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Dear Parents:

Conducting a gymnastics program is an expensive venture. Quality training requires low gymnast to coach ratios and an enormous capital outlay for Klamath Gymnastics coupled with high recurrent cost. As such, fees must reflect these obligations to ensure the program's continuation.

It has become necessary that Klamath Gymnastics review and revise the current rates & payment policy, to ensure we continue to meet these obligations and provide a quality program for all our students. Please keep in mind as you are reading the revised policy, KGA training fees have not increased in several years.

#### Training Fees & Payment Policy effective OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

- All training fees will increase by \$5.00 per month, per student.
- Fees are due and payable by the first day of each month by cash or check.
- Tuition unpaid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.  
*Monthly training fees must be paid in full to avoid the late fee.*
- Parents will be notified if training fees are delinquent. If no payment is made after two months, the gymnast will no longer be allowed to attend training sessions until all fees are paid in full. If fees are not paid in full at that time the Head Coach reserves the right to fill the vacant place in the training program.
- **Pro-rating of classes for any reason will no longer be accepted.** If your student must miss a day please contact the coach or Head Coach to see if a make-up day can be arranged. **All make-up days must be approved by the Coach or Head Coach prior to the student attending the make-up class.** A student may not show up for a class they are not enrolled in without prior approval. *Our student-to-coach ratios are monitored carefully for safety. Too many students in a class causes less individualized instruction time with the coach, makes it difficult for the coach to insure safety of all students participating, gives less time for the individual student to practice on a particular apparatus or skill.*

#### **Illness and Disability Policy**

Gymnasts are expected to attend every scheduled training session. Parents should inform their respective coach of any planned absence such as vacation or doctor's visits. In the case of illness, a message should be left with the club office prior to the start of the training session.

Pro-rating of fees due to absence is not available. It is the responsibility of the parent to contact the Coach or Head Coach to see if a make-up day can be arranged.

Where a gymnast is injured or disabled during training or competition and will not be able to take part in full training, it is the policy of KGA to encourage the Gymnast to remain active with the team or class during the disability period and to maintain her or his

position as part of the Klamath Gymnastics team. While the club recognizes the need to strike a fair balance between fees and training effort, the club must maintain a training position for the gymnast, even though the gymnast is only able to make use of the Club's facilities and coaching to a limited extent. Therefore, in fairness to the member, the Head Coach may consider reducing the member's competitive fees under the following guidelines.

- It is the responsibility of the parent to approach the Head Coach with regards to any fee reduction due to disability.
- The disability or injury will prevent the gymnast from actively training and competing for more than a one-month period.
- The gymnast will typically be making use of the Club's equipment and facilities for conditioning with limited attention from the coaching staff.
- The Head Coach will consider a reduced fee due from the member, for the period during which the gymnast cannot take part in normal training, to not less than one third of normal fees for the gymnast.
- The Head Coach reserves the right to increase the reduced rate fees as the gymnast gradually returns to full training status, and to reinstate the fees to normal as soon as the gymnast is able to return to full training status.

### **Withdrawal**

A minimum of one calendar month's notice is required when withdrawing a gymnast from the program to provide the club with some opportunity to fill the vacant place in the training program. All fees must be paid prior to the last day of class.

We believe KGA increased training fees, still offers good value for the money compared to the hourly rate of many other intensive sports.

We appreciate your continued support of Klamath Gymnastics.