



Whistler Gymnastics' Competitive Artistic Gymnastics' (AG) & Trampoline Gymnastics' (TG) Registration & Program Policies*

Competitive Season Information:

WGC's gymnastics season runs from September to June. Competitive gymnasts & trampolinists are required to make a full year's commitment as the program is ongoing. All comp. programs are based on the full year – not by individual month or GFA Rec. sessions.

Registration Steps:

Before you register, read the competitive registration policies below, view the current payment details for the season at <http://whistlerymnastics.com/clientuploads/docs/2017-18%20Interclub%20Comp%20schedules.pdf> and understand the program expectations in the Parent Handbook at whistlerymnastics.com/main/competitive-program-expectations/ Then:

1. Complete a current Membership/Registration Form including appropriate minor/adult release/waivers in person at the gym office or you can also download it from <http://whistlerymnastics.com/main/download-wgc-forms/> and fax a completed copy to (604) 962-2828. No phone or email registration can be done due to waiver requirements.
2. Confirm payment plan option (full payment versus 2 instalment plan) on the registration form. We accept cash, cheques, and Visa/Mastercard.
3. Sign WGC's Statement of Financial Commitment http://whistlerymnastics.com/clientuploads/docs/WGC_Financial%20Committment%20Contract.pdf and the Parent/Athlete/Coach Commitment Contract <http://whistlerymnastics.com/clientuploads/docs/Commitment%20contract.pdf> and return to the gym office and/or the Head Coach before the start of season.

Details of Payment options for Competitive Program Fees:

1. Pay the full amount at the start of the season with cash, cheque or credit card.
2. Two Installment option for Cheques or Credit Card Pre-Authorization. Installment option is for convenience only and do not signify the beginning or end to a 'session'. Payment dates are Sept.15 & Feb.15. Please provide 2 post-dated cheques payable to Whistler Gymnastics - must be received at time of registration. we can automatically charge your credit card on the registration form. Pls. provide your authorization signature on the form. Please Note: NSF cheque will be charged an administrative fee of \$25
3. Write a letter to the board of directors asking for another payment plan option.

Membership Fee & Insurance Fee Details: The annual Competitive membership fees of \$140 are non-refundable, as they include Gymnastics BC and Whistler Gymnastics Insurance. They are valid till August of the next year.

Membership Reg. Deadline & Late Charge: Membership forms and fees must be completed by June 30th to hold your spot in the competitive program for next season. Whistler Gymnastics reserves the right to refuse registration into the competitive program for late admission. There is also a late fee charge of \$25.00.

Volunteer Levy & Fundraising: A 5% volunteer levy is added to your program fee and is non-refundable. You can earn the levy back at the rate of \$15 per hour of volunteer work by tracking and submitting your volunteer hours each session by Dec 1, Mar 1 or June 1. The credit will be applied to your account for a refund or future use.

Also, as a not-for-profit organization, fundraising is part of our operational budget. It's expected that competitive parents help with fundraising initiatives throughout the year to supplement fees. More information provided at the comp. welcome night in early Sept. or can be found on the Volunteer page at

<http://whistlerymnastics.com/main/members-we-need-your-help/>

Competitive Training Commitment:

It is expected that competitive athletes are committing to a full year of training & program payment. Program fees include training on the days your child is assigned with theme days, prizes and special events included. They also include all choreography of competitive routines, athlete training seasonal work plans and the accompaniment of a coach to all meets (incl. program costs for coaches' travel & accommodation, etc.).

Finally, 1 week of extra training at Christmas and Spring Break for all comp. athletes is included to keep up the athletes' skills over the holidays, subject to coach availability, enrolment and varied days/times may apply.

In the case that your comp. group is scheduled to compete on an assigned training day, athletes are expected to attend the competition and there will be no regular scheduled training at the gym. The Head Coach will advise when regular practices are in conflict with meet schedules. If your group is not scheduled to go to a meet, then training will be on as per normal.

Program fees do not include: Uniforms: Each competitive athlete will need to purchase a competitive uniform, bodysuit and tracksuit for girls, singlet, shorts and tracksuit for boys. Additional training: added last-minute competitions, away from Whistler training camps, travel including accommodation and meet fees/expenses for athletes for all meets qualified for are not included.

Withdrawals and Refunds:

Program Fee prorated refunds are only available till Sept 30 without a medical certificate. Refunds are prorated to the latter date of notification of withdrawal accepted in writing (word of mouth or non-attendance will not be considered as such notification), receipt of a medical certificate, or actual program withdrawal date. Classes missed for vacation are not eligible for refund. In the case of illness/injury for a min. of 3 weeks, a doctor's note is required in order to get credit for time missed.

If an athlete wishes to withdraw mid-season for non-medical reasons, Whistler Gymnastics reserves the right to request full payment of the annual fee. All requests for refunds beyond Sept. 30 must be forwarded to the board for approval. There are no refunds on member fees, late fees and registration with GBC (as it can be transferred), or on the volunteer levy (unless you have worked it off prior to withdrawal). Uniform and program meet expenses are also non-refundable, except for un-spent meet registration fees which can be potentially reimbursed with written request at least 1 month prior to the meet.

Schedule Changes, Cancellations & Make-up Classes:

The AG/TG Competitive program and assigned season comp. schedule is subject to enrolment with minimum & maximum registration numbers considered, as well as certified coach availability required in order to run practices. As they are highly specialized training programs, WGC cannot guarantee the availability of certified coaches and specific program requirements from year-to-year, but will be committed to providing athletes with viable options for their continued success in the future in such instances.

Please be aware that the hours set for each group are to maximize optimum training for the level that each athlete will be competing at for the year. If you are unable to commit to the full hours assigned to your group, there is a possibility that the athlete may be moved to another group. Please try to schedule your vacations during weeks off to maximize training days. While WGC's attempts to accommodate every athlete in scheduling conflicts, sometimes it is not possible for safety concerns and staffing.

If your assigned coach is unavailable for a class, a substitute coach will be scheduled, but sometimes participants may be grouped into larger classes if necessary. Unforeseen circumstances may also require a change or cancellation to scheduled classes at short notice. We will try to notify everyone of class changes/cancellations ahead of time. Make-up classes on a specified day may be held for previous or future cancelled classes, or the classes prorated amount may be credited back to your account for a future credit.

Notes on Class Placement:

Whistler Gymnastics reserves the right to place athletes in the appropriate age and ability groups. In the case that it is necessary to move a student from one group to another in order to facilitate safe and more effective training progress, it will be done in the best interest of the athlete and at the coaches' discretion in consultation with the parent(s).

Program Withdrawal or Suspension:

Whistler Gymnastics reserves the right to remove athletes from the program entirely or for a period of time for behavioural or safety issues, bullying, violence or any other inappropriate activity. Athletes, parents and guests are expected to respect the codes of fair play and safety-first practices established by the club, Gymnastics BC, Coaching Association of Canada and the Whistler Sport Legacy Society facility agreements. Membership can be suspended or withdrawn for non-compliance. Refunding for program removal is at the discretion of Whistler Gymnastics.

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