

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FUND

Delta Gymnastics Society (DGS) is proud to provide financial assistance whenever possible for our Artistic Gymnastics gymnasts for travel to Elite Canada, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian National Championships.

The Travel Assistance Fund (TAF) is **only** available to DGS gymnasts who qualify to compete at Elite Canada, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian National Championships. TAF is not available for any other gymnastics competitions.

Guidelines

1. TAF money is paid out in the following order (as per TAF meeting October 2012):
 - a. Coaches' cost is first covered from the "TAF Pot".
 - b. Elite Canada: TAF will go to one named coach to attend Elite Canada and to each qualified Novice, Jr. and/or Sr. DGS gymnast(s).
 - c. National Championships: to the named coach(es) to attend Nationals with their qualified DGS gymnast(s), if not named as Team BC coach (max 1 WAG and 1 MAG coach) and to each qualified DGS gymnast(s) to help offset their travel costs to attend Nationals.
 - d. Western Canadian Championships: to the named coach(es) to attend Westerns with their qualified DGS gymnast(s), (max 1 WAG and 1 MAG coach) if not named as Team BC coach and to each qualified DGS gymnast to help offset their travel cost to attend Westerns.
2. The coaches' costs are covered first and the remaining balance is to be applied toward the gymnast(s)'s costs. The ultimate goal is to pay 100% of all gymnasts' costs.
3. TAF holds a "TAF Pot" which is used to double the TAF gymnast's money raised. The goal is to organize at least one profitable fundraiser each year for the TAF Pot or to split certain TAF fundraisers 50/50 between the TAF Pot and TAF gymnast. The TAF fundraiser(s) are to be organized by the TAF group of parents.
4. Access to the TAF Pot (decided by the TAF committee) is based on the individual participation level of each TAF gymnast/family.
5. A file is kept for each TAF gymnast recording the monies earned from each TAF fundraising event in the season. In the event that a TAF gymnast does not qualify for any of the above competitions, their TAF funds will be rolled over to the following year.
6. If a TAF gymnast leaves DGS or moves into a level where TAF funding is no longer required (i.e. moves to a non-competitive program or remains in competitive program, but only in a training capacity), their personal TAF funds will be immediately rolled into the TAF Pot.

Qualifying for TAF Funding

Each family of the identified gymnast(s) is required to fulfill the following prior to any access to TAF funds:

1. The gymnast must be a member in good standing with no outstanding balances owed to DGS.
2. Parent(s) **and** gymnast(s) are required to attend a TAF meeting. The meeting will occur between the months of June and September of each season and possibly mid-season as well.
3. TAF gymnast(s) and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to sign this waiver confirming that the TAF Policy is understood and agreed to.
4. TAF Parent(s) are required to coordinate/participate in an active way with the TAF fundraiser set by the TAF committee and participation is encouraged by the TAF gymnast as well. Participation is interpreted as either assisting in as many TAF fundraising initiatives as possible each season, or organizing at least one TAF fundraiser.
5. TAF Parent(s) and/or gymnast(s) are required to actively participate in at least two fundraising events. If the TAF gymnast actively participates in a fundraising event, this could be in lieu of their parents' participation, but must be pre-approved if the TAF gymnast is under the age of 15.
6. In order to access any TAF Pot funds, a gymnast new to DGS must first have trained with DGS for one (1) full season before they become a TAF gymnast. In the case where a TAF gymnast has not trained with DGS for the required (1) full season, their personal TAF funds will still be available to them, but will not be matched by the TAF Pot.
7. Parents with more than one TAF gymnast are required to participate in a greater capacity than those with one child.
8. Any TAF fundraising hours do not qualify towards Parent Participation Program requirements and are done in addition to those requirements.

Non-TAF families/gymnasts, may participate in TAF fundraisers, but any individual funds raised by them will go directly to the TAF Pot.

If the above requirements are not fulfilled, no TAF Pot funds may be drawn on by the family of a TAF gymnast, regardless of whether he/she has qualified to attend Elite Canada, Nationals or

Westerns. In these circumstances, only the individual TAF funds raised by the TAF gymnast/family will be accessible to the TAF gymnast and will not be matched by the TAF Pot.

I have read and understood the TAF Policy and agree to comply with it.

Gymnast name and level

Parent/Guardian signature

Gymnast signature

Date