

**BY-LAWS FOR  
RACINE GYMNASTICS BOOSTERS, INC.**

(A Wisconsin non-profit organization)

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## **I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: RACINE GYMNASTICS BOOSTERS, INC.(RGB, INC.)

RGC, Inc. is comprised of parents and other interested parties that feel it is important to support the sport of gymnastics.

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

USAG: United States Association of Gymnastics is responsible for sanctioning local, regional, and national competitions.

ACTIVE MEMBER: Sponsor of a team gymnast who belongs to RGB, Inc., and participates in accordance with the terms of membership.

SPONSOR: Parent, legal guardian, individual, group, or organization that supports, financially, a team member.

MEMBER IN GOOD-STANDING: An Active Member with no outstanding previous year balance.

## **III. PURPOSE**

RGB, Inc. is a non-profit organization designed to offer gymnasts and Racine Gymnastics Center in the form of fundraising and assistance in meets that are hosted by Racine Gymnastics Center. The purpose of the organization are:

1. Promote gymnastics and the opportunities this sport offers.
2. Provide financial support via fund-raising projects for:
  - A. Competitions and pay for USAG Registration fee.
  - B. Pay coaching expenses for meets, hotel and travel.
  - C. Pay for meet fees of gymnasts (6 meets plus State meet).
  - D. Provide competition uniforms, (Boys: Body suit, pants, shorts, and Sweatshirt. Girls: Competition leotard).
  - E. Sponsor team banquet at year end.
  - F. Opportunity to draw from our "Excellence Fund" to defray expenses incurred for competition beyond the State level (as funds allow and are approved by the Board of Directors).
3. Supporting Gymnast by:
  - A. Assist in exhibitions and clinics.
  - B. Host "Home" competitive meets.

**The total dollar value of benefits offered to an entry level gymnast in most cases exceeds \$200 dollars, and even more total dollar benefits when in higher levels.**

#### **IV. FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal Year shall be June 1 through May 31.

#### **V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, one boy's team representative and one girl's team representative.

#### **VI. OFFICERS**

1. Shall consist of a president, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
2. Nominations for office will occur in April, with elections held in May.  
Only one family member may hold office.
3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

**PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall supervise business and affairs. He/she shall preside at meetings of the members of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall have authority, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, to appoint such agents and employees of the corporation he/she shall deem necessary, to prescribe their powers, duties, compensation, and to delegate authority to them. Such agents and employees shall hold office at the discretion of the President. He/she shall have the authority to sign, execute and acknowledge, on behalf of the corporation, all deeds, etc., and all other documents or instruments as necessary or proper to be executed in the course of the corporation's regular business, except as otherwise provided by the law or the Board of Directors. He/she may authorize the Vice President or other officer or agent of the corporation to sign, execute and acknowledge such documents or instruments in his/her place and stead. In general, he/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** In the absence of the President, or inability or refusal to act, or in the event, for any reason, it shall be impracticable for the President to act personally, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President may sign and shall perform such other duties and have such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the President. The execution of any instrument of the corporation shall be conclusive evidence, as to third parties, of his/her authority to act in the stead of the President.

**SECRETARY:** Shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of the membership. The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance to the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law, and arrange for the keeping of a register of the post office addresses of each Team Member, and in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time, may be delegated or assigned by the President.

**TREASURER:** The treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected; and, in general, perform all of the duties and exercise such authority as, from time to time, may be delegated or assigned by the President.

#### 4. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for each office shall be two (2) years with eligibility for re-nomination.

### VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees shall be organized as necessary, with a life span appropriate to their purpose.

### VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1. MEETINGS

To be held as necessary as determined by the Board of Directors, but in no event less than 4 times per year.

#### 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meetings shall be conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of order, except for the purpose of a quorum. Any meeting may conduct business if ten percent (10%) of eligible voting members are in attendance.

### IX. AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of RGB, Inc., if applicable by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those eligible to vote at said meeting.

2. A seven (7) day advance written notice shall be given to the Board of Directors and General Membership describing the proposed By-Law change.

3. Any germane or semantic changes to these or proposed By-Laws may and shall be considered at any regular or special meeting.

