



USE OF FUND RAISING MONIES

Parents of WVGC National Level Gymnasts

Introduction of Point System

Last year our fundraising efforts reduced the overall costs for our coaches and National Level Gymnasts who went to National Championships by \$8,445 and to the Wet 'n' Wild competition by \$2,500. The account also purchased \$3,500 worth of equipment in through out the year.

A grant was given to all gymnasts regardless of their contribution to fundraising.

This year we are going to trial a new method of distributing our fundraising efforts. From 1 April 2009, families will need to contribute to the effort in order to receive any rebate. With costs escalating, we require regular, consistent and on-going contributions so that coaches don't have to pay to go to competitions with your children and rebates to you can be worthwhile. Previous efforts cannot be counted to future benefits; BBQ duty two years ago doesn't qualify you to any further fundraising money.

In keeping with the family-based, community spirit within WVGC, our new points system will be calculated on a per family basis and will cover all gymnasts in that family. Each family is required to earn 10 points - not each gymnast. A qualifying family with 2 gymnasts attending the same competition will receive 2 shares.

To receive a future share of funding from the fundraising account, families will need to earn points each quarter by being involved in Club activities. All families who contribute will get assistance on a sliding scale via the points system. To receive a full share of funding, families will need to earn a minimum 10 points per quarter.

Our new points system will start at the beginning of April and will be calculated quarterly. Families will receive a cash rebate when their child travels to represent WVGC, ACT or Australia. This amount will be discretionary but equal on a sliding scale relative to points earned. Eventually we hope to have set \$ amounts pending the success of our combined efforts.

Some families may fundraise and never have the opportunity to receive a rebate for travel to a competition. However not all money raised through fundraising will be used to defray travel costs, fundraising monies will also be used to continue to assist in the purchase of equipment for use by all gymnasts, no matter whether it be kindergym, recreational or national levels.

Earning Points

Some families can sell chocolates but can't come to working bees - other families are happy to do several BBQ's but not sell chocolates. One gymnast has four separate families coming to the photo day, another sold 10 raffle books. The intention is to quantify the points to balance out what the WVGC community can offer and what value the activity has to the club.

Allocation of Points

Points can be earned but not limited to the following:

General Fund Raising Activities:	1 point per item sold (for example; Raffle Book; Bulbs; Family Photo; etc.)
Selling Chocolates:	2 points per box allocated when \$ returned
Run/participate on Saturday BBQs:	3 points per BBQ per adult (max 6 points)
Family attendance at a Working Bee:	3 points per attendance at least 1 adult must be present max 3 points per family
Representing WVGC as a Judge:	5 points per day per judge (over 14 yrs) 3 points per half day
Family assistance at National Clubs:	3 points (set up and/or pack up and/or officiating).
Major assistance with Club Activities:	5 points per instance for example; conduct a Club activity; manage Working Bees; manage Fund Raising activity; etc.

If a family only earns a percentage of the points required in a quarter then the funding allocation will be made accordingly via a sliding scale, for example; 5 points = 50% of the funding allocation or 6 points = 60% allocation.

The start date for existing WVGC gymnasts to begin earning points will be 1 April 2009. This first quarter will recognise previous efforts made from 1 January 2009 only and will be included towards the point tally for the 2nd Quarter. Some families have already qualified for a 100% share. All families who raise an initial 10 points before our first competition will be entitled to a 100% share of the rebate per gymnast. Future quarters will reflect on the total of it and previous quarters tally and after we have trialled this system for a period of 12 months, points earned in the previous four quarters will be calculated to ascertain what percentage of funding the family will receive. EG:

- Quarter 2 (April-June 2009) the family earned 10 points;
- Quarter 3 (July – Sept 2009) the family earned 8 points;
- Quarter 4 (Oct – Dec 2009) the family earned 8 points;
- Quarter 1 (Jan – March 2010) the family earned 10 points;

This equates to earning 90% of the points available (10 + 8 + 8 + 10 out of 40 available points) and, therefore receiving 90% of the available allocation of funding.

To receive 100% share, you can't earn 20 points in 1st Quarter and nothing in 2nd, unless due to extenuating circumstances, prior arrangements have been made, in writing. To keep a regular flow of money into the account, we will require a consistent effort not concentrated or sporadic.

Coaches, Judges and Chaperones

When representing the ACT, coaches and judges will have their major expenses met by GACT. They will, however, have some expenses, like uniforms, meals, etc, that may be met by Club either through the General Account or the Fund Raising Account.

Chaperones who travel with an ACT Team do not receive funding from GACT and will therefore be eligible to receive from the WVGC Fund Raising Account in the same manner as gymnasts.

Coaches, judges, chaperones and other officials travelling with a WVGC representative Team will get the same 100% allotment as gymnasts but do not need to earn points.

How much will an allocation be?

The aim is to raise enough funds so that gymnasts, whose families contribute to fundraising, representing the club or the ACT at an away comp will receive around \$200 per competition. However, note this is just an indicative discretionary amount relative to available funds and upcoming competitions (we hope to raise enough to give higher rebates to gymnasts travelling further, for example, Perth \$300). If this new system is successful and our fundraising efforts increase we have a higher aim of financially supporting WVGC gymnasts who represent Australia. Out-of-pocket representative costs can be around \$2,000 per gymnast per competition. Wouldn't it be great if we as a club could help them out with at least half their costs?? Gymnasts who request this additional funding will have to have a proven track record in fundraising contribution. The WVGC Committee will have the final say in all matters arising from the points system and has the discretion to increase or deny a payment made on a case by case basis.

The introduction of the point system should stimulate fundraising efforts and as families become aware of what they can potentially receive back then more effort will be made and more money raised.

Rebates will be issued in cash one week prior to competition and points tally may be viewed at any time, by request in writing, to news@wodenvalley.net