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Dear Members,

At Aerials Gymnastics, we operate under the guidance of our governing body, the Alberta Gymnastics Federation (AGF). Through their support and resources, we can provide the programming, standard of coaching and insurance to ensure a safe, positive gymnastics experience for the members of Spruce Grove Aerials Gymnastics Club (SGA).

Insurance is an important aspect in the sport of gymnastics and the Alberta Gymnastics Federation (AGF) is continually monitoring the conditions surrounding the insurance industry at both a provincial and national level. Gymnastics is listed by insurance companies as a 'high-risk' sport and as a result, an extensive policy must be provided to ensure that ample coverage is available should an injury occur. In addition to sports accident insurance, our policy must also include the component of general liability insurance. Liability insurance covers all members of our organization, including executives, managers, coaches, trainers, officials, employees and volunteers while acting within the scope of their duties on the club's behalf.

This change, which is national and not specific to the AGF, was instituted by the insurance carrier Market International, based both on the frequency and severity of trampoline-based injuries seen across the industry and not just related to those of AGF Members. Other insurance carriers were approached however they either declined due to the AGF's claims history or have removed themselves altogether from trampoline-based operations.

What does this mean for Spruce Grove Aerials Gymnastics?

With safety and the concern for our athletes as our top priorities, we will have a few changes to the insurance coverage within our gym.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING:

Stars Program

(Baby Stars, Future Stars, Twinkle Stars, Rising Stars, Super Stars, Super Novas)

- These classes are part of the Alberta Gymnastics Federation's "Active Start" program. Our coaches are trained/certified in Active Start to coach children under the age of 6. It is not recommended that athletes younger than 6 use trampolines and therefore, will not be insured. Registrants in these classes will be subject to the current \$40.00 annual insurance fee and will not use trampolines in these programs.

CanGym

(Red/Tan, Bronze, Purple/Blue, Turquoise+, Red/Tan Boys, Bronze Boys, Purple+ Boys)

- As a solution, we will be incorporating the CanJump program into our regular CanGym classes to allow us to continue to use the trampolines with these classes. In order to do this, we will require additional insurance for each CanGym athlete registered in the classes mentioned above. The increase on this insurance will be \$15.00 per athlete. If you are currently registered

and paid the initial \$40.00, we will require you to purchase the additional \$15.00 coverage for trampoline use. Effective immediately, our insurance will increase from \$40.00 to \$55.00 to allow our participants to be insured for trampoline use.

Specialty Classes

(Special Needs, Tumbling, Teens, Adult)

- As a solution, we will be incorporating the CanJump program into our specialty classes to allow us to continue to use the trampolines with these classes. In order to do this, we will require additional insurance for each specialty class athlete registered in the classes mentioned above. The increase on this insurance will be \$15.00 per athlete. If you are currently registered and paid the initial \$40.00, we will require you to purchase the additional \$15.00 coverage for trampoline use. Effective immediately, our insurance will increase from \$40.00 to \$55.00 to allow our participants to be insured for trampoline use.

Drop In

(Tot Drop In, Family Drop In, Adult Drop In)

- Due to the nature of drop ins, we will keep the insurance at our \$5.00 annual price point and trampoline use will not be permitted at drop ins.

Field Trips

- Due to the nature of field trips, we will continue to insure our field trips the same way as drop ins and the use of trampolines will not be permitted

Birthday Parties

- Due to the nature of Birthday parties, we will continue to insure our birthday party participants the same way as drop ins and the use of trampolines will not be permitted.

PD Day Camps

- Due to the nature of PD Day camps, we will keep the insurance at our \$5.00 annual price point and trampoline use will not be permitted.

Kids Night Out

- Due to the nature of KNO, we will keep the insurance at our \$5.00 annual price point and trampoline use will not be permitted.

Spring Break/Summer Camps

- For our 2019 recreational camps, our insurance fee will increase to \$55.00 per year and we will incorporate CanJump skills into our spring and summer camp programming to allow the use of trampolines.

Competitive (MAG/WAG/Performance)

- Because competitive athletes spend multiple hours per week in the gym, they have a much higher insurance fee per year to cover them for trampoline use regardless of age or program.

Q & A

What is CanGym?

- CanGym is the recreational program that Gymnastics Canada has developed for the sport of Artistic Gymnastics. On the Women's Artistic side, we teach skills on the 4 apparatus, Floor, Vault, Beam, Uneven Bars as well as Artistic Preparation skills. On the Men's artistic side, we teach skills on the 6 apparatus, Floor, Vault, High Bar, Parallel Bars, Rings, Pommel Horse.

What is CanJump?

- CanJump is the recreational program that Gymnastics Canada has developed for the sport of Trampoline and Tumbling gymnastics. There are 3 events, trampoline, tumbling and double mini.

Does this mean Aerials will offer a T&T program?

- We will not offer specific CanJump or T&T classes due to our space, equipment and background. We will be blending our current CanGym program with CanJump skills to be able to incorporate the use of trampolines for specific programs

What if I don't want to pay the \$15.00?

- This decision has not been an easy one and in order to ensure there are no gaps in our insurance for our programming, we require the same insurance coverage for all participants under that specific program.

Can I buy the extra insurance so my Active Start child can use trampolines?

- Unfortunately not. In order to ensure there are no gaps in our insurance for our programming, we require the same insurance coverage for all participants under that specific program.

Why do we need trampolines?

- Trampolines are a fun and effective form of exercise. Properly used, trampoline helps develop co-ordination, kinesthetic awareness and strength.

What if my child passes from a Stars class to a CanGym class?

- There will be an additional \$15.00 insurance to purchase to ensure they are covered for trampoline use in the CanGym class.

What if my child has paid the \$55.00 insurance fee to be insured for trampoline use, can they use trampolines at a drop in/birthday party/etc?

- Regardless of the insurance coverage of each athlete, we will run our programming the same way for all participants to ensure there are no gaps in our insurance.

These decisions have not been easy, and we want to ensure we have our members best interest in mind when making these decisions. We thank you for your understanding and support.

If you have any questions regarding this, please direct all questions to lindsay@aerialsgymclub.com