



2017-2018 Competition Season Packet

Dear Parents and Athletes,

The staff and coaches of Boca Twister Gymnastics are very proud of how hard all of the girls have been working and are very excited about the upcoming competitive season. At Twisters, we are supporting “Go Green” and will be sending important team notices via email. Frequently, we will be directing you to our website, www.twistergymnastics.com, where you will need to download important forms related to competition this season. Please print and return the forms that pertain to your child’s particular level.

The continued growth of the entire Twister Girls Team Program that we are experiencing has enabled us to spread the expenses out over all team members, allowing us to maintain an overall low cost of competing. The fees and information provided in this packet specifically pertain to competitions. These competitive fees are separate from your monthly tuition payments, which are specifically for the expenses associated with the training of the athletes in the gym.

The attached **Competition Season Packet** contains the following:

1. **Participation in Meets**
2. **Explanation of Fees**
3. **Tuition vs. Competition Fees**
4. **Competition Schedules**

If there are any further questions, please email Heatherzayac@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of the Boca Team. It is a privilege working with such wonderful athletes!

Sincerely,

The Twister Gymnastics Organization

Participation in Meets

How many meets should my child attend?

At both Compulsory and optional levels it is important that an athlete participate in a minimum of **four** competitions before the end of the season. There should be multiple competitions where the girls “get out the bugs” and in some cases try out new skills. At these meets, our athletes will have the opportunity to “learn to compete.” Two to three weeks prior to the Florida Crown Championships there should be a “tune up” competition to prepare for the final competition of the season.

What is required to compete?

The gymnast must attend a full week of workout prior to competition to be eligible to compete at the competition. The gymnast also must have $\frac{3}{4}$ of her required skills mastered to compete on each individual event. If a gymnast is missing skills for a specific event they can still compete on the other three events they are proficient on.

Where are the competitions?

Most of the competitions are local. However, we have one “special competition” where all the girls will have the opportunity to travel. This competition is a family favorite and is above and beyond a normal “in the gym” competition. The Presidential Classic at Disney’s Wide World of Sports is one of the largest and most prestigious gymnastics meets in the country. Here your child will not only have the opportunity to compete at Disney World, but they will have the opportunity to watch some of the best gymnasts in the country and compete against girls from over 20 different states in an amazing venue and an exciting atmosphere. Additionally, the girls will have an opportunity to compete in the Bahamas this season.

How do I know what day the meet is on?

Please note that all meets on the calendar usually have both a Saturday and Sunday date listed (in some cases a Friday date too). Team entry fees (made with a club check) are usually due 6 to 8 weeks prior to the competition date. This deadline varies based on the meet host and due to the popularity of some of the meets, as they can “fill up”, sometimes 4 or 5 months in advance. Once the meet director receives our check, (we must send one club check, since meet hosts do not accept individual personal checks) gymnasts are then assigned their competition days and times. We are completely at the mercy of the meet host and they can assign any level, to any day or time slot. Usually (75% of the time), Optional level gymnasts compete on Saturdays and Compulsory level gymnasts compete on Sundays. However, any level can be assigned any day, including a Friday competition (this may happen once or twice a year). Usually 7-10 days prior to competition we will be notified what day Twisters will be competing.

Explanation of Fees

Twister Annual Registration Fee

Twister Gymnastics assesses an annual registration fee of \$155 for compulsories (USAG) and \$225 for optional (USAG) gymnasts. This fee covers:

- Team insurance fees,
- Coaches registration, education, and certification,
- Athlete fees for obtaining USAG Membership
- Team equipment replacement/refurbishment fund is specifically used for team and the upgrading of equipment to meet competitive standards.

The Team Twister Registration fee is due annually and will billed by September 15, 2017.

General Competition Fund

The General Competition Fund is made up of an additional \$75 from each compulsory athlete, \$95 from each Xcel and level 6/7 athlete, and \$135 from each Level 8-10. This fund benefits everyone by spreading out administrative costs across the whole team. This fee helps cover the administrative costs of:

- Entering athletes in the meets and filling out competitors entry forms for each meet,
- Collection and accounting of competitive expenses and fees,
- Coaches travel arrangements.
- National TOPS Testing & TOPS Training Camps

The General Fund Contribution will be charged to all Team Families on November 16, 2017.

Competition Leotards & Warm-Ups

Team leotards and capris are required for every level while the team warm up jackets and bags are optional. However, the team warm up jackets and bags are the only jackets and bags allowed on the competitive floor. You can order and purchase all team attire from the front office. Items in stock will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If we do not have what you need, we will have to place orders for future delivery. Please see the front office for any questions regarding team uniforms.

