive programs (Artistic, Acro or Trampoline & Tumbling). Athletes must be at least 6 years old, and must be evaluated by the appropriate team coach for placement.

¹ USA Gymnastics is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of gymnastics in the United States. The mission of USA Gymnastics is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of gymnastics. Skyview is a USA Gymnastics Member Club.

Your Commitment to the Team

Team Membership is an Annual Commitment

The 2007-2008 Season:

Acro and Artistic Teams	Aug 27, 2007 - July 27, 2008
Gymdancers and Trampoline/Tumbling	Aug 27, 2007 - June 28, 2008

Pre Competitive Programs run continuously, following the Skyview Class Program schedule

Athletes are expected to participate fully in Team activities throughout the year, and in order to retain a spot on the team for 2008-2009, they are required to attend Team Camp in August.

Team Calendar

A detailed, day-by-day, Team Calendar is posted on the internet, and updated regularly at www.skyviewgymnastics.com.

An up-to-date schedule is also posted on the team bulletin board at Skyview.

Note: If you believe you have conflicting information about schedules – dates, days, times, etc. – please notify your coach, but also ASSUME that what is posted on the web is correct (unless it's an obvious typo!)

Skyview Team Holidays

Thanksgiving weekend (4 days)
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
Easter Sunday
Memorial Day (Monday only)
July 4th.

The Team Parents' Organization (Gymdancers, Inc.)

The Team Parents Organization (officially, Gymdancers, Inc.) supports team activities and, in fact, makes many of them possible. Its members haul mats and equipment to performances, host competition and performance events, raise funds to support educational opportunities and travel for the athletes, and manage a large part of the team business. Gymdancers, Inc. is a non-profit, 501-C3, organization.

Expenses Associated with Team Membership

General Expenses

- Skyview tuition.
- Membership in USA Gymnastics and/or USAIGC, depending on the program. (These are organizations which sanction and insure gymnastics events.)
- Entry/participation fees for meets, Gymfests, performance events, clinics, workshops and other educational opportunities.
- Your own travel, food and lodging for "away" meets or performances.
- Your portion of coaching expenses (session fees, travel, food and lodging) for all meets and performances.
- Choreography and music for optional level Artistic (floor and beam) routines - Level 7 and up.
- Grips, hand balancers, weights, sports tape, and other accessories that may be required.

- Uniforms and competitive attire (see below).

Uniforms and Competitive Attire

Team members are expected to appear at all Skyview events in complete uniform, and in Skyview logo attire at all times. You are required to purchase and maintain in good fit and condition:

- Skyview warm-up jacket and pants
- one or more Skyview polo/logo shirts
- two or more pairs of Skyview shorts (black, gray, white)
- team warm-up leotard/workout apparel
- Skyview gym bag
- A Skyview sweatshirt is also available (optional)
- Each team or level of participation may have additional uniform requirements, including warm-up/workout attire and competition or performance leotards.

Training Team Attire

Training Team members are required to purchase a team leotard which will be used for performances and demonstrations. (We ask that the children *not* wear this leotard for regular practices in order to keep it in good shape for special events.)

Your Responsibilities as a Team Member

Attendance at Classes, Workouts, Rehearsals and Performances

Every Team member is expected to attend ALL classes, workouts, rehearsals, scheduled meets, performances and events. Exceptions are made for required school events, religious observance, contagious or debilitating illnesses, and serious family emergencies.

Please call Skyview before 3:00pm if you will be absent for any reason.

We have never told a child that she would have to miss Homecoming, Prom or any other milestone event in her life because of a team practice. Coaches do make exceptions. However! It is your responsibility to inform the Coach of conflicts and ask permission to miss practice in advance. Training regimens, lesson plans, choreography and, for that matter, success in competition all depend on consistent attendance.

Absence for vacations, extended holidays, religious observance, family events etc., should be requested well in advance, in writing (email, with at least two weeks notice, is preferred) to Skyview and your team coach. One or two such events per year is considered reasonable. Beyond that, absences begin to affect an athlete's performance and the coherence of the team.

Two unexcused absences may result in suspension of Team privileges. No refunds will be given for classes, meets or events missed due to suspension.

Chronic tardiness may also be considered grounds for suspension of team privileges. If transportation problems or your school schedule make it impossible to arrive on time for your class or workout, please discuss it with your team coach.

