

## **Gymnast Fees Policy**

Team Bath Rhythmic Gymnastics (TBRG) is a non-profit making community sports club, and as such does not operate to make profit from payment for training, club membership fees etc. Any surplus generated throughout the year is 'recycled' into TBRG's activities. The fees are calculated to bring in sufficient income to pay for the hire of the sports halls where the members train; to pay the fees and expenses of the coaches for both their attendance at the regular training sessions and at competitions; and for miscellaneous expenditure such as equipment, insurance, and British Gymnastics membership. Fees are payable in advance to protect the financial security of TBRG. The committee reviews fees on an annual basis to ensure these criteria are being met.

#### What you are expected to pay

The first session at TBRG is a free trial session and is booked in advance via the link to our online booking system on our website <a href="https://www.teambathrhythmic.com">www.teambathrhythmic.com</a>.

Gymnasts wishing to join TBRG Recreational Development Programme (RDP) can then book their sessions via the online booking system. Sessions are payable a term in advance. Gymnasts can attend a number of sessions per week if they wish and should speak to their coach for further advice.

Squad gymnasts are placed in different squads by the coaches according to their age and other determining factors, such as ability and experience. Once the squad has been decided, the coach will inform the TBRG treasurer who will organise payment. Squad sessions are paid monthly, in advance via the invoice sent from the TBRG treasurer.

By agreeing to join a squad, gymnasts should be available for all of the timetabled sessions. The following membership fees are charged:

TBRG membership fee structure November 2021					
Club Membership	Group	Hours	Cost		
Bronze	Recreational Development Programme (RDP)	1 hour	£7 per session		
Silver	Twinkles, Espoir or Novice Individual	4-5 hours	£24 per week		
Gold	Junior, Senior	6-7 hours	£28 per week		
Platinum	Twinkles, Espoir AND Novice Individual	8-10 hours	£36 per week		
Platinum	Junior, Senior AND Novice Individual	8-10 hours	£36 per week		
Diamond	Espoir, Junior, Senior AND Competition Individual	10-12 hours	£38 per week		

Coaches are responsible for notifying the TBRG treasurer of any requests to changes in a gymnast's schedule.





#### What is included in TBRG fees:

- Training hours and coaching
- Use of the TBRG's infrastructure
- Use of TBRG equipment
- Use of TBRG training/competition carpet
- Music and editing
- Choreography of competition routines
- Invitations for events and/or competition entry, representing TBRG
- Competition results
- Ability to hire Group leotards and Group apparatus

## What is not included in TBRG membership fees (additional items as appropriate):

- Personal apparatus, clothing and training equipment
- Competition Fees (see appendix for definition)
- Fixed Fees (see appendix for definition)
- Travel and accommodation to competitions and events
- National Squad Training fees

## Online booking system

Payments are made in advance through the secure online payment platform. Gymnasts who are members of TBRG will be re-enrolled into the same class or squad for the next payment period and sent an invoice for payment. To secure a place, payments should be made within 7 days. If an RDP gymnast wishes to transfer a booking to a different class or would like to book an additional session, they should contact their coach. Any changes to a squad gymnast's training schedule must be discussed with their squad coach who will then discuss with the head coach.

Note: Payment period is one term for RDP gymnasts and one month for squad gymnasts.

Squad gymnasts are invoiced in whole weeks, so 'a month' could be 3 or 4 weeks.

Note: Payments may include an online admin fee.

#### **Holiday Camps**

Details of holiday camps will be posted online before the event along with costs. Holiday training is priced to cover costs and reflect the hours, therefore the hourly rate for holiday training is different to that of normal training hours. Holiday camps are booked in advance through the online booking platform.

#### Additional training

It may be appropriate for a gymnast to attend extra training sessions prior to competitions. Parents will be invited to book sessions in advance via the online booking platform. Should a gymnast be





invited, payment for extra training is in addition to the weekly membership fees and will be charged in the same way as holiday training.

#### Insurance Fee

All gymnasts are required to pay an annual membership fee to British Gymnastics. BG membership is transferable if a gymnast is relocating from another club and discipline. BG membership forms the insurance policy for gymnasts and TBRG. All gymnasts and coaches must be insured; therefore all individuals are responsible for keeping their BG membership up to date.

An increased BG membership fee is applicable for gymnasts who move from recreational to competitive gymnastics, providing greater insurance cover. Parents will be advised of any necessary membership upgrade by TBRG competition secretary.

#### Reduced fees

Reduced fees are available for gymnasts in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding (PPF) and for siblings of TBRG gymnasts. In order to receive a fees discount parents should contact the TBRG treasurer ahead of any payment. Parents may be asked to provide evidence of Pupil Premium Funding.

	15% fees discount	
Gymnast eligible for PPF	✓	
Gymnast with sibling	Full fees	
Sibling/s of gymnast	✓	

In cases where gymnasts are eligible for PPF and are siblings of a TBRG gymnast, a 15% PPF discount will be applied first, followed by the sibling discount. Reduced fees are only available for Training Fees (see appendix for definition).

## **Competitions**

Gymnasts will be invited to enter competitions by the competition secretary, as advised by the coaches. Once parents and gymnasts have accepted the invitation to attend the competition, TBRG will make the entry on the gymnast's behalf. At this point parents will be liable for the competition fees TBRG is charged.

## **Competition Fee**

Entry fees are set by the competition organiser. Fees per competition are due at least 6 weeks before the event. Fees are payable via the online booking platform and are non-refundable, unless the competition is cancelled by the organisers or the gymnast/s is withdrawn by the coaches. Each competing gymnast also pays a judge and coach fee, to contribute towards the costs of the judges and coaches representing TBRG. Gymnasts can only enter a competition with appropriate judges and





coaches from each club in attendance. The fee for competition entry, TBRG judges and coaches is collectively called the "Competition Fee" and is applied at the point of entry via the online booking platform. All gymnasts entered in a competition - including reserve gymnasts in group squads - will pay the same fee. The fee is the same regardless of whether the gymnast performs once or twice during the competition.

Competition Fee per gymnast: Various (depending on competition) plus £35

TBRG gymnasts competing in Bath Open will only be charged entry fees, NOT the judge and coach contribution and the Competition Fee is adjusted accordingly. TBRG expects parents to volunteer during Bath Open; fundraising fees from the event will pay for the judges and coaches for TBRG.

## Fixed Fees (leotard and apparatus hire)

TBRG owns a number of competition leotards for group squads. Gymnasts participating in Group competitions wear the same style leotard when competing and will be charged £15 leotard hire per competition. Any additional leotards hired per competition will be charged at £10 per leotard. Gymnasts who participate in Individual competitions may wear their own competition leotards. TBRG does not own individual leotards for Individual gymnasts to hire.

Apparatus for all Individual gymnasts should be provided by the gymnast. Apparatus for Group squads is owned by TBRG and hired by group gymnasts at an annual fee of £25 per gymnast, regardless of how many different apparatus is used (please see notes on group apparatus and leotards on the website). TBRG provides apparatus for RDP gymnasts during RDP sessions.

## **Guest Rate for Visiting Gymnasts**

Guest gymnasts (gymnasts from other clubs who attend TBRG training sessions) will be charged a 'guest rate' in line with the current RDP rate.

# **Affiliated Members**

A gymnast who wishes to be a member of TBRG and represent TBRG at competitions and events but has a training arrangement outside TBRG may be asked to contribute a £10 monthly fee or £100 annual fee TBRG to cover admin and other costs, and will be at the discretion of TBRG committee. Any competition fees, and associated costs, will be charged at the same rate as TBRG gymnasts. Affiliated gymnasts will pay their annual BG membership. Any TBRG training sessions attended will be charged at the 'guest rate'.

### International Competitions, National Squad Trials and National Squad Training

Gymnasts attending international competitions, national squad trials and national squad training events will be responsible for paying for their own travel and accommodation. Any costs incurred by TBRG gymnasts and coaches attending international competitions and events, or competitions and





events taking place in Scotland or Northern Ireland, will be considered by TBRG on a case by case basis. TBRG will consider costs for coaching and judging fees and expenses, including accommodation and travel for the coaches and judges. Please note that attendance at international competitions, or competitions in Scotland or Northern Ireland, must be agreed with TBRG committee beforehand and TBRG will only contribute to the costs of attending any competitions if such an agreement is in place.

#### Absence and illness

All sessions are booked and paid for in advance. If a gymnast misses a session/s due to illness, holiday or another reason it is not possible to issue a refund. As a courtesy, in order to facilitate the planning of sessions, parents should notify coaches in advance of any known absence.

In the event of an injury, parents must contact the gymnast's coach, to discuss the nature of the injury and any adjustments that may need making to the gymnast's training schedule. Where it is recommended by the coach that training hours are reduced, fees due will be adjusted to reflect this. If it is not possible to make reasonable adjustments, the gymnast may be eligible for a payment break.

In the event of long-term illness or long-term absence a gymnast may be eligible for a payment break. Parents should contact the TBRG treasurer who will discuss the request with TBRG committee. The committee will decide on a case-by-case basis, whether to agree to the request. All requests should be submitted in advance and will be treated in confidence.

#### Cancellation of sessions

Occasionally it is necessary to cancel a session. If a session can be rearranged for the same day and time, but at an alternative venue, no refund will be available. Where a cancelled session can be rearranged for a different day and time, parents will be given advance notice of changes. Any changes will be communicated via the newsletter, invoice and email. If a gymnast is unable to attend a rescheduled session, parents must inform the TBRG treasurer in advance of the rescheduled session so that the gymnast's fees can be adjusted accordingly. If TBRG is unable to arrange an alternative session, gymnasts' fees will also be adjusted accordingly.

#### **Notice**

Parents should inform <a href="mailto:bath.rhythmic.info@gmail.com">bath.rhythmic.info@gmail.com</a> if their gymnast no longer wishes to attend sessions with TBRG. As sessions are booked in advance, no refunds are issued for sessions that have already been paid for. Group gymnasts must return any group apparatus in their possession at the earliest possible date.

Team Bath Rhythmic Gymnastics Committee March 2022

**Appendix** 





*Training Fees* are defined as: membership fees, holiday training fees, additional training fees *Insurance Fee* is defined as: British Gymnastics annual membership *Competition Fees* are defined as: competition entry fees, TBRG judges and coaches participation for competitions

Fixed Fees are defined as: group leotard hire, group apparatus hire

Summary of Fees						
Fee	Amount	Renewal	Notes			
Training Fees	Various	Termly for RDP	Notice period one term			
		Monthly for Squads	Notice period one month			
	Holiday Camp/Additional Training: £5/hour	Sessions paid in advance				
Insurance Fee	RDP: £19 BG Bronze Squads: £43 BG Silver	Annually via BG website, usually September	BG membership compulsory			
Competition Fees	Various	Per gymnast, paid in advance				
	£35 per gymnast	External competitions	Contribution towards judges and coaches costs			
Fixed Fees	£25 group apparatus hire	Annually, in January or when a gymnast joins a squad	Owned by TBRG and must be returned when a gymnast leaves the club			
	Leotard hire for groups: £15 for one leotard £25 for two leotards £35 for three leotards	Per gymnast for each competition	Owned by TBRG			
International Competition, National Squad Trials & Training	Various	Various	In agreement with TBRG committee prior to event			