Guilford High School Fencing

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Season with Guilford High School Fencing

Contact details

Head Coach - Kyle Messi kyle.mezzi@gmail.com

Assistant Coach - Chris Balestracci qwlaundry@aol.com

Assistant Coach - Charles Snyder

Booster Club

Parent Led group that meets once a month. Usually 2nd Wednesday at Guilford Community center. All Parents and guardians welcome.

President - Steve O'Connor <u>soconnor@caratherapeutics.com</u>

Vice-President- Bob McNamara Robert.mcnamara@yale.edu

Treasurer- Debbie Fisk, Hilary Gindi dfisk@sbcglobal.net, hilaryj@gmail.com

Secretary – Carole Pimenta <u>carolepimenta@hotmail.com</u>

Website - guilfordfencing.org

Booster Fees. \$75 per fencer. Cash or Checks made payable to GHS Fencing Boosters. This money pays for the end of year banquet ticket (for the fencer only), GHS fencing socks and a tee shirt for each fencer. Additionally used to defray costs through year and equipment costs etc. Checks may be sent to Debbie Fisk at

684 N Madison Rd, Guilford.

If your family cannot afford the dues, please let Coach Mezzi know and he will inform the Club Treasurer (confidentially). The Boosters will cover the cost of fencer's dues. This is an honor system, no questions asked. Only Coach Mezzi and 1 Treasurer need know of the request. If there are any other financial hardships, please let Coach Mezzi know and the Booster will do all we can to help, confidentially, of course.

Equipment. All fencers require their own mask and glove. New fencers will be assisted in finding the correct size. Other equipment can be provided by the team, but fencers may of course purchase their own. It is recommend that families order from Absolutefencing.com. Please note that you are a member of Guilford High School fencing on your order and you will receive a discount on most orders.

Warm ups- All returning fencers have warm ups. Should they require replacements they will be able to order them. All first time fencers will given an allowance of \$40 by the Booster Club to help defray the cost of ordering warmups. All fencers are expected to wear team warm ups when notified by coaches.

Dress code on Match days- fencers will be notified by coaches but will be expected to wear either warmups or smart dress on these days.

Pasta Party

Pasta parties are held on Saturday evenings throughout the season. The parties are held from 7pm to 11pm. A sign up list for hosting will be sent out soon. Feel free to Co-host with another family. Families usually provide 3 to 4 large trays of different pastas and the rest is provided by the fencers dependent of grade. Owing to food allergies, please ensure that food is nut- free.

Freshman - Salads

Sophomores- Desserts

Junior - Bread

Seniors- Sodas and drinks

Please note that if you host a party no alcohol may be consumed by adults during that time.

Key Dates

Novice Tournament – 1/27 at GHS

JV Tournament – 2/10 at North Haven High School

Senior Night 2/27 against North Haven at GHS

Individual States 3/3 At Hopkins High school

Team States 3/10 at East Lyme HS

Fencing Banquet 3/28 at Woodwinds

If you wish to receive emails from Boosters and details for Pasta Parties please email carolepimenta@hotmail.com, and soconnor@caratherapeutics.com with Boosters in the subject line.