

The University of Texas at Dallas Gymnastics Club was the first modern day club to be founded in the DFW area. Founded in 2012 by UT Austin Gymnastics Alumnus Ryan Huffer, the UT Dallas team earned the university's *New Sport Club of the Year* award in 2012 and quickly became one of the strongest teams in the state, its members earning several state and national titles on men's events and in the all around, including several top 3 spots, a National High Bar Title and an All Around National Title.

The UT Dallas team practices in an off campus facility space in time generously donated for the team's use by the owner, Bret Stout. The team practice is from 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday through Thursday throughout the year. The club recieves financial support from the university and membership dues are \$25 per semester. The membership includes the payment of all competition entry fees and partial coverage for hotel and flight costs. The UT Dallas administration also awards additional financial support for the team's travel to the national championship competition. Members participate in a variety of activities to help ease their travel costs to competitions such as profit shares and Friday Night Out events at their gym.

The team hosted it's first successful competition in 2015, in only its third year after being founded, with half a dozen teams and 70 gymnasts in attendance as a part of the Friendship Invitational meet.

Membership is open to any UT Dallas student and all members will be encouraged to compete, but it is not required. Other Texas clubs that the team competes with include sister school UT Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech, Texas State, Fellow DFW area school Texas Christian University, Baylor, and the club gymnasts at the University of Oklahoma. The majority of the season's meets are hosted by each of these schools and the season is capped off with a national championship competition. The meets have a very relaxed and fun atmosphere.

For more information on the UT Dallas Gymanstics club, feel free to contact them or visit the websites shown below.



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