## **X. TERMINATION OF ORGANIZATION**

1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Director shall determine.

## **XI. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Associate Member-  
Is a non-team, pre-team, or team member prior to first competition, sponsor, or interested person (i.e. coaches, grandparents, friends), participating but not enjoying active member rights of membership. 80% of an Associate Member's profit dollars will be credited to an escrow account in anticipation of future membership. Escrow account would be forfeited if the gymnast does not become a competing team member within 2 years.
2. Active Member-Is entitled to all rights of membership.
3. Voting Rights- One vote for each Active Member in attendance, with a maximum of two (2) votes per family.

### **DO I/WE HAVE TO BECOME A MEMBER?**

No, you do not need to become a member for your gymnast to be part of the competitive team. BUT, please keep in mind the expenses you will defray if you become a member. The rewards far outweigh the small amount of your time required to be a member of RGB. Inc. (A membership agreement form must be signed at the beginning of the season weather you decide to join or not).

## **XII. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

A. All Racine Gymnastics Members (RGB) members are requested to attend all general meetings held throughout the year. The year extends from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

B. All RGB members are expected to participate in fundraisers and RGC sponsored events (i.e. "home" meets for boys and girls). The profit dollar/point requirement per gymnast is set at :

1. Earn \$200 profit dollars for compulsory gymnast (girls levels 4-6, Boys levels 6-5).  
Earn \$250 profit dollars for optional gymnast (girls levels 7-10, Boys levels 4-1).

Profit dollars are earned from fund raising projects and donations.

2. Earn 200 profit points for compulsory gymnast (girls levels 4-6, Boys levels 6-5).  
Earn 250 profit points for optional gymnasts (girls levels 7-10, Boys levels 4-1).

Profit points are earned by participating in RGB sponsored events

3. Families with multiple Gymnasts: Each additional gymnast per family will require 50 profit points not to exceed 400 profit points per family.

C. For new members, a \$100 per gymnast profit dollar escrow deposit is due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. This deposit will be waived if the \$100 of profit dollar requirements has been met by this date. This deposit is refundable at the end of the fiscal year if all profit and point requirements have been fulfilled.

D. If the requirements are not met, the member will be billed for the difference between the profit dollar/points earned and the gymnast's entire competitive expenses. All previous balances from the preceding year must be paid by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Non-payment of previous balances (current members) or profit dollar escrow deposit (new member) will result in the member being responsible for all competitive expenses. RGB, Inc. will assume no expenses on the gymnast's behalf.

### **XIII. GOALS**

1. The goals of RGB, Inc., is to offset as much of our gymnasts' competitive expenses as our fiscal situation will allow without placing additional burdens on our parents.

2. Provide ~~coaches with~~ extra coaching opportunities for team training and provide equipment for ~~special purposes~~ to advance all gymnasts.

In order for RGC, Inc., to function, we need ALL of our members to participate in the various activities to make the Booster Club successful so that your son or daughter can continue to benefit from all that is offered.

Profit dollars can be earned through a number of fundraising activities. Some of the events have included: Flower Bulb Sales, Pizza Sales, Geranium/Poinsetta Sales, Working at Festivals, Burger King Benefits, Car washes, and Sponsorships. These are just some of the events that take place throughout the year.

Points can be earned through participation in club activities such as meetings, working meetings, chairing a committee, and more. The purpose of these events are to generate additional funds to allow the RGB to expand its avenues of opportunities for the gymnasts that we are sponsoring. This can only be accomplished by participation from all our parents.

Both the profit dollars and points can be earned by doing a combination in each section. A family does not have to do everything in order to meet their obligation. Feel free to experiment and try different opportunities. Please don't wait until the last moment so you end up having to pay out of pocket for your gymnasts additional expenses.

**Take advantage of all the benefits the Booster Club has to offer, you'll find it is well worth it.**

These By-Laws are hereby adopted by the Board of Directors  
of Racine Gymnastics Boosters, Inc.

October 7, 1997

Amended August 23, 2001

Amended October 2, 2007

2008-2009

President, Mike George

Vice President, Nathan Thompkins

Secretary,

Treasurer, Kathleen Rooney

Boys Team Rep, Sue Buhler

Girls Team Rep, Nancy Margis