Class Attire

- A leotard is required for all team workouts.
- No t-shirts, camisoles, or tank tops.
- You may wear shorts (unless your coach requests that they be removed). They must be bike or athletic style shorts. No knee-length or basketball shorts.
- No long pants.

- No jewelry of any kind - including rings, watches, and earrings. Jewelry can be easily lost or broken. (Try finding an earring in the pit!) It can get caught on leotards, equipment or in your hair. And it can poke or scratch you, your partner or your spotter. Very small pieced earrings, belly-button rings, and similar types of jewelry may be worn at your own risk. If your coach asks you to remove it, you must comply.
- Hair must be pulled back, away from the face, and secured so that it does not have to be adjusted repeatedly during class.

Appropriate Behavior in the Gym

Team members are expected to treat Skyview coaches, staff members, other team members, parents and students with complete courtesy and respect at all times. Inappropriate behavior will result in the athlete's removal from class or workout, and parents will be notified. A second offense will result in immediate suspension of Team privileges. No refunds will be given for classes, meets or events missed due to suspension. Suspensions will be resolved in conference, with the director, parents, coaches, and the gymnast in attendance.

Appropriate Behavior at Meets and Performance Events

- Athletes must remain with the team in the performance/competition area. You are not permitted to sit in the stands (audience) with your parents, unless and until you have been excused by your coach.
- Sit quietly while waiting for your turn to compete.
- Pay attention to performances by your teammates. Support and encourage them while they perform.
- Treat other competitors, coaches, judges and parents with courtesy respect at all times.
- Walk off the floor with pride and dignity, a smile on your face, regardless of how you feel about your performance.
- If you feel like crying, you are expected to maintain your composure until you can find your way to a private spot.
- Stay off gymnastics equipment.
- Clean up your area at the end of the meet. Leave it cleaner than you found it when you arrived.
- Never approach a judge during or after a competition about a score. Your coach will handle inquiries and appeals when they are deemed necessary.

Representing your Team

Please remember that you are an ambassador for the sport of gymnastics. Wherever you go, you represent Skyview, your team, and the entire community of gymnasts.

Dance Classes

Dance and art of choreography are essential to most disciplines of gymnastics. Therefore, every Skyview Acro and Artistic Team member is required to participate in at least one dance class per week. Students will be placed in the appropriate class according to age, ability and experience. All Dance Classes perform in Winterfest, the Maryland Gymfest, and Skyview Spring Showcase Performances.

Skyview Gymdancers

What do Gymdancers do?

Gymdancers are hardworking athletes, who love to perform. The Gymdancers team is the heart and soul of Skyview. It is what makes our gym unique. Virtually all of our best competitive athletes began their gymnastics careers on a Gymdancers team, and they have continued to be dedicated performers. We study the art of gymnastics, the craft of choreography, and we enjoy the special camaraderie of people who work, play, learn and create together.

Gymdancers have performed at Disney World in Florida, Knott's Berry Farm in California, USAG events in Boston, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Indianapolis, and Cleveland. We have participated in three World Gymnaestradas - in Sweden (1999), Portugal (2003) and Austria (2007). We also perform at home. We've been a part of the Damascus Community Fair since 1993. We've performed at Frederick Keys games, Frederick in the Streets, the Mount Airy Fall Festival, the Urbana Elementary School Strawberry Festival, the Green Valley Carnival, Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the Frederick Hospice, and at our own Maryland GymFest. The commitment is great, but so are the rewards.

All Team programs and schedules at Skyview are designed so that athletes can participate in the Gymdancers Team and/or any of the three competitive disciplines.

Gymdancers Team Requirements & Prerequisites

Age 8 +, by audition

Must be enrolled in DAT (Dance/Acro/Tumble) or a member of the Acro, Artistic or T & T team

Prerequisites:

Level 4 floor skills - front & back walkovers, round-off/back handspring, solid handstand

Commitment:

DAT or Two Team Tumbling Classes (3.5 - 4 hr)

+ Rehearsal (4 hr) = 7.5 hr

An additional Tumbling Class is strongly recommended

If you are also participating in the Acro Team

(6 - 12 hr Acro Training, 1.5 hr Dance, 1 - 1.5 hr Tumbling)

+ Rehearsal (4 hr) = 12 - 19 hr

Artistic Team

(8 - 12 hr Artistic Training, 1.5 hr Dance)

+ Rehearsal (4 hr) = 13.5 - 17.5 hr per wk

T & T Team

(4 - 6 hr T & T Training)

+ 1.5 hr Dance, Rehearsal (4 hr) = 9.5 - 11.5 hr

Plans for 2007-2008:

Performances throughout the year at local fairs, festivals, and Gymfests, including:

Skyview Winterfest (February)

Maryland Gymfest (May) – hosted by Skyview

Skyview Student Showcase Performances (May)

National Gymfest (TBA)

Acrobatic Gymnastics

What is Acrobatic Gymnastics?

