



**2010/2011
COMPETITIVE PARENTS
INFORMATION HANDBOOK**



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ABOUT EXELTA

Competitive Package Overview: 2010/11

- There have been significant changes made to this handbook please make sure to read thoroughly.
- Please take note of the increase in training fees found on page 8. We do also require a Registration Fee and AGF insurance fees. Please note AGF fees have increased this year.

Exelta's Calendar of Events –2010/11

Our website www.Exelta.ca will be continually updated as new events, including cleaning bees, bingos and information on competitions are added and dates are confirmed. Visit often to stay informed!

Exelta's Mission & Values

Our Mission Statement

To provide gymnastics instruction in Central Alberta in an atmosphere that is fun, safe, and conducive to learning; to promote the highest standards of excellence in attitude and achievement in our coaches and athletes, within an environment that instills all members with a sense of pride, accomplishment, team spirit and enjoyment of the sport.

Our Core Values

Fun, fitness and fundamentals
Trust, support and a positive life experience
Self-esteem, self-motivation, commitment, focus and discipline
Quality programs providing education, wellness, safety and prevention
Encouragement of participation at all ages, levels of interest and ability
Excellence, the highest standards of conduct and accountability at all levels
Open communication.

Club Structure

Red Deer Gymnastics Association is registered as a non-profit society and operates as Exelta Gymnastics Club, the day to day operations are run by a small administrative staff that takes direction from a parent run Board of Directors.



Communications

Email

Email will be used as our primary form of communication, including issuing your monthly statements and invoices. **It is the parent's responsibility to ensure Exelta has a current email address(es). A change to your email address can be sent to info@exelta.ca.**

Electronic communication will ensure we are sending the same message out to all, keep our costs down, and is faster and more efficient than the previously used paper format. As a reminder the Collicutt Centre has a public access computer that allows you to view your emails (assuming you have on-line access) and our website. Why not take a few moments while waiting to pick up your athlete to check out our latest contributions?

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The following rules are required by law and are to be strictly adhered to:

- It is strictly prohibited to send or forward emails containing libelous, defamatory, offensive, racist or obscene remarks. If you receive an e-mail of this nature, you must promptly notify the Head Coach.
- Do not forward a message without acquiring permission from the sender first.
- Do not send unsolicited email messages.
- Do not forge or attempt to forge email messages.
- Do not send email messages using another person's email account.
- Do not copy a message or attachment belonging to another user without permission of the originator.
- Do not disguise or attempt to disguise your identity when sending mail.
- Do not use email to discuss confidential information, complains or grievances.
- Do not send or replay viruses or spam

Memo Clipboard

A clipboard is posted by the front entrance for each program, and holds a copy of every notice that is distributed.

Bulletin Board

As well as using our website and email, volunteer opportunities will be posted on Exelta's bulletin board, located in the hallway leading to the Playschool room.



Competitive Programs

Developmental Program - athletes training 3 to 5 hours weekly and will begin to learn the basics for their discipline.

Precompetitive Program - athletes training 6 to 8 hours weekly and learn the basics being able to understand and being capable to compete very soon.

Competitive Program- athletes training 9 to 15 hours weekly and provides specific preparation for competitions.

Competitive Program for High Performance- athletes training 16 to 24 hours weekly and provides specific preparation and instruction which includes National and International Levels.

COMPETITIVE TRAINING

Athletes and Coaching

Equitability

Every athlete is an individual, and, as such, requires unique coaching. Equitability does not mean the exact same coaching for each athlete. The coaching staff will deal with each athlete individually, based on what his/her strengths and weaknesses are, how he or she progresses, his/her unique personalities, and what is best for him or her as an individual.

Coaching Expertise

The competitive athletes' competition level/routines/skill level and all other technical components of their training are strictly decided upon by the coaching staff. These decisions are based on a number of factors:

- Years of coaching experience
- Knowledge of the sport (all competitive coaches have a minimum level two from the national coaching certification program, and many have a higher level, and/or judging experience as well)
- Coaching philosophy of the program director, and
- The individual athlete's needs and abilities.

