

IGN Competitive Team Support Structure

The operation of the IGN competitive team program requires both a funding and time commitment from all of the team families.

How it works:

1. General Fund

a. Monetary Commitment

The general fund payment covers the competitive season September 2015 – July 2016.

Each team member has a monetary commitment based on his/her competitive level.

- Prep \$50.00
- Xcel \$75.00
- Girl's JO Levels 3, 4, 5 \$100.00
- Boy's Level 4 \$100.00
- Girl's JO Levels 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 \$200.00
- Boy's Level 5,6,7,8,9,10 \$200.00
- Elite/TOPS/Future Stars \$300.00

b. Surplus from hosting Invitationals

IGN will host a minimum of two Invitationals each year: Flip for Food Invitational (the weekend before Thanksgiving) and Winter Wonderland Invitational (the last weekend in February). In addition, IGN may host a State or Regional competition if we are awarded the bid. Any surplus from these competitions will go to the General Fund. These meets serve as our biggest fundraisers of the year. They help to keep costs down for all individual families.

c. Use of General Funds

These funds are used in several different ways depending on the year and needs of the IGN Competitive Teams. The most substantial way the IGN Competitive Support Fund supports the gym is to help offset the overall costs involved with running a quality competitive gymnastics team program:

- Team fees for competitions (Each level's team entry for team competition)
- National and JO Girl's Regional entry fees (Levels 8-10)
- Coaches education (Congress, Clinics, Courses)
- Judging Critiques for the athletes
- Clinics for the athletes
- Outside experts for the gymnasts (physical therapy, running, dance, etc...)
- Awards and awards banquet
- Travel expenses for coaches for out of town competitions
- Flowers/Gifts for State Meets
- May help to purchase new equipment that is necessary for the training and safety of the competitive team. This also includes some repairs or maintenance for existing equipment. The acquisition and upkeep of equipment is critical for the competitive program.

2. Time Commitment Requirements

In order for the IGN hosted Invitationals (as described above) to be successful, we need to have 100% support of all the IGN team families. *For each competition we ask each gymnast's parent(s) or adult (14 or older) supporters to:*

- *Help with set-up or teardown*
- *Help staff the sessions of the meet*
- *If there is a net profit from the IGN hosted meets after expenses, families will be credited based on the percentage of the meet sessions worked*

3. Competition Fees:

Gymnasts will be given a schedule of meets that will be attended by the various team groups. JO Boys and Girls team members are encouraged to attend all competitions, however they may “opt out” of a competition if necessary. Competition fees will be based on the meet entry fee plus a coaching fee which helps cover the coaching expenses for the competition. Fees must be paid in accordance with the payment contract in order for the gymnast to be entered in the competition.

4. Fundraising:

We will have fundraisers set up during the year. No one is obligated to participate in the fundraisers. However, if you are motivated, fundraising will benefit you directly. 100% of what you fundraise goes into your personal account. If you choose to not participate in fundraisers, you can pay your fees directly to IGN (100% of your payment will be credited to your personal account – NO taxes will be deducted).

5. Personal Accounts:

Any funds you pay in or raise will be kept track of separately from your regular customer account. All fees are due by the specified date for your child’s level/division. Any funds raised in **2015** can be used to cover ANY expenses associated with your child’s training/competition at IGN, including monthly tuition, uniforms, pro shop, etc. in addition to competition fees and your general fund fee. You may not receive cash from this account for any reason. ***If you discontinue gymnastics at IGN, money from this account will remain with the General Fund.*** Funds raised or credit balances in your CTS account after January 31, 2016 will be held and applied to your child’s 2016-17 competition fees.

Competitions

Invitationals, State Meets, & Boys Regionals:

1. Parents are responsible for paying their child’s entry/coaching fee for each competition he/she signs up to attend as outlined above.
2. Parents are responsible for their child’s travel arrangements and lodging. However, if parents are unable to attend, the IGN Team Director will help make arrangements for the gymnast to travel and stay with another team family.
3. When air travel is necessary, the team will travel together, if possible. Parents will be responsible for paying for their athlete’s airfare, however, IGN will book the flights through their travel agent. This amount can be paid directly to the gym or raised through fundraising. If funds are available, IGN may pay for athletes’ airfare.
4. If funds are available, IGN may charter a bus for the team to travel to competitions that are 7-12 hours away.

National Competitions & JO Girl’s Regionals:

1. IGN will pay the qualifiers’ entry/coaching fee for National competitions and JO Girl’s Regionals.
2. IGN will pay the lodging fees for the gymnasts and coaches, provided the gymnasts stay with the team. Parents will be asked to chaperone the team as needed. Lodging may be arranged with athletes from other teams when possible. Chaperone’s lodging and per diem may be paid.
3. Parents will be responsible for paying for their child’s airfare when applicable. This amount can be paid directly to the gym or raised through fundraising. If funds are available IGN may pay for athletes’ airfare.

Other Expenses

In addition to monthly tuition and meet/coaching fees, you will be responsible for the following:

- Membership Fees (due July 1 each year)
- Uniform Fees (due July/August for girls JO, September/October for Prep, XCEL, and Boys)
- Floor music and choreography fees for Level 6 & up JO girls and Platinum & Diamond XCEL
- Grips, wristbands, weights, tape, pre-wrap and other training aids as needed