Acrobatic Gymnastics is a competitive discipline which combines the power and athletic prowess of tumbling and artistic gymnastics with the grace, artistry and presentation of dance. Women compete in pairs or trios. Men compete in pairs or fours. A man and a woman can work together in a mixed pair. There are basically two types of Acro routines: 1) the Balance exercise, which demonstrates strength, agility and flexibility, and 2) the Dynamic exercise, in which daring throws, pitches, catches, and tumbling sequences punctuate the choreography. In the beginning levels of competition, athletes perform a single routine which combines the qualities and characteristics of Balance and Dynamic exercises. In Optional (levels 8, 9, 10) and Elite competition, each pair/group presents one of each. If they qualify for Finals, they present a third routine. In high level competition, the third is a Combined routine, including both Balance and Dynamic skills.

Acro Team Requirements and Prerequisites

Acro Training Team (Pre Competitive)

Age 6 +, by invitation

Prerequisites: Level 3 floor skills: cartwheels r & l, back walkover, solid handstand

Commitment: DAT 3 (Dance/Acro/Tumble) = 4 hr per wk

The Acro Training Team does not compete. They will demonstrate their skills in the Skyview Winterfest Performance, at the Maryland Gymfest and in the Student Showcase at the end of the year.

Pre Competitive programs run on the Skyview Class Schedule.

Competitive Levels 4/5/6/7 (Compulsory Levels)

Age 6 and up, by invitation

Prerequisites: Level 3 floor skills: cartwheels r & l, back walkover, solid handstand

Must meet USAG skill requirements in order to compete

Commitment: Acro Training (6hr) + Tumbling (1 - 1.5 hr) + Dance (1 -1.5 hr) = 8 - 9 hr/wk

Competitive Level 8 (Optional Level)

By invitation

Commitment: Acro Training (9 hr) + Tumbling (1.5 hr) + Dance (1.5 hr) = 12 hr/wk

Level 8 pair/groups are required to compete two routines. Additional rehearsal time may be necessary to prepare choreography.

Competitive Level 9/10 (Optional Level)

By invitation

Commitment: Acro Training (12 hr) + Tumbling (1.5 hr) + Dance (1.5 hr) = 15 hr/wk

Level 9 pair/groups are required to compete two routines, and Level 10's add a third (Combined) exhibition routine.

Additional rehearsal time may be necessary to prepare choreography – all levels.

So you think you want to be an Acrobat?

In Acrobatic Gymnastics, our goal is to create pairs and trios that can work safely, compete successfully, and have a bright future in the sport. The formation of successful groups depends on a

number of factors including age, strength, flexibility, size, previous experience, and trust between/among the group members.

Athletes do not have the option of choosing their own partners, competitive levels or coaches, and cannot make team participation contingent on a placement of their choice. We ask that athletes (and their parents) come to the team with the idea of learning the sport, and that they trust the coaches to make the best possible decisions, in the interest of the entire team.

All Team members are expected to qualify for the Regional and National Championships, but every athlete must earn a spot on the Skyview Nationals Team. Those who qualify for the National Team will do so with consistent hard work, leadership, and demonstrated respect for teammates, coaches, Skyview and the sport of gymnastics.

It is important to know that Acrobatic Gymnastics is a year-round sport. Vacation time is difficult for Acro families to squeeze into the schedule. The Junior Olympic competitive season runs from mid-February through July, with meets nearly every weekend. Clinics and competitive opportunities (Local, National and International) arise throughout the year – especially for athletes at Level 8 and above, who are interested in pursuing the sport to its highest levels. A preliminary 2007 – 2008 Team Calendar is included in this packet. Please use it as a guide in planning family activities. A detailed and up-to-date calendar is posted on the Skyview website (www.skyviewgymnastics.com), and on the Team bulletin board at Skyview.

Acro Team Families should NOT plan vacations between mid-April and the end of July. Acro Athletes are expected to be available for a full schedule of practices during the period between the end of school and the National Championships.