Expectations of the Coach

As a member of the Exelta team, Parents and Athletes are ensured that the Coach will:

- Be at the gym, ready for training, at least 15 min. Prior to training time
- Be available for scheduled parent meetings/discussions with parents &/or athletes before or after (but not during) training
- The Program Director of each program is responsible to monitor the design and delivery of each athlete's training program by their coach. The Coach is responsible



- for monitoring athlete performance and keeping athletes/parents informed of yearly training goals and results, including providing written progress reports.
- The Coach will also keep parents and athletes informed of all upcoming meets, events, schedule changes, etc.
- Arrange for suitable/appropriate substitute for any missed sessions (with approval from program head), or arrange, with the parents, a 'make-up' training session
- Work with other coaches in providing a safe, clean and positive training environment
- Treat all athletes, parents and other coaches with courtesy and respect
- Act in a professional and responsible manner in accordance with the AGF coaches code of conduct
- Wear proper coaching attire only
- Not bring food or beverages (except water) into the gym

Ultimately, training and technical decisions will be made based on our policy and rules and what is best for the athlete; the parent must trust the coaches' judgment and expertise in these matter

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Registration:

To register for the competitive program, the following must be provided to Exelta:

- Full payment for any outstanding fees from the previous years.
Note: any credits remaining on your account will not be carried forward.
- The registration fee plus post-dated cheques or a credit card number on file. If, by September 30th, you have not made appropriate payment arrangements, then training will be suspended for the athlete until this situation has been corrected.
Note: if an NSF cheque is received more than one time, Exelta will no longer accept payment in the form of cheques and a credit card number will be required.
- Completed registration form with valid e-mail address.
- Signed "Statement of Agreement" Forms from both the enrolling parent and registering athlete. Checking the "I Agree" box and the typed name of the signee will be accepted in lieu of a signature for electronic submissions.

To complete the registration procedure you have to provide 3, 4, 6 or 7 undated cheques (depending on training hours) for \$150.00 or \$200.00 each to cover mandatory commitment hours.



Registration Fee

A pre-registration fee of \$125 prior to June 24 or \$225 after June 24, 2010 is required to hold your spot in the competitive program. It is important that we know who is planning on returning for the 2010/11 season as this affects group numbers, tryouts and coaching. These amounts are non-refundable.

AGF and Membership Fees

AGF's registration fees will be billed according to the Athletes level of competition, at the beginning of September.

Level	Annual Fee
T&T FAST Athlete	\$ 75.00
Artistic Pre-Comp Athlete	\$ 75.00
Comp Athlete	\$175.00
Elite Athlete	\$225.00

Athletes will be charged the minimum registration fee at the start of the year. If, later in the year, the coach and athlete plan to compete at a higher AGF registration Fee Level they will be invoiced for the difference at that time.

Withdrawal

When you register for Competitive Training you have made a yearlong commitment. Withdrawal from a program prior to March 31st requires 30 days notice as well as one month fees.

After April 1st there are only two situations where you will be released from completing full payment of your Annual Training Fee commitment: 1) for health reasons (which requires delivery of a note from the Athlete's Doctor) or 2) a move from Red Deer and its surrounding county.

Training Fees

In addition to the above mentioned registration fee, competitive athletes will be charged a sliding scale fees for training. The total yearly fees are calculated, based on 44 weeks of training from September to June and also include hours of planning preparation, training hours for the upcoming summer and competitions, facilities fees and other expenditures which have to be paid by the club to operate the programs. The hours for summer training will be based on the number of hours per week each individual athlete trains during the regular season, and will be set by the coaches prior to the end of regular training.



