



## T.A.A.G....WE'RE IT!

**TAAG is dedicated to providing high quality gymnastics instruction to students of all ages and abilities in a SAFE, SUPPORTIVE and FUN environment! We are here to build Strength in the body, Knowledge in the mind and Courage in the heart through the practice of gymnastics.**

TAAG was opened in Baytown twelve years ago by Coach Anna Smirnova and moved to its current location in February, 2015. Anna obtained her master's degree in Physical Education & Sports from the Russian State Academy of Physical Culture in Moscow, Russia, in 1997. Anna is also a certified fitness instructor in weight-lifting and step, dance & fitball aerobics.

In addition to over 25 years of teaching and coaching experience, Anna has a very diverse and impressive competitive resume in both gymnastics and acrobatics, including:

- 1997 World Champion in Acrobatic Gymnastics – Gold
- 1996 World Champion in Acrobatic Gymnastics – Gold, Silver & Bronze
- 1996 All-Around European Champion in Acrobatic Gymnastics – 2 Gold, Silver, & Bronze

Anna is a professional member of USAG Gymnastics and is fluent in Russian, French and English. She also applies her talent and experience serving as a National Superior Level Judge.

TAAG provides its customers with snack & drink vending machines, Pro-Shop, toddler playroom and free Wi-Fi service. The Wi-Fi password is “gymnastics.”

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAM PRICING:**

- Annual Registration Fee (NON-REFUNDABLE)..... \$48.00 1<sup>st</sup> Child / \$24.00 siblings
- 1 class per week .....\$75.00 per month
- 2 classes per week .....\$115.00 per month
- Parent & Tot Classes .....\$60.00 per month
- Siblings receive a \$10 discount off monthly tuition

**REGISTRATION & TUITION POLICIES:**

- We have a \$48 ANNUAL / NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee per initial student (\$24 per sibling), due at time of registration to secure your place in a class.
- Monthly tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. A \$25 late fee will automatically be applied to accounts not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Tuition will be prorated, for the first month ONLY, if the child enrolls in the middle of the month.
- Please make sure the office has your current email address: this will be used for receipts and communication about gym events and your child.
- We accept CASH, CHECK or CREDIT CARD (Visa, MC, Discover).
- Please include your child's full name in the memo area if paying by check.
- Returned checks must be paid in CASH and are subject to a \$25 service charge.
- We offer automatic monthly payments. Please see the office for details and to fill out an Auto-Pay Form.
- We charge \$25 per class. By setting our tuition at \$75 per month, you're essentially getting a \$25 monthly discount to compensate for the holidays that the gym is closed.
- New and returning students must be evaluated for class placement.
- ALL past due balances must be paid in full prior to re-enrollment, enrollment into special events, or **scheduling private lessons.**

**TRIAL CLASS POLICY:**

- All NEW students are offered ONE FREE Trial Class in the class they will enroll in. This gives you and your child a chance to observe our facility, meet our instructors and see how the class operates.
- Trials must be scheduled through the office to ensure proper class ratios are maintained.
- ALL students who wish to trial in a class must fill out a TAAG waiver form beforehand.

### **MAKE-UP POLICY:**

- Your tuition pays for a spot in the class, regardless of attendance. There are NO REFUNDS for missed classes, nor will we prorate tuition due to absences.
- As of January 1, 2018, we will no longer allow make-up classes. Due to our gym growth and our desire to provide athletes with quality instruction, it's infeasible to continue to accommodate make-up classes.
- We do not offer make-up classes or prorated tuition due to inclement weather that prevents us from safely opening the gym, as weather is out of our control.
- If the gym closes for any reason other than named holidays or inclement weather, we will offer a make-up opportunity for the entire class.
- If your personal schedule makes attendance difficult, please contact the office about alternative class times/days.
- Consistent attendance is vital for your child to have continual improvement in their skills and development.

### **DROP POLICY:**

- If you wish to drop a class, 15 days WRITTEN notice must be given to the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to avoid paying the following month's tuition.
- **Drop Forms** are available in the office or you may send an email to [office@taagymnastics.com](mailto:office@taagymnastics.com) with your student's name and effective date of the drop.
- Your registration fee is good for one year from your initial date of registration. Should you wish to return, you may enroll in one of our available classes; however, you're not guaranteed placement in your original class.
- Parents are responsible for paying all tuition due before written notification is given.
- During the months of JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, you are allowed to freeze ONE month for the summer. Tuition will not be due for this month and your child will remain enrolled in their current class/classes. **Tuition Freeze Request** forms are available in the office and must be turned in 2 weeks in advance of the month you wish to freeze. The following month, normal tuition will be automatically reinstated unless a Drop Notice was given.

### **GYM CLOSURES:**

- TAAG will be closed for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday/Easter Weekend, GCCISD Spring Break, Memorial Day, week of Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving week and GCCISD Christmas Break.
- For specific dates, please check the website calendar regularly at [www.taagymnastics.com](http://www.taagymnastics.com).
- Emergency closures, due to bad weather, power outages or other extenuating circumstances, will be communicated to you via email, text message, posted to our Facebook page and on the website.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:**

- Please ARRIVE ON TIME!
- Students should arrive dressed for class with.
- **PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AT THE FRONT DESK FOR EACH CLASS.**
- Students arriving to class later than 10 minutes will be asked to schedule a make-up.
- Parents are allowed to stay for class and observe from the viewing areas.
- Parents that choose to leave must escort their child(ren) to and from the building. Unsupervised children are not allowed in the parking lot.
- Your child should be picked up as soon as their class ends.

**PRIVATE LESSONS:**

- Private lessons are available and must be scheduled through the office by filling out a **Private Lesson Request** form. This is a great way for your child to work on specific skills they may be struggling with.
- Private lessons must be paid in CASH on the day of the lesson. Payments are made directly to the coach providing the lesson.
- Students must be registered with TAAG, have a permission waiver on file, and must be current on tuition in order to schedule private lessons.
- Private lessons are scheduled independently and according to each coach's availability.
- Students may share a private lesson with the coach's permission and split the cost.
  - 30 minute private lesson .....\$30.00
  - 60 minute private lesson .....\$60.00
  - 90 minute private lesson .....\$90.00

**BUILDING AND PARKING LOT GUIDELINES:**

- Parents are responsible for their children at ALL times.
- Please **DO NOT** allow children to run or scream in the gym lobby. This is distracting to the office staff and customers.
- Please remove all food, drink and trash when you leave in order to help keep the facility clean.
- TAAG is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please do not wear or bring valuables to the gym.
- Please do not leave valuables in your car and lock your car at all times.
- Please check the **Lost & Found** if your child has left any belongings.
- Vending machines are provided as a courtesy. TAAG does not own or maintain them. Please use them at your own risk as we are unable to open them or refund lost money. Please **DO NOT** hit or attempt to tilt the machines.

### PRO-SHOP POLICIES:

- Clothing may be tried on over leotards or undergarments.
- Leotards and shorts may be returned for an EXCHANGE OR CREDIT only:
  - with receipt
  - with tags attached
  - in unworn/unused condition
  - within 2 weeks of purchase
- Please ask for assistance with items in display case.
- New shipments of leotards are received approximately every 6 weeks.

### PLAYROOM RULES:

- The playroom key may be checked out from the front desk. The parent checking out the key is responsible for the condition of the playroom until the key is returned.
- No FOOD or DRINKS allowed.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult AT ALL TIMES. Unaccompanied children should be reported to the front desk.
- Please respect all TAAG property.
- Please help us keep our playroom SAFE and CLEAN.
- DO NOT remove the toys from the playroom.
- RETURN all toys to shelves/bins before leaving.
- Children should keep the noise levels down to respect other customers.
- **TAAG reserves the right to ask any child to leave the playroom at any time.**

### GYM RULES:

- Only registered students are allowed on the gymnastics floor & equipment and must be accompanied by an instructor.
- NO PARENTS are permitted on the gymnastics floor or equipment. This is potentially disruptive, distracting, and dangerous! (This does not apply to the Parent & Tot classes. Parents are required to participate with their children in these classes.)
- Gymnasts are permitted to keep their water bottle at the cubbies inside the gym. WATER ONLY. Otherwise, NO FOOD or DRINKS allowed.
- Parents, siblings & guests must remain in the parent seating areas and refrain from commenting to the students and/or instructors during class.
- For their safety and that of our gymnasts, **please DO NOT allow small children to play on or near the stairs.**
- NO GUM!
- NO CELL PHONES ON THE GYM FLOOR.
- Be respectful to ALL coaching staff and equipment at TAAG.

- Students should never leave the floor without permission from the coach.
- Only one person at a time on the equipment unless told differently by the instructor.
- ALWAYS be aware of other students/classes in the gym and NEVER run across the floor or in front of other groups.

#### **CLASS ATTIRE:**

- All gymnasts should wear clothing designed for movement.
  - Female gymnasts must wear a leotard or athletic shorts & fitted t-shirt. TAAG prefers our students wear leotards for the comfort and safety of both the gymnasts and coaches. If shorts and shirt are worn, they should NOT be loose fitting.
  - Male gymnasts must wear athletic shorts & t-shirt.
  - All gymnasts should go barefoot in the gym. Tumbling students may wear cheer shoes if they prefer.
- Hair should be pulled back neatly and secured away from the face. This is for the safety of the gymnast.
- NO plastic/metal headbands and NO bows.
- Eyeglasses should be secured with a sports eyeglass band.
- NO JEWELRY! Please DO NOT wear or bring valuables to the gym.
- Clothing with zippers, snaps, buttons, etc., can result in personal injury and are not permitted.

#### **INFORMATION AND UPDATES:**

- TAAG has multiple resources to provide our parents/students with current information about our classes, programs, facility, closures, schedules and special events. These include our website, Facebook page, fliers, gym bulletin boards, email and text messaging. Please check these sites often.
- Please make sure we have your current email address on file.
- Please read all emails thoroughly so that you do not miss important information!

#### **PARENT GUIDELINES:**

- Remember that gymnastics is your child's activity and she/he will progress at her/his own pace. The best part about gymnastics is the positive lessons each child will learn as she/he strives to reach their own goals.
- You have registered your child for a professional gymnastics program with trained coaches. Please do not undermine the coaches by trying to coach your child from the sidelines. You should remain quiet during your child's class. Do not offer advice on technical skills as this will only serve to confuse your child. Do not scold your child while they are in class!
- The bond between a coach and gymnast is special and contributes to the child's success and enjoyment. Do not criticize your child's coach, as this will only add confusion and interfere with

the child/coach bond.

- Your role is to support, love and encourage your child in this sport, regardless of their accomplishments.
- Please do not compare your child to another child in the gym. This will only discourage your child in their own gymnastics progress.
- If you have any questions or concerns with your child, please speak to her/his coach. If you're unable to resolve the issue, please complete a **Resolution/Clarification** form, available at the front desk. Open communication will help eliminate frustrations before they have a negative impact on your child's experience at TAAG.
- Please set a good example for your child by helping them arrive to class on time, prepared for class (don't forget to bring water!), and by being respectful of all TAAG staff, guests & property.
- Gymnastics excellence means becoming the best you can be individually. This requires goal setting, time, energy and hard work. Respect, leadership, team work, self-motivation and concentration are just a few of the qualities that will carry over into life outside the gym. Your child's desire to participate in this challenging sport should make you proud.

***Thank you for choosing TAAG as your child's gymnastics program!***

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