Acro National Championships have recently been held in Palm Springs, CA, Louisville, KY and Kansas City, MO. – so obviously participating involves some expense. If you think financial constraints or any other issue might prevent your athlete from participating in the National Championships, you should 1) discuss it with your coach and the parents of your athlete's pair/group as soon as possible and 2) for financial assistance, apply to the Team Parents' Organization. We will do everything we can to see that those who want to attend are able to attend.

If an athlete misses two or more scheduled workouts - for any reason - during the three week period immediately preceding a major competition (States, Regionals, Nationals, Team Trials, etc.) the athlete's pair/group may, at the discretion of our coaches, be withdrawn from the competition.

An Acrobat's Gym Box should always contain:

Hair brush	Hair clips	Hair ties	Hair spray/gel
Deodorant	Spare leotard	Nail clippers	Chapstick
Sports tape	Water bottle	Jump rope	Bean bag
Emergency supply of feminine products	Bases – a spare sock for splits	Tops – must also have hand balancers	

Team Leotards:

- Compulsory Level pair/groups (Levels 5, 6 and 7) are required to wear the Skyview Acro Team leotard for competition.
- Optional Level gymnasts (Levels 8/9) wear the Skyview Acro Team leotard for one routine, and may purchase an additional leotard – design of their choice - for their second routine. There are USAG and FIG rules concerning the cut and design of Acro leotards, so please consult with your coach. Nancy Sonenfield, who handles our Pro Shop, assist you with your purchase.
- Level 10 and Elite athletes are not required to wear Skyview Team leotard for competition, but will need three leotards – one for each of their 3 routines.
- A Skyview Team warm-up leotard is required for local competitions, clinics and for the training sessions of larger meets. Pair/groups may have additional – matching – leotards for session warm-ups.

Artistic Gymnastics

Olympic Dreams?

The events of Artistic Gymnastics are familiar to all from the Summer Olympics. Women compete on the uneven bars, balance beam, vault, and floor exercise. This year the Skyview Artistic Team will participate in USAG Women's Artistic Program, levels 4 through 7. USA Gymnastics (USAG) is the National Governing Body for the sport of gymnastics. It is responsible for the development and training of high level ("elite") athletes who represent the US in International, World Championship, and Olympic competition. Skyview also participates in USAIGC - an association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs which offers a somewhat different approach. The USAIGC program is "all optional" and designed to encourage athletes to stay in the sport through high school and beyond. They sponsor a meet, each year, for athletes who are interested in qualifying for athletic scholarships. College coaches and recruiters attend to observe high school aged athletes in action.

Artistic Team Requirements and Prerequisites

Training Team

Age 6 and up, by invitation

Commitment: Artistic Training (4 hr) + Dance (1 hr) = 5 hr per wk

The Artistic Training Team is designed to introduce gymnastics as a competitive sport. The Training Team does not compete, but athletes begin to learn competitive style routines, and demonstrate their skills in performances at the Skyview Winterfest and in the Student Showcase at the end of the year.

Pre Competitive programs run on the Skyview Class Schedule. If Skyview is closed for classes, there are no Training Team classes.

USAG Competitive Level 4

Age 6 and up, by invitation

Prerequisites: USAG Level 4 skill requirements

Commitment: Artistic Training (5 hr) + Dance (1 hr) = 6 hr per wk

USAG Competitive Levels 5

Age 7 and up, by invitation

Prerequisite: USAG Level 5 skill requirements

Commitment: Artistic Training (7.5 hr) + Dance (1.5 hr) = 9 hr/wk

USAG Competitive Level 6

By invitation

Must meet USAG skill and qualifying score requirements

Commitment: Artistic Training (9 hr) + Dance (1.5 hr) = 10.5 hr/wk

USAG Competitive Level 7

By invitation

Must meet USAG skill and qualifying score requirements

Commitment: Artistic Training (11.5 hr) + Dance (1.5 hr) + Adv. Tumbling (1.5 hr) = 14.5 hr/wk

Individually choreographed floor and beam routines will require additional time.

Just so you know...

In Artistic Gymnastics it is our goal at Skyview to create healthy, confident gymnasts with a long future in the sport. It is up to the coach to determine if and when an athlete is ready to compete, and what level is most appropriate. In order to progress from one level to the next, athletes must meet the MD USAG qualifying score and be ready to demonstrate the skills required for the next level. Generally, All Around scores of 34.00 or higher indicate that the gymnast is ready to move up.