Developmental Program – 44 weeks training

Hours/week	Amount/year	Amount/month
3	\$ 1,639	\$ 149
4	\$ 1,969	\$ 179
5	\$ 2,299	\$ 209

Precompetitive Program – 44 weeks training

Hours/week	Amount/year	Amount/month
6	\$ 2,585	\$ 235
7	\$ 2,860	\$ 260
8	\$ 3,135	\$ 285

Competitive Program – 44 weeks training

Hours/week	Amount/year	Amount/month
9	\$ 3,410	\$ 310
10	\$ 3,575	\$ 325
11	\$ 3,740	\$ 340
12	\$ 3,905	\$ 355
13	\$ 4,070	\$ 370
14	\$ 4,235	\$ 385
15	\$ 4,345	\$ 395

Competitive Program – 44 weeks training (High Performance)

Hours/week	Amount/year	Amount/month
16	\$ 4,455	\$ 405
17	\$ 4,510	\$ 410
18	\$ 4,565	\$ 415
19	\$ 4,587	\$ 417
20	\$ 4,620	\$ 420



National Athletes

Competitive athletes competing at a National Level in any discipline will receive a discount regardless of amount of training hours as follows:

National Level Artistic \$ 4,455/year - \$ 405/month

National Level T&T \$ 4,235/year - \$ 385/month

National athletes may be subsidized for extra training hours, upon coaches' recommendation only, in exchange for participation in specified club promotional events. Athletes and parents must sign a contract agreeing to the above stipulation. Any breach of this contract will result in termination of the subsidy.

Note: When National Athletes participate in specified club promotional events, they will NOT be issued a credit, rather their contribution will be deemed as applying to the subsidy defined above.

Mandatory Hours Commitments for all Competitive Families [new 2010]

Each Developmental Program family is required to complete 2 volunteer commitments and a fundraising activity equal to \$150 per child per year.

Each Precompetitive Program family is required to complete 3 volunteer commitments and a fundraising activity equal to \$150 per child per year.

Each Competitive Program family is required to complete 5 or 6 volunteer commitments and a fundraising activity equal to \$200 per child per year.

9 – 12 hours training/week must complete 5 volunteer commitments

13 – 24 hours training/week must complete 6 volunteer commitments

One volunteer commitment = one bingo or one meet shift held.

To complete athletes' registration each family must provide 3 (for developmental), 4 (for precompetitive) undated cheques for \$150, 6 (for competitive athletes training 9-12 hours/week) or 7 (for competitive athletes training 13-24 hours/week) undated cheques for \$200.00 each, to cover these commitments. At the end of January and the end of June, commitments will be tabulated and cheques returned as completed. At year end if any commitments have not been completed, the remaining cheques for \$150 or \$200 will be cashed. **If the amount of fundraising required has not been met, the remainder will be charged to your account (ie. If you are to fundraise \$150, and you raised \$100, \$50 will be charged to your account).**

Parents with more children in our Competitive Programs will have a 50% discount of their mandatory commitments for the second, third child, this discount is for fundraising activity as well.

Fundraiser	Cookie Dough	Raffle	Price is Right
Amt Earned	\$5.00 per bucket	\$3.00 per ticket	\$8.00 per ticket

***Please note that these amounts may change as pricing of product may differ.**

***Should you go over the required amount of fundraising you will be credited 1 family commitment per extra \$100 sold. But should you not reach the \$100 mark you will not receive any extra credit.**



Fee Payment Policies

Due to our non-profit status, we depend on the fees of our programs to be paid when billed.

- No athlete will be considered registered until registration fee is paid in full. If the registration’s requirements are not fulfilled the athlete cannot start the trainings.
- Training fees can be paid in full at beginning of year or in monthly installments as stated on the payment scale.
- A stop training will be issued if accounts are 30 days in arrears, and penalties of 10% will be applied to your account (established by the Board of Directors).

Earning Credits.

Families may earn credits (to a maximum value of 30% of their total annual fees), which are applied directly to their accounts, based on their actual volunteer contribution but only after they have completed their mandatory volunteer commitments. The office will keep track of the credits earned and will advise on statements quarterly. Any excess credits will not apply to your account and cannot be carried forward to the next training year. Our website and other communications (email and bulletin board postings) from our volunteer coordinator will keep you informed, in advance, of when volunteer opportunities become available. These opportunities will be filled on a first come/ first serve basis.

