

UNIFORM REPORT 2015/2016

After a rough 2014-2015 season with Quality Resource Group things did get a little better. However, at the very beginning of our gym season after asking QRG to determine if any merchandise was going to increase in cost to us, we found that several items were no longer available as well as most other items incurred a cost increase. We went back to the drawing board to see which items needed to be replaced, which supplier could provide us with the same or closest to what we had and how could we keep prices reasonable. After much back and forth we did the best we could with keeping prices reasonable. We needed to find replacements for men's and women's long pants, adult sport shirts and Tots red shorts in Toddler sizes. We were successful in all except the red shorts where we could not find any supplier so we will no longer be providing these shorts. We have informed the Units of this situation and since we do not have Tots competition and no longer have Tots perform calisthenics in our Slets, it would be up to them or their District to decide on color of shorts to use. The long pants no longer have strip down leg (started with two, then one and now none). For the adult sport shirts we went from embroidery design to screen print which not only reduced the cost we would have had to charge and gave us a faster turn-around.

The new items and prices went into effect for the December deadline which we moved from December 1 to the 15. To be consistent we also kept the April deadline at the 15. It was also decided that we would only accept credit card orders. We had too many units not being timely in paying for their invoices which then held up our rebate checks.

Corpus Christi did have an issues with some of their merchandise from the April order that was not shipped in a timely manner and not received until after their event. QRG agreed to have them return the merchandise and credit back the amount to their card.

The amount of rebate we received from QRG for this season amounted to \$1,938.86. We needed to stay on top of this with them as we were not getting the checks after each order deadline but received one lump check in June. Hopefully, this will not happen this season.

Our dates will continue to be October 1, December 1, February 1 and April 1 which means units have a chance every two months to submit an order. Hopefully with our 2017 Slet and Sports Festival coming up next year we will see another influx of large orders and nice rebates again.

We still have some of the returned blue shorts that can be utilized for boys (at a reduced cost). Juanita keeps the units and uniform coordinators informed as to what is still available so they can order from her to save some money and reduce the inventory.

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