It is important to know that Artistic Gymnastics is a year-round sport. During the competitive season - December through mid May - vacation time is next to impossible. Athletes are expected to participate in all scheduled meets. If a gymnast misses two practices in the week prior to a competition, for any reason, she will not be permitted to compete.

All Team Members are expected to compete through the culminating meet for their level.

Artistic Team members are also expected to participate in Skyview performance events such as Winterfest, Maryland Gymfest and the Skyview Student Showcase in May.

An Artistic Athlete’s Gym Box should always contain:

Hair brush	Hair clips	Hair ties	Hair spray/gel
Deodorant	Spare leotard	Nail clippers	Chapstick
Sports tape	Water bottle	Jump rope	Bean bag
Emergency supply of feminine products	2 rolls of Johnson & Johnson Sports Tape	Extra Grips (if you use them, you should always have a spare pair!)	

Team Leotards

Each level of participation in Artistic Gymnastics (Training Team, Compulsory, & Optional) will have a Team Leotard for competition and exhibitions. They must be purchased through the Skyview ProShop.

Trampoline & Tumbling

If you are interested in the Trampoline & Tumbling Team, please read Coach Paul Goodwin’s letter to prospective Team Members (included in your Team packet.)

T & T Team Requirements and Prerequisites

T & T B

By Invitation
Commitment: T & T Training – 4 hr

T & T A

By Invitation
Commitment: T & T Training – 6 hr

Team Attire

Team warm-up, leotard, and competition pants (for boys) must be purchased through the Skyview Proshop.

A Parent's Guide to Team Gymnastics

The Basics

- Gymnasts are expected to attend all classes, workouts and rehearsals. Occasionally it becomes a challenge to juggle schoolwork and gym. Please help your child manage her/his time.
- In the same vein, it is important to arrive on time for scheduled classes, workouts and rehearsals. Please help your child accomplish this.
- Schedule changes and "make-up" classes are virtually impossible in our programs. There may be additions or changes to the team schedule initiated by your Coach, but, in general, they will not be made to accommodate children who want to participate in another sport, for parties or school dances, or for doctor and orthodontist appointments. Unfortunately, lost time is lost time.
- A positive approach by parents, in and out of the gym, reinforces the coach's work. Your attitude is reflected in your child's performance.
- Remember that gymnastics is your child's activity and that she will progress at her own speed. Each child has different strengths and weaknesses. They learn, grow and hit plateaus at different ages and stages. Do not compare one gymnast to another. Focus on your child's accomplishments, and on the wonderful life lessons that gymnastics and team sports have to offer.
- Parents are not allowed in the gym unless invited by the coach.
- Do not coach or try to communicate with your child from the loft or doorways.
- If you have a concern, discuss it with the Coach or the Program Director - not with other parents. In particular, do not discuss your concerns in the lobby or the loft where others may misinterpret your comments.

On Fear

- Acknowledge your child's fears. It is normal for a child to be frightened when attempting new skills or competing. 90% of gymnastics is about conquering that fear. Do not yell at or belittle your child. Be patient, and assure her/him that the coach would not ask an athlete to attempt a skill, or put an athlete in the competition, if she/he were not ready for it.

Regarding Coaches

- The bond between coach and gymnast is a special one – a bond that contributes to your child's success and enjoyment of the sport. If you have a concern about your child's coach, disagree with methods or technique, or have questions to ask, please make an appointment to speak to him/her in private or discuss it with the Director of the program.
- Keep your comments and criticism off the gym floor and out of the lobby - for the sake of everyone involved.
- Skyview coaches and instructors are professionally trained and safety certified. Do not undermine the coach by offering technical advice to your child on the side. Your role is to support, love and hug your child no matter what. Coaches are responsible for the technical part of the job.

Regarding Performances & Meets

- Meets and Performances ARE NOT OPTIONAL! We assume that your athlete will participate in every local event, and we automatically register everyone on the team who is ready. If there is some reason your child will not be able to participate in an event, please give the Coach and Program Director at least four weeks notice – and a good reason.
- Never phone another gym for information unless it is an emergency. Scheduling, directions and any other information you need will be provided by your coach as soon as it is available.
- Make sure your athlete arrives for the event at the designated time.
- Athletes should arrive dressed in Skyview warm-up jacket and pants, polo or shirt designated for the day. Hair and make-up should be done for competition prior to warm-up.
- Parents are not allowed in the performance/competition area at any time. If you want to assist with hair or make-up, please do so before arriving at the gym, or arrive early and finish before the team assemblies.
- Athletes should remain with the team in the performance/competition area at all times. They are not permitted in the stands (audience) with their parents.
- Discourage negative comments about other gymnasts and other gyms.
- Always represent Skyview in a dignified manner.

Regarding Judges

- There is much more to judging than you may think. Judges put a good deal of time into learning and studying the sport. They are tested rigorously on skills, technique and evaluation. The general spectator is often completely unaware of special requirements, rules and skill values that are factored into the final score. No one is perfect, but it is without question that the judges know more than you do.
- On the other hand, judging in gymnastics is subjective. Different judges tend to focus on different aspects of performance. Try not to compare scores from one meet to another. Focus on your child's improvements in performance, and achievements during the season.
- Never approach a judge, during or after a meet, about a score awarded to a gymnast. The coach will handle inquiries and appeals when she deems it necessary, according to the meet policy and USA Gymnastics guidelines.

Team Business

Tuition, Fees, & Policies

- A **Team Membership Deposit** (one month's tuition) is required with your contract. It is not refundable. If your Skyview and Gymdancers, Inc. accounts are in good standing at the end of the year (July 31, 2008) the deposit will be credited to your account for the 2008-2009 season. If you choose to withdraw from the team program (at the end of the year) please notify Skyview - in writing - before July 31, 2008. Assuming your account is in good standing, your deposit will be returned to you. The deposit is forfeited if you withdraw from the team at any other time during the year.
- You may pay tuition for the year in full, or make monthly payments (ten, due September 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008). We accept VISA, Master Card, Discover and American Express.
 - **Monthly payments** are usually set up as automatic charges to your credit card. There is a service charge for processing monthly payments.
 - If you would like to pay by check, you may do so, but we still need Credit Card Charge Authorization on file. If your payment is not received by the first of each month, your credit card will be charged. You will not receive bills or reminders.
- There is a **5% discount** on tuition and fees for the second Team athlete in a family, with the same or lower level of participation.
- There is a **5% discount** for siblings of Team athletes in the class program.
- The Annual **Skyview Family Membership fee is waived** for Team families.
- **Event entry fees, coaching fees and coach's travel expenses** are no longer covered by your tuition payment. Accounting for competitive & performance events will be handled by the Team Parents' Organization (Gymdancers, Inc.).
- Team Hours are approximate, and will vary throughout the year. Actual practice hours will be determined by the coaches.
- Skyview does not follow any local school system with regard to closing for inclement weather. Please call the gym to find out if we are open.
- **Apparel and accessories purchased through the Skyview ProShop** must be paid for when received. We do not hold a credit card authorization on file for this purpose, and we will not be able to "bill you" for purchases. For custom items, such as the Team warm-up suit and competitive leotards, a deposit, or payment in full, may be required before the order is placed.

A Note on Team Travel

Gymdancers, Inc. will coordinate travel and hotel arrangements for Team travel – under the direction of the Team Program Director. Parents should NOT make arrangements independently. We believe it is important for Team Members to travel, live and work together as much as possible at important events. For most events, children age 11 and under, may be housed with their parents, but all others are expected to stay with the team. Parents are invited (and encouraged) to travel along side the Team, but will be responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

2007 – 2008 Team Tuition Chart

	Hr/ wk	Annual Tuition Paid in Full	Monthly Tuition 10 Months	Due Sept 1
Acro Comp	8 - 9	2,898.00	304.30	608.60
Acro 8	12	3,588.00	376.70	753.40
Acro 9 +	15	4,140.00	434.70	869.40
Art 4	6	2,208.00	231.80	463.60
Art 5	9	2898.00	304.30	608.60
Art 6	10.5	3,381.00	355.00	710.00
Art 7+	14.5	4,002.00	420.20	840.40
Gymdancers Team	8.5	2,613.75	274.50	549.00
T & T B	4	1,312.00	137.60	275.20
T & T A	6	1,968.00	206.90	413.80
Gymdancers + Acro Comp	12	3,458.00	363.10	726.20
Gymdancers + Acro 8	16	3,938.00	413.50	827.00
Gymdancers + Acro 9	19	4,140.00	434.70	869.40
Gymdancers + Art 7+	19	4,140.00	434.70	869.40
Gymdancers + TT B	9.5	2,726.50	286.30	572.60
Gymdancers + TT A	11.5	3,064.75	321.80	643.60

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