Earning Credit Table applicable after Mandatory Commitment Hours (30% Maximum Credits)																			
Hr.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Cr.	490	590	690	775	858	940	1023	1075	1122	1171	1220	1270	1300	1336	1353	1375	1376	1400	

*National Stream Athletes who are paying for 14 or 16 hours of training can only receive credit for the amount of hours paid.

Types and Value of Credits:

- For each worked Bingo/Casino/Meet shift (after mandatory hours)\$ 40.00
- For each Cleaning Bee (after mandatory hours).....\$ 20.00

If any parent acquires a sponsor for the club, he/she will receive an additional 10% of the sponsorship amount toward your account. For more information please see the Policies a& Procedures Manual.



CLUB POLICIES

Policy Development

The Board of Directors is responsible for formulation of Club Policies. A policy is passed by Board quorum, as set out in the Society By-Laws. From time to time, the Board may determine that a policy should be accepted by a quorum vote of the entire club membership, in which case, as in acceptance of the terms and conditions of this document, it will be presented for passing at an Annual General Meeting.

Use of the Gym

- Use of the gym club is restricted to participants registered in an Exelta Gymnastic Club program only.
- All safety rules **MUST** be followed. Rules are posted on the wall by the trampolines and the pit tramp. Any activity taking place in the gym that compromises safety will not be tolerated! Common sense, respect for one's own limitations and for other participants around must be applied at all times. **SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN!**
- No one trains alone. Participants must use the facility in their scheduled program time, with a certified, Exelta coach present.
- All accidents /incidents must be documented and reported to the appropriate program director.
- No shoes are allowed past the front office. Please place shoes/boots on boot racks at reception.
- No food, gum, beverages (except water bottles) allowed in the gym area (upstairs only).
- No smoking or alcohol is permitted on the premises. Anybody appearing to be 'under the influence' will be immediately expelled.
- No electronic devices to be used in the gym (cell phones, i-pods, etc.).
- Athletes must be appropriately dressed for participation (i.e. bodysuits, singlets). Please avoid loose fitting or baggy clothing. No jewelry is allowed (medical bracelets should be taped). Small studs in the ears are the only exceptions. Glasses should have secure restraints and long hair must be tied back. Athletes must also dress appropriately (t-shirt, shorts/pants, track suit, etc.) when going out into the Collicutt Centre (i.e.- during break).

PARENTS MUST COME IN TO THE FACILITY TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN!

The only exception to this rule is for children over 10 years old; where parents may submit written notice to the office that their child may leave the gym without a parent present. Parents, particularly those of younger children, are also strongly encouraged to come in when they are dropping their child off for gymnastics.



Grievance

Grievance is defined as "conflict between two or more parties concerning interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of policies governing programs of the Exelta Gymnastics Association". Concerns or questions must be handled through the proper channels.

Starting with the person you have the grievance with and escalating upwards the order of addressing a grievance is as follows:

Coach > Program Leader > Head Coach > President > Board of Directors

A grievance will only be addressed when presented, in writing, to one level above the person the grievance applies to. A response to the grievance, again in writing, is to be delivered no later than 2 weeks from the grievance filing date. Dissatisfaction with the response or failure to respond is cause for the grievance to be filed with the next highest level. The Board of Directors will be the final authority on all grievances.

Harassment

Harassment is defined as any behavior such as:

- Comments, gestures or contact which causes offence or humiliation, or any conduct which is not welcomed and unsolicited
- Psychological harm to an individual which causes fear or mistrust or devalues the individual abuse of authority or position.