Tuition vs. Competition Fees

The Difference between Tuition and Competition Fees

Please be aware of the important distinction between tuition and competition fees/expenses. Monthly *tuition* is paid to Twister Gymnastics and this revenue is used to pay expenses associated with *your gymnast's daily training*. *Competition fees/expenses* are used to pay expenses associated with *competing* (meet entry fees, coaches' traveling expenses, etc.). Competition fees are divided into two categories, **coaches' fees & entry fees.**

Coaches Fees:

The coaches' fees are different for each level and based upon the projected coaching costs associated with each competition. These fees cover coaches' expenses such as travel, food, lodging, coaching compensation, and to cover coach's classes & team assignments when they are away at meets.

Entry Fees

Entry fees for competitions vary from \$55-\$175 per event. The level of competition, the location and the nature of the competition (Invitational, State Championship, Regional & National competitions) are all factors in the hosts setting their entry fee. (Entry fees are set by meet hosts, not by Twisters.) All entry fees are collected by Twisters and remitted as a "lump sum" to the competition host, a minimum of 6+ weeks in advance to ensure that our team secures a space in the meet. **Entry fees are not pro-rated or refunded for missed competitions.**

Invitational "Flying" Meets (aka "Stand Alone")

Each year, we offer a "flying" or "stand alone" meet. These competitions have travel and sightseeing opportunities for the girls along with a quality meet in a large venue. The meet costs (entries, flights, hotels, rental cars, coaches' expenses, etc.) are all calculated and divided among the athletes who attend. This year, the "Flying" meet is open for all levels that wish to attend. You will see this meet listed on the competition calendar as the Atlantis Crown, which will take place in the Bahamas. The girls' parents will be contacted by mid-September, to see if they wish to take their daughter on this trip. If you have further questions about this meet please email Heather directly at heatherzayac@gmail.com.

Flying Invitational (Stand Alone) Meets have a different billing system:

#1 – In order to secure our entry into the meet we must send in the entry fee as early as 6 months prior to the competition. These meet entry fees are usually between \$100 and \$150. Since flying to Stand Alone meets is not required, parents will be given the choice of entering these meets or to decline. If they choose to enter, the entry fee for this meet will be billed to their account when the entry is sent in...again, this could be as many as 6 months prior to the competition.

#2 – The Coaches fees for Stand Alone meets will be totaled *after* the trip and divided among the families who attend. The total will include airfare, parking, hotel, meals, coaches' pay, etc. for the meet. Final billing is usually completed within 10 days from returning from the trip and will be billed directly to your account.

2017-2018 Boca Twisters Competitive Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Levels</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Entry Fee + Coaches Fee</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>Charge Date</u>
11/20	In House Judges Evaluation	All Levels	At Twisters during workout	0 + 0	0	n/a
12/14-12/17	Atlantis Crown	All Levels	Atlantis Resort Paradise Island, Bahamas	135 + Stand Alone*	TBD*	Entry on 9/25; Coaches Fees billed post event
1/13-1/14	Yessooo	Xcel Gold and Levels 6 & 7	Miami, FL	TBD + 47	TBD	TBD
1/19-1/21	Cruise Classic	Levels 1-3	Cooper City, FL	L1-3: 85 + 47	132	10/20/17
1/26-1/28	Sun & Surf Spectacular	All Levels	Coral Springs, FL	L1-2: 97 + 47 L3-10: 137 + 47	L1-2: 144 L3-10: 184	11/07/17
2/16-2/19	Presidential Classic	All Levels	Disney World, FL	L1-2: 97 + 65 L3-10: 137 + 65	L1-2: 162 L3-10: 202	11/14/17
3/2-3/4	Tim Rand Invitational	All Levels	West Palm Beach, FL	L1-2: 97 + 65 L3-10: 137 + 65	L 1-2: 162 L3-10: 202	12/12/17
3/16-3/18	Level 6 State Championships	Level 6	Clearwater, FL	85 + 75	160	2/13/18
3/23-3/26	Level 7 & 8 State Championships	Levels 7 & 8	Coral Springs, FL	85 + 65	150	2/20/18
4/6-4/8	Xcel State Championships	Xcel Gold	Lakeland, FL	85 + 75	160	3/2/18
4/28-4/29	FL Crown Championships (mobility meet)	Levels 1-5	Boca Raton, FL	L1-2: 87 + 47 L3-10: 117 + 47	L1-2: 134 L3-10: 164	3/6/18

***ALL** Twister athletes will be entered in **ALL** the listed meets for her level. Approximately ten (10) days prior to each individual meet's "charge date," the team head coach (Heather Zayac) will send out an email about the upcoming competition. You will then have one (1) week to withdraw from the competition with no penalty or billing to your account. Three (3) days prior to the meet deadline, Twisters will send in the official club entry & club check – from that point on it is "out of our hands" and we cannot get a refund. Once the check is sent, we must wait to be notified of our assigned days and times of competition (usually 7-10 days prior to competition).*