



2019-2020 Pre-Team Exhibition Packet

Event Information for girls in the Pre-Team Program at American Twisters

Dear Parents and Athletes,

The staff and coaches of American Twisters are very proud of how hard all of the girls in the Twist-Stars classes have been practicing and are very excited to offer these girls the opportunity for a competitive gymnastics experience!

The gymnasts who participate in the Twist-Stars program have the option to enter gymnastics shows/exhibitions where they can perform skills and routines learned in their classes. These events provide the gymnasts with “practice competitions” before they officially move up onto the competitive team. At these events the girls will learn to compete with their teammates in front of an audience of their families. At some of these events the girls will receive scores from guest judges based on how well their routines are executed, while other events will be for show/exhibition only. These events are a wonderful opportunity for the girls to learn competition etiquette, display their gymnastics skills, gain self-confidence, and cheer on their teammates.

Twist-Star gymnasts who wish to enter these events must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled and regularly attend 2 Twist-Stars practices per week.
- Purchase the Pre-Team leotard and wear it during the events (sizing and purchase is arranged through the office)
- Select competitions/events to participate in (see Competition Schedule included in this packet), and deliver it to the office by 10/15/19.

The attached **2019-2020 Twist-Star Team Event Packet** contains the following:

- 1. Selection of Meets**
- 2. Explanation of Fees**
- 3. Competition & Show Schedule**

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

Sincerely,

The Twisters Gymnastics Organization

Selection of Meets:

Use the schedule on the following page to select the events you would like your daughter to participate in by placing a check mark in the space provided next to each event name. Then return the form to the office at the location your daughter practices at.

Explanation of Fees:

The Difference between Tuition and Competition Fees: Please be aware of the important difference between tuition and event fees/expenses. Monthly *tuition* is paid to Twisters and this revenue is used to pay expenses associated with *your gymnast's daily training*. *Event fees/expenses* are used to pay expenses associated with *participating in events* (meet entry fees, coaches' traveling expenses, etc.). Event fees are divided into two categories **Coaches Fees & Entry fees**.

Coaches Fees:

The coaches fees are based upon the projected coaching costs associated with each event. These fees cover coaches expenses such as travel, food, lodging, coaching compensation, and to cover coaches classes & team assignments when they are away at events.

Entry Fees:

Entry fees for competitions vary based on the level of competition, the location and the nature of the competition (invitational, state championship, regional & national competition) are all factors in the hosts setting their entry fee. All entry fees are collected by Twisters in a "lump sum" and remitted to the competition host a minimum in advance in order to ensure that our team secures a space in the event. Entry fees are not pro-rated or refunded for missed competitions. Please note that the Entry Fees charged at Twister's "In House Exhibitions" go into the Team Travel Fund to help offset the expenses of our competitive team gymnasts who travel to competitions throughout the country.

2019-2020 Twist-Stars Event Schedule

NOTE: Twister Exhibition Entry Policy

ALL Twister pre-team athletes will be entered in ALL the listed exhibitions below. Ten (10) days prior to each individual exhibition “charge date,” Coach Taylor will send out an email about the upcoming event. You will then have one (1) week to “opt out” from the event with no penalty or billing to your account. Anyone wanting to “opt out” of an event will need to email our Team Manager, Elayne Anderson directly.

Elayne Anderson – Elayne3333@aol.com

Charge Date:

Please note the charge date listed for each event in the right hand column. All athletes will be billed for the Junior Fright Invite and Junior Crown Invite on the charge date below unless you email Elayne to notify her that you are “opting out” of that event.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Competition Location</u>	<u>Entry Fee + Coaches Fee</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>Charge Date</u>
Sun 10/27	Jr. Fright Invite*	DS Sports Plex Deerfield Beach	30 + 12	42	10/15
Sun 11/17	Teddy Bear In-House Exhibition	American Twisters Coconut Creek	35 + 15	50	Post Event
Sat 3/21	Miss Twister In-House Exhibition	American Twisters Coconut Creek	35 + 15	50	Post Event
4/24 or 4/26 (TBD)	Jr. FL Crown Championships*	Lynn University Boca Raton, FL	30 + 12	42	4/14

*Event with Guest judges