The Exelta Gymnastics Club believes in providing a harassment free work and training environment. Acts of harassment towards any staff member, coach, athlete or volunteer will not be tolerated." **Behavior outside / inside the gym may be dealt with, within the club if deemed necessary, in a case by case basis.**

The Exelta Gymnastics Club requires all athletes, staff and coaches to treat each other with respect at all times. This includes while in our facility and while representing the Exelta Gymnastics Club at outside events. As an added precaution, Coaches will not room with athletes when away at competition without prior consent of the parents.

All athletes, staff, coaches, parents and volunteers have the responsibility to report any abusive behavior they witness to the most senior staff member available. The Exelta Gymnastics Club will endeavor to insure that there is no retaliation from the alleged offender or associates.

Formal harassment complaints must be put in writing and submitted to the appropriate authority identified in our Grievance policy



Harassment can occur at anytime, anyplace and under a wide variety of circumstances. Harassment as defined above may occur:

- ✓ In the change rooms
- ✓ Spotting
- ✓ Gymnastics competitions
- ✓ During training on the gym floor
- ✓ Traveling to and from competitions
- ✓ Between athletes away from the gym ie. at school
- ✓ In hotel rooms while attending out of town competitions or training

Rules :

1. The Red Deer Gymnastics Club will not tolerate any harassment by coaches, athletes or parents when training in our club or competing outside of our club.
2. Coaches will not room with athletes when away at competition.
3. Older athletes are expected to be role models for younger athletes.

Penalties for Violation of Policy

Any staff, parent, athlete or volunteer violating Club Policies may be subject to one or more of the following penalties:

- Verbal reprimand (and will include a written record)
- Written reprimand
- Suspension of training or employment
- Termination of membership/or employment
- Legal action

DISCIPLINE:

HOURS:

Athlete Information **ALL FIELDS REQUIRED!**

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Parents E-Mail:

Street Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Birth date: month/dd/yyyy

Age / Sex:

Alberta Health Care No.:

Medical Conditions:

Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Parent Name:

Parent Name:

Cell #:

Cell #:

Place of Employment:

Place of Employment:

Business #:

Business #:

Emergency Contact (other than parents)

Name:

Phone #:

Family Doctor (in case of emergency)

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone #:

Clinic:

Parent's Declaration & Consent

I the undersigned, being the parent or guardian of the Child being registered certify that the given information is true.

And I do hereby grant permission for the said child to participate in gymnastics activities under the general supervision of Red Deer Gymnastics Association (operating as Exelta Gymnastics Club) and its directors, officers or instructors. In case of accident to said child I hereby release Exelta Gymnastics, its directors, officers or instructors from any responsibility of loss or damages resulting there from. I also agree to the use of the athlete's name, photo, video or other media in club related public relations.

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature

For Office Use Only:

Database Entry:

Receipt:

PARENT'S DECLARATION & CONSENT

I the undersigned, being the parent or guardian the Child being registered certify that the given information is true.

And I do hereby grant permission for the said child to participate in gymnastics activities under the general supervision of Red Deer Gymnastics Association (operating as Exelta Gymnastics Club) and Exelta's directors, officers or instructors. .In case of accident to said child I hereby release Exelta Gymnastic, directors, officers or instructors from any responsibility of loss or damages resulting there from. I also agree to the following:

- The use of the athlete's name, photo and comments in the Calendar of Events newsletter and other club publications
- The taking of individual or team photos and the use of athletes photos for identification purposes
- The use of athletes name or other material for display in the club
- The taking of photos and/or videos of the club or any club activities, and their use by the media or other organizations where athletes are not identifiable
- Release of the athlete's name to the news media as part of an honor roll or the promotion of a club program.
- That Exelta and its employees do not have any liability when transporting athletes to and from competitions and camps.
- I agree to hold Exelta Gymnastics Club, as well as the drivers and owners of the vehicles transporting the child, harmless from claims for injury or damages that may occur during said trip(s).

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Exelta team, I also agree to abide by all Policies set out in the Competitive Parents Information package and in addition, to support a safe, friendly and cooperative club atmosphere I agree to:

- Assist my child in arriving on time for training and that he/she is picked-up from training on time
- Inform the coach(es) when my child will be missing or late for any scheduled training sessions or competitions, and of any (training or coaching) problems, injuries or illness
- Inform coach(es) of intentions, in regards to upcoming competitions, and pay all fees (training and competition) on or before the date specified by the club
- Treat all coaches, athletes and other parents with courtesy and respect
- View training from the viewing area only (upstairs), be silent and not disturb the training.
- Only approach a coach before or after training, and not during, with concerns, questions, comments or complaints. This is especially important at Competitions.
- Follow the "hierarchy of grievance", in regards to any concerns, questions, comments or complaints
- I will be positive and supportive of my child's training and I appreciate that any technical and/or negative (along with positive, of course) feedback should come only from the coach
- Refrain from discussing individual issues with other parents, especially in settings with athletes, coaches or other parents around. Each athlete is an individual with unique needs, and the information at hand may be incomplete or inaccurate.
- Absolutely refrain from "rumor-mongering", or discussing coaches/other parents/other athletes who are not in attendance.
- **Refrain from using the internet, cell phone texting and other social networking to threaten / harass / imply negative feelings about Exelta or its members.**

I confirm that I have read, and accept Exelta Gymnastic Policies, Rules and Training Fees as set out in the Parent's Competitive Information Package.

I also agree to abide by the 'Parents Code of Conduct as set out in this document.

Further, I agree that should my athlete be designated for the National Stream, I commit to scheduling and paying for a minimum of 16 hours per week of training with Exelta Coaches as per Exelta Club Policies.

I AGREE

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Signature of Parent (or athlete, if 18 or older)

ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Exelta team, I agree to abide by all policies set out in the Competitive Parents Information Package and in addition to support a safe, friendly and cooperative club atmosphere I agree to:

- Be in the gym, ready to go and on time, for training
- Treat all coaches, parents and other athletes with courtesy and respect
- Wear proper training attire (singlet, shorts, body suits, long hair tied back, no jewelry, no zippers or buckles, no sports bra's, no inappropriate t-shirts, etc.)
- Communicate with the coach or coaches any (training or coaching) problems, injuries, illness, or reasons for lateness or lack of attendance at training, meets or other events
- Attend all scheduled competitions and events, that you have been registered for.
- Avoid using foul or abusive language at any time
- Work with coaches and other athletes in maintaining a safe, clean and positive training environment
- Demonstrate proper sportsmanship (includes attitude and behaviour)
- Refrain from publicly (e.g., statements, conversations, jokes, etc.) demeaning or speaking negatively of others or the Exelta club itself.
- Refrain from using the internet, cell phone texting and other social networking to threaten/ harass / imply negative feelings about Exelta or its members.
- Assist in maintaining a clean gym, putting garbage in the trash bins, keeping locker rooms neat, and avoid bringing food and drink (except water bottles) into the gym area, etc.
- No use of cell phone during training unless you have coach approval or in an emergency situation.
- Uphold acceptable conduct as a representative of Exelta, both inside and outside the gym.

In addition, when I am attending a Gymnastics Event or otherwise representing Exelta I agree to:

- Project a positive image of the Club by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct
- Refrain from expressing displeasure with judges or other officials by any means other than the accepted protest procedure
- Refrain from making comments to a judge or meet official with regard to a coach or athlete's abilities, routines or execution during a competition
- Refrain from disrupting, distracting or in any way interfering with the performance of an athlete during competition or training
- Follow dress codes specified by the coach when traveling to or from or participating in any activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Club
- Abide by policies regarding alcohol and drugs (zero tolerance) set by the Alberta Gymnastics Federation
- Abide by the rules and policies set by the coach at all Club-sanctioned events.
- In addition to the situations mentioned above, athletes are also considered representatives of Exelta Gymnastics Club at any time or place that they are wearing any clothing bearing the Exelta name and/or logo."

I AGREE

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Signature of Athlete