



## American Twisters Team Training Packet: 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Team Parents,

The staff and coaches of American Twisters are very optimistic about the upcoming school year and a new competitive season. We will all be working together to ensure each athlete is safe and successful while always respecting their individual talents and abilities.

This School Year Training Packet is designed to educate families about the Twister Team Program and to help prepare everyone for the upcoming season. ***The Competition Season Packet*** (including the Competition Schedules and fees) was posted online for Levels 1-5 in mid-July and will be added for all other levels by the middle of September. Please read all the information carefully and let your Head Coach know if you have any questions or concerns. To communicate efficiently and effectively, it is best to e-mail your Head Coach since reaching parents and coaches by phone can be difficult.

This packet contains the following:

1. Tuition Fees and Policies
2. Tuition Schedule
3. Parent/Athlete Contract
4. Team Credit Card Authorization Form
5. Team Registration Form
6. Team Medical Release Form
7. School Year Workout Schedule Selection Form: Compulsory Levels 1-5
8. School Year Workout Schedule Selection Form: All Xcel Levels
9. School Year Workout Schedule Selection Form: Optional Levels 6-10

**PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS BY JULY 27<sup>th</sup>**  
***THIS IS A CRITICAL DEADLINE SO WE CAN CREATE A SUCCESSFUL STAFF SCHEDULE***

To leave an emergency message for a coach, please call the gym:

***American Twisters Coconut Creek: 954-725-9199***

Thank you for your support of the program and for the privilege of working with such wonderful athletes!

Sincerely,

Your Head Coaches and the American Twisters Family

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## **Tuition Fees & Policies**

**Tuition Notice:** Each year, we have a tuition adjustment on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The word “adjustment” is used carefully since it is just that – an adjustment for inflation (and rising costs of operation) & the additional hours committed to the Team Program. *Please review the following pages for more information on tuition.* If for any reason the tuition presents a financial hardship on your family, please contact our Business Manager, Debbie Madiou to discuss. Debbie’s email address is [debmadiou@aol.com](mailto:debmadiou@aol.com)

**Team is a Bargain!** There is no doubt that joining team is a significant commitment of time, effort and money. Is it worth it? Most parents will say that other than family life, team involvement becomes the most significant event in their child’s life. Besides the obvious physical benefits, those children who become involved in team rarely accept negative influences into their lives. They learn self-discipline, how to work closely as a member of a team, how to handle themselves in a variety of situations and how to prioritize and manage their time. Parents of our team members often comment that they wished they possessed their athlete’s discipline and time management skills! Team kids are almost always excellent students. For those reasons and more, team membership is a bargain.

**Team is Year-Round:** The decision to join our team is a big one and reflects a significant year-round family commitment.

**Tuition is Due Regardless of Attendance:** Team tuition is calculated on a yearly basis and then divided by 12 to arrive at the monthly amount, which is due the **first day of each month, regardless of attendance.** *Athletes are not permitted to practice if tuition is past due.* It is important to make this next point clear - team members do not move onto and off the team based on illness, injury, vacations, camps, schedule conflicts, or the like; *you are either on the team or off the team.*

**Pro-rating Would Cause Tuition to be Higher:** Your monthly tuition would be higher if we had to take into account pro-rating tuition for team members. Just as your rent or mortgage payments are still due when you are away from home, your payment of team tuition is also due when your athlete is absent.

**Practice Additions/Cancellations:** Inevitably, over the course of a year, there will be a few practice cancellations due to meet conflicts, holidays, or other team functions. We do our best to keep these at a minimum. Likewise, there will be occasions when additional practices may be conducted to prepare for a state championship or qualifying meet. Tuition will remain constant regardless of additions or cancellations of practice.

**Injured Gymnasts are Expected to Participate:** Injured athletes are expected to participate in their normal practice sessions. In most cases, it is possible to work around injuries and turn a difficult situation into something positive by giving the injured athlete a specialized training plan to work on flexibility, strength, and specific skills not related to her injury. There is no reduction in tuition unless the injury takes you completely out of the gym for more than one month with an injury that prohibits her participation in any way. In that instance, tuition may be adjusted depending on the circumstances (on an individual case-by-case basis).

## **2022-2023 Tuition Schedule**

### **Budgeting Goal of Competitive Program – To Break Even**

Our budgeting goal is to break even on our competitive program as a whole (not necessarily in each level). Few people argue with that goal. However, we have found that most people tend to drastically underestimate expenses.

### **Setting Tuition**

The team budget is based on a year-round commitment of both attendance and tuition. Tuition is calculated per training hour on a 48-week year, or 4 weeks per month. This “4-week buffer” is to account for school schedule conflicts, holidays, gym closings, missed days due to illness or vacation, etc. However, when you look at the tuition schedule below, you will see that our optional gymnasts pay significantly less per training hour than our compulsory levels. It is our expectation that a healthy balance of entry-level athletes and higher-level athletes will, when taken together, break even.

### **Hourly-Based Tuition Calculation “Challenge”**

With a growing team program, Twisters is fortunate to provide superb training facilities, expert leadership & coaching and first class customer service. Each year, we experience a challenge in budgeting approximately 3000+ “gymnast hours” (200 gymnasts X avg of 15.75 hrs per week) per week. In short, as hourly rates go down for the increase in training time for the athletes, Twisters staffing costs (our largest line item) remains constant for every hour.

<b>Hours per week</b>	<b>Approx. hours per month</b>	<b>Monthly Tuition</b>	<b>Approx. cost per hour</b>
1	4	229	57.25
3	12	451	37.58
6	24	540	22.50
9	36	594	16.50
12	48	653	13.60
16	64	755	11.80
18	72	783	10.88
20	80	827	10.34
23	92	907	9.86
26.5	106	929	8.76
27.5	110	950	8.64
31	124	993	8.01

**TEAM TWISTERS PARENT AND ATHLETE CONTRACT**

Contract Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read and accept the American Twisters team information and policies included in the attached manual. I/we agree to support team activities as outlined, and fulfill all obligations thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_ has my/our consent and permission to participate in the Twisters team program for the 2022-2023 competitive season. As stated on the registration form, I/we release Twisters, its staff and directors from any and all responsibility and/or liability in case of accident or injury to the above named child. As with any activity involving height and motion, I/we are aware of the risk of serious injury, paralysis, or even death resulting from participation in gymnastic activities.

As the coaching and administrative staff has made a professional commitment to the gymnast, the gymnast and her family also commit themselves to the completion of the entire season through May 31, 2023. Upon signing, the gymnast and family are also financially responsible for monthly tuition, team leotards and warm-ups, as well as all competitive meet fees and other monetary obligations a competitive team athlete accrues. It is further understood that Twisters will receive 30 days written notice prior to withdrawing from the Twister Competitive Program.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (on behalf of the gymnast) \_\_\_\_\_

# TEAM TWISTERS CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

It is mandatory that each team member complete the form below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Team Billing Manager, Elayne at elayne3333@aol.com. This form will be updated annually. Thank you.

Athlete Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Tuition Charge(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Team Registration Fee: Check One:

- Level 1-5 and XB/XS: \$219 (due 09/09/22)  
 Level 6-10 and XG/XP/XD: \$265 (due 09/09/22)

Registration Fee Payment Method: Check One:

- Please charge this fee to my card on file  
 I will provide an alternate payment for this fee by the due date above

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize American Twisters to charge my credit card below for my child/children's monthly tuition for American Twisters competitive team. I understand that all fees are due on or before the due date(s) and American Twisters will charge my card for the total balance. It is further understood and mutually agreed that I will provide 30 days written notice prior to withdrawing from the Twisters Competitive Program. Any dispute arising from these charges will be directed towards the Team Billing Manager.

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Tuition Charge(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Team Twisters Registration Form

Gymnast's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dismissal Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:**

Do you have accidental medical insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your son/daughter had any operations during the past two years? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, indicate the anatomical site of operation and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your son/daughter currently on prescribed medications or drugs on a permanent or semi-permanent basis?

\_\_\_\_\_ If so, indicate name of drug and how it is prescribed: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your son/daughter allergic to any general medications? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what medications: \_\_\_\_\_

If so needed, your son/daughter can take \_\_\_\_\_ Aspirin \_\_\_\_\_ Tylenol \_\_\_\_\_ Advil \_\_\_\_\_ Aleve

Date of the most recent tetanus immunization: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your son/daughter had any fractures during the past two years? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, indicate the sight of fracture and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your son/daughter ever had an injury to his/her back? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your son/daughter ever experienced a strain to either knee during the past two years with severe swelling accompanying the injury? \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: To the best of my knowledge, my child(ren) is/are now in good health and physically capable of participating in the program(s) offered by Twister Gymnastics Boca Raton, Inc. and/or American Twisters, Inc. (TGBR/AT). I will not bring my child(ren) for his/her lesson if suffering from any respiratory, infectious or contagious illness or disease. I understand that if such an illness is apparent, my child(ren) will be removed from class for that day. I recognize that potentially severe injuries, including but not limited to permanent paralysis or death can occur in sports or activities involving height or motion, including but not limited to gymnastics, tumbling, trampoline, cheerleading, dance, ball sports, party games and activities, and martial arts. Being fully aware of these dangers, I voluntarily consent for my child(ren) to participate in all TGBR/AT programs and accept all risks associated with that participation. In consideration for allowing my child(ren) to use these facilities, I, on my own behalf and the behalf of my child(ren) and our respective heirs, administrators, executors and successors, hereby forever release and covenant not to sue TGBR/AT, its officers, directors, share holders, employees, volunteers, and al others associated with the corporation(s) from all liability for any and all damages and injuries suffered by my child(ren) or myself while under all instruction, supervision, or control of TGBR/AT. I hereby agree to individually provide for all present and possible future medical expenses, which may be incurred by my child(ren) or myself as a result of any injury sustained while participating at or for TGBR/AT. I understand and agree that in the interest of safety and enjoyment for all, TGBR/AT reserves the right to remove any participant(s) or non-participant(s) from any and all programs should his/her behavior become disruptive, inappropriate or cause a threat to the safety of others or one's self. If a participant is suspended or expelled from TGBR/AT, fees are not refunded. I also understand that TGBR/AT retains the rights to use and photographs, videotapes, motion picture recordings, or any other record of events for publicity, advertising, or any legitimate purposes. I have read and understand this acknowledgement of risk and waiver of liability and I voluntarily affix my name in agreement.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make sure to fill this form out completely. Include all email addresses—this is critical for important Team communication.

## **MEDICAL TREATMENT RELEASE FORM**

Every year each team member must have an updated "Medical Treatment Release Form" filled out. These forms allow coaches, instructors, and staff members to authorize ANY medical emergency treatment.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to travel and participate in competitions, exhibitions, practices, tours, and/or activities with Twister Gymnastics & American Twisters, coaches, their staff, and assistants. I not only grant permission for, but also encourage ANY necessary emergency medical treatment that may be required due to injury during these activities.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am fully aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis, and even death, as well as other damages and losses, associated with participation in a gymnastics event. I further agree that Twister Gymnastics & American Twisters, along with the employees, agents, officer, and directors of these organizations shall not be liable for any losses or damages occurring because of my participation in the event.

Gymnast's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (on behalf of the gymnast): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the athlete is under the age of 18:

As the legal parent and/or guardian for \_\_\_\_\_, I do hereby verify that I fully understand and accept each of the above conditions for permitting my child to participate in gymnastics.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2022-2023 American Twisters Compulsory Team School Year Schedule & Selection Form

*Schedule begins August 8, 2022*

Gymnast's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your preferred workout intensity and return this form by 7/27/22.

Intensity Categories	Circle Intensity Desired	Total Hrs/wk	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Monthly Tuition
<b>Developmental Team:</b> Current Pre-Team athletes who have earned at least 15 points on the Pre-Team PA test & have passed the skill test.	2 days	6			3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30		540
	3 days	9			3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30	ATP: 9:00-12:00	594
<b>Level 1:</b> Those who have earned at least 15 points on the PA test and have passed the level 1 skill verification.	2 days	6		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30			540
	3 days	9		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30		ATP: 9:00-12:00	594
<b>Level 2:</b> Those who have earned at least 25 points on the PA test and have passed the level 2 skill verification.	3 days	9		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30	3:30-6:30		594
	4 days	12		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30	3:30-6:30	ATP: 9:00-12:00	653
<b>Level 3:</b> Those who have earned at least 35 points on the PA test and have passed the level 3 skill verification.	3 days	10.5	4:30-8:00		4:30-8:00		4:30-8:00		630
	4 days	13.5	4:30-8:00		4:30-8:00		4:30-8:00	ATP: 9:00-12:00	727
<b>Level 4:</b> Those who have earned at least 45 points on the PA test and have passed the level 4 skill verification.	4 days	14	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	Make up 5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30		732
	5 days	17.5	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30		779
<b>Level 5:</b> Those who have earned at least 55 points on the PA test and have passed the level 5 skill verification.	4 days	14	5:00-8:30	Make up 5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30		732
	5 days	17.5	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30	5:00-8:30		779

**What is the ATP Workout?** The ATP (Advanced Training Program) is a workout designed to give the girls in levels 1-3 and Xcel Bronze and Silver an extra day to work on their strength, flexibility, air sense, and upper-level skills. ALL girls in these levels can benefit from the ATP. These workouts are completely independent of the "competitive" USAG "levels" structure. This program is a no-nonsense, physically demanding workout and both active participation and good attitudes are required. As long as the athlete tries and gives 100% effort and attention, they will see improvements in their strength and flexibility as a result of this program. The program will run from August until the end of May with a focus on helping participants to become stronger and more flexible, making their competitive gymnastics much better. Level 1-3 and XB/XS girls may join the ATP on a monthly basis. If they find it's too difficult for them, they may simply drop from the ATP the following month. Anyone leaving the program more than once, however, will not be invited back until the next year. This program will be set up to keep the athletes with their peers and increase their chances to experience success at their age-appropriate levels. This program provides them with extra gymnastic opportunities to expand their strength, flexibility, and skill base beyond the compulsory routine restrictions during the challenging and demanding ATP training days.

**Make Up Workouts:** All make ups for those in levels 1-3 (and level 4s and 5s who attend 5 days/week) will be on select Saturdays from 12:00-2:30. Make ups will not be offered on meet and holiday weekends. Level 4s and 5s who elect to come 4 days/week will make up on their day off during the week (Tues or Thurs). All make ups can be scheduled with the front office staff.



## 2022-2023 American Twisters Xcel Team School Year Schedule & Selection Form

*Schedule begins August 8, 2022*

Gymnast's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off your preferred workout intensity and return this form by 07/27/22.

Current Level	Days + Hours per week	Select your Intensity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Monthly Tuition
<b>New Xcel Bronze</b> (Girls aged 9 or under who haven't competed)	2 days; 6 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30		540
	3 days; 9 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30	ATP 9:00-12:00	594
<b>New Xcel Bronze</b> (Girls aged 9+ who haven't competed)	2 days; 6 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		5:30-8:30		5:30-8:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30		540
	3 days; 9 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		5:30-8:30		5:30-8:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30	ATP 9:00-12:00	594
<b>Xcel Bronze</b> (Girls who competed XB last season)	2 days; 6 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30		Make up: 5:30-8:30		540
	3 days; 9 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-6:30		3:30-6:30		Make up: 5:30-8:30	ATP 9:00-12:00	594
<b>Xcel Silver</b> (Girls who competed XS last season)	2 days; 6 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		5:30-8:30		5:30-8:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30		540
	3 days; 9 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		5:30-8:30		5:30-8:30	Make up: 5:30-8:30	ATP 9:00-12:00	594
	4 days; 12 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		5:30-8:30		5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	ATP 9:00-12:00 Make up: 12:00-2:30 1 Sat/month	653
<b>Xcel Gold</b> (Girls who trained from 4:30-8:30 through the summer)	3 days; 12 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>		4:30-8:30	Make up 4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30		653
	4 days; 16 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	Make up 4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30		755
<b>Xcel Platinum &amp; Diamond</b>	4 days; 16 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:30-8:30	Make up 4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30		755
	5 days; 20 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	4:30-8:30	Make up: 12:00-2:30 1 Sat/month	827

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# 2022-2023 American Twisters Optional Team School Year Schedule & Selection Form

*Schedule begins August 8, 2022*

Gymnast's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form by July 27, 2022.*

Intensity Categories	Choose your Intensity		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Monthly Tuition
<b>Gymnasts who competed Level 5 or 6 last season.</b>	High (27 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	10:00-2:30	940
	Medium (22.5 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	OFF	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	10:00-2:30	894
	Low (18 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	OFF	3:30-8:00	OFF	3:30-8:00	10:00-2:30	783
<b>Gymnasts who competed Level 7 last season</b>	High (27.5 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	10:00-2:30	950
	Medium (22.5 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	OFF	3:30-8:00	10:00-2:30	894
	Low (18 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30-7:00	OFF	2:30-7:00	OFF	2:30-7:00	10:00-2:30	783
<b>Gymnasts who competed Level 8 or 9 last season.</b>	High (27.5 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	8:00-1:00	950
		<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	8:00-1:00	
	Medium (23 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30-7:00	OFF	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	8:00-1:00	907
		<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	OFF	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	8:00-1:00	
<b>Gymnasts who competed Level 10 in the last season or Level 9 for two seasons.</b>	High (26.5 hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1:00-5:30	1:00-5:30	1:00-4:30	1:00-5:30	1:00-5:30	8:00-1:00	929
		<input type="checkbox"/>	1:30-6:00	1:30-6:00	1:30-5:00	1:30-6:00	1:30-6:00	8:00-1:00	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-6:00	2:30-7:00	2:30-7:00	8:00-1:00	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-7:00	3:30-8:00	3:30-8:00	8:00-1:00	

Days off: Please note that the days off are specially selected for each level. Due to the size of the team program and to keep staffing schedules consistent, we cannot accommodate an alternative day off. Gymnasts who select the L10 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year L9 workouts, do not have a designated day off, however, those girls can choose to take